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The Powell River Recreation Complex is transitioning to a new Registration Software system as of February 1, 2017. Please allow a few extra minutes for our team to assist you with your program registration and membership renewals during this transition.

NEW FACILITY ACCESS CARDS

During a regular visit after February 1st, our reception team will take a new photo and issue you a new Access Card.

When you set up your new facility access card in February, you will be automatically entered to **WIN an Annual Recreation Access Pass**. Draw will occur March 1, 2017

SPRING/SUMMER 2017 REGISTRATION

Program Registrations will open February 10, 2017. All program registrations will be processed in our new software. As this is a completely new software program we will be creating new customer accounts during your first registration. Please allow a few extra minutes for our reception team to create a new account for your family.

For each registration completed in February, you will be entered to **win a \$100 credit** towards a program of your choice. 3 Winners will be chosen in a random draw on March 1, 2017.

Your patience and understanding during this transition is greatly appreciated.



For more information, please contact us at 604-485-2891

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Thanks to decades of enthusiastic trail builders, the forests around Powell River have become a remarkable amenity for both locals and visitors. Hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, snowshoers and more use the trails.

Last year, the Powell River Regional District asked for help in identifying important trails, to help inform a trail management and maintenance plan. In other words, to prioritize keeping our most valuable trails in good repair. Our partners include BC Recreation Sites

and Trails, the City of Powell River, Tla'amin Nation, Tourism Powell River and the Outdoor Recreation Users Group Society.

In total, 437 people gave us feedback through community workshops and surveys. The draft plan acknowledges the Sunshine Coast Trail as one of the region's most iconic trails, and recognizes hundreds more, in 12 key trail areas.

The Regional Board has received the draft plan; now, the hands-on work begins.

Thank you so much for your contributions!

Draft Regional Trails Plan complete!

Thanks to 400+ participants



Check it out

The Draft Regional Trails Plan can be found at www.powellriverrd.bc.ca/regional-trails-plan or scan the QR Code above.

Five reasons to value our trails

- 1** Trails enhance our overall quality of life by providing opportunities for families and friends to enjoy time together outdoors
- 2** They enhance environmental awareness and encourage stewardship of the environment
- 3** Trails enhance cultural awareness and respect of First Nations' cultural heritage values
- 4** Trails support greener transportation alternatives and connectivity between neighbourhoods for walking and cycling
- 5** Trails improve the health and physical well-being of individuals and communities

What Regional Districts are not

Regional District powers are quite fixed. This is especially evident in the services that we provide.

In practically all cases, before the Regional District can provide a service to the public, there must first be an establishment bylaw created for it and that must be voted on and approved by the electorate.

This prerequisite often confuses the public because they expect the Regional District to operate in the same unencumbered

fashion as a municipality. Hence, the public sometimes does not understand why we cannot fund social programming or provide high-speed Internet.

It is basically the same reason why we do not provide power lines, street lights, road maintenance, road signs, ditch clean-up, Canada Post mailbox maintenance, dog impoundment, land use bylaws or building permitting to name but a few. We do not have these services.



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ON THE COVER

Memory Attic Media shared this photo of skaters on Cranberry Lake, snapped January 8, then used some other artistic skills and technology to create this digital painting.



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PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

Time, patience and your goals

We rarely think about the lessons sports teach us when we're immersed in what we're doing. As kids, we skate, play hockey or soccer, or swim because we love what we're doing. And that passion, combined with good coaching, drives us to set new goals and push hard to reach them.

But sports is a great teacher of life lessons. Most kids will never play professional sports but they will all learn valuable life lessons from organized sports. Both team sports and individual sports help kids grow and learn about overcoming challenges.

Through sports, they learn about leadership, about body language, how to control emotions, how to set and achieve goals, how to deal with failure, communication skills and the importance of first impressions. If you tried to teach a kid these lessons in a classroom, chances are pretty good that it wouldn't make as much sense as it does when they experience these lessons first hand.

Sports help kids develop character.

Our feature about the Powell River Skating Club's 60th anniversary on page 6 takes a look at some of the important life lessons kids learn through sports. Nicole Rumley, the skating club's coach, tells us about the club's history and how skating not only teaches kids new skills and gives them a place to shine, but how the lessons they learn on ice are actually life lessons.

This month, we celebrate the 11th anniversary of *Powell River Living* magazine. When I look back at the years I spent taking riding lessons and competing at horse shows all over Nova Scotia, I realize that I was learning about importance of setting goals through competition. I didn't know it at the time but the lessons I was learning all those years ago would help me when I decided to create *Powell River Living* magazine many years later. As a business owner, I know the importance of goals but I also know that without commit-

ment and hard work, you'll never reach them.

February is also the month for love. Although we hope you tell those who are near and dear to your heart that you love them all year long, the 14th of this month is a significant day for those who have been hit by Cupid's arrow. The pages of this month's magazine have a wide array of suggestions for those stumped by what to do on Valentine's Day. Speaking of romance, don't miss our wedding section beginning on page 13. The story of Kimberley Murphy and Bruce Young's courtship that finally culminated in their wedding is a touching example of how love can find you anywhere, any time and at any age.

So go out and share the love! Thanks for reading.

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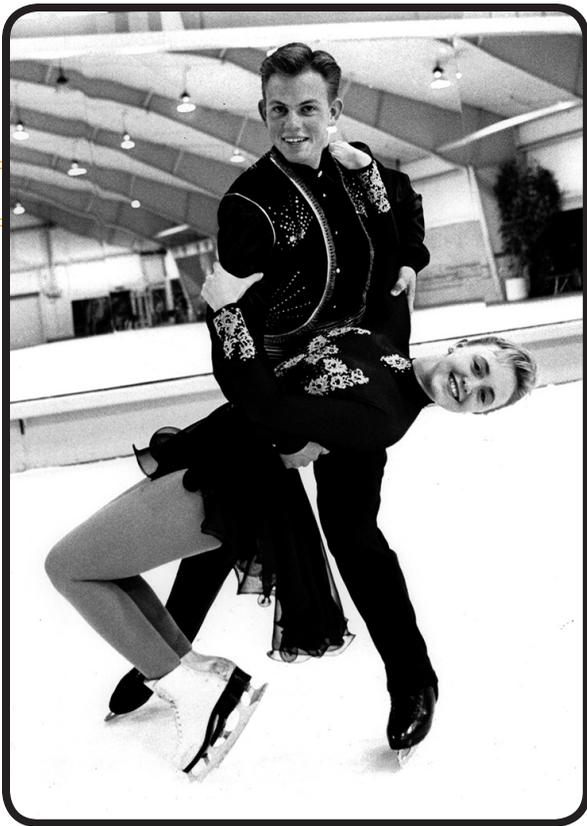
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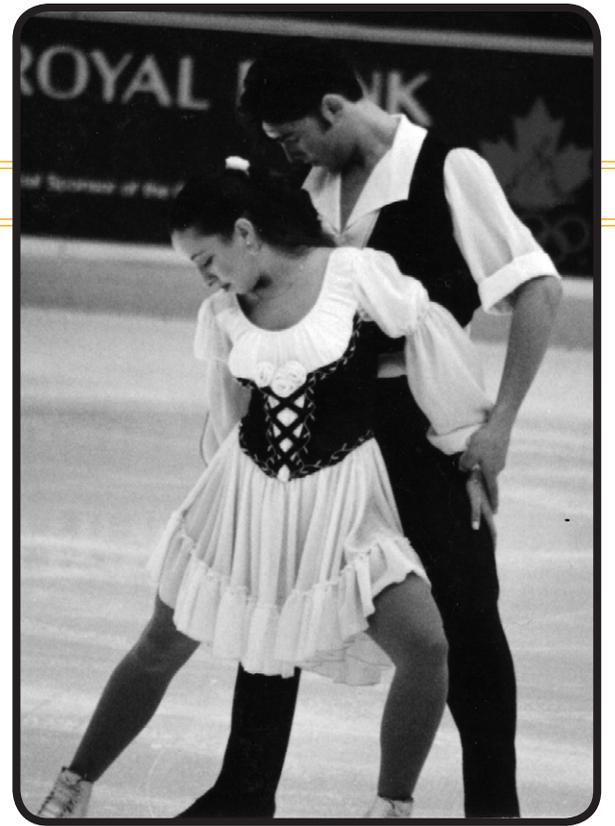
My best memory of my time as a competitive figure skater wouldn't be any one specific event even though I had a few great moments along the way. It is a culmination of memories from the opportunities that I had to travel all over Canada and throughout the Western United States. I was also fortunate enough to live in various provinces as well as California. This allowed me to meet people from all over the world and form friendships that we still share to this day.



KATHY BOWES

Realtor

In June 1976, I was hired by the Willingdon Skating Club as the new professional coach for 20 years. The best memory I have is a combination of all the children I coached & their parents who I got to know. Those parents were amazing: they showed up at all times of the mornings to play music, travelled to competitions, & helped organize the best ice shows ever! Personally, for me, the best memory will always be, the sound of the music & the flow of the blade across the ice to it. That puts a lump in my throat to this day!



PAIGE ANDERSON

with Stefan Ible

Realtor, owner of the Laszlo Tomasik School of Dance

When you step into any arena from around the world, the smell of the ice is something that stays with you forever.

I don't have a favourite skating memory because I have so many great ones. My favourite highlights from being part of the figure skating world include the many friendships made, the adrenaline rush of Nationals, performing in Ice Shows and really the thrill of the day to day training with your coach and partner. Skating was an amazing experience in my life that continued on to coaching which was a rewarding way to pass knowledge on to the next generation. Today I'm still good friends with past coaches, skaters and past students.

Sharp skills: Top competitors come from local club

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Who would have thought that one of our city councillors, Caroleann Leishman, spent hours doing figure eights? Or that realtor Kathy Bowes was lured to Powell River as the Skating Club's professional coach? Or that Chris MacMillan, Pacific Point Market's manager, was once a competitive pairs dance skater with realtor and dance studio owner Paige Anderson?

Not me. I didn't know that Doug Ladret, a former Canadian pairs skater (the 1988 national champion



STARTING FROM SCRATCH: The Powell River Skating Club has propelled generations of local children from wobbly ankles to major competitions and tournaments.

who competed twice at the Winter Olympics) grew up around here, or that former Powell Riverite Neil Giroday was the Junior Men's Champion of Canada, the Silver Medalist at the Canada Winter Games and was named to Canada's International Team.

At one time, the Powell River Figure Skating Club – celebrating 60 years in 2017 – had over 300 members. Throughout the years, this town has produced some amazing talent on ice.

The club was started in 1957 by Betty Greer and Mary Boylan as the 'Willingdon Figure Skating Club'

SKATING CLUB PREPS YOU FOR HOCKEY, FIGURE & REC

The Powell River Skating Club offers programs for all ages and levels starting at three years of age until adult. All programs follow the long term athlete development model which assists skaters in achieving excellence as well as promoting a lifelong enjoyment of the sport.

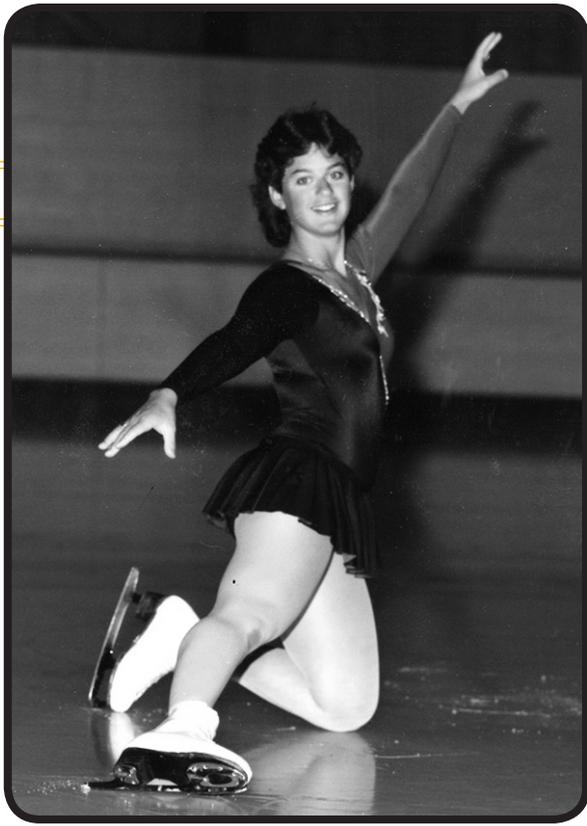
The CanSkate program continues to play an important role today. Powell River Kings' Jack Long helps coach the CanSkate program.

"He started with me when he was seven in the Power Skate program," says Nicole Rumley, the club's professional coach. "And he continued to take Power Skating lessons through the years." Jack is working towards becoming certified as a Can Power Skate coach.

and operated out of the old arena. In 1976, the current Recreation Complex was built and the club split. The new club, the Malaspina Figure Skating Club, moved to the complex. The club reunited less than a year after they split and became known as the Powell River Figure Skating Club in the 1980's. The word "Figure" was dropped from its name a few years ago to better reflect the programs that are offered.

"I can't imagine not skating. There is a magic to it. The magic of skating is that you can move without moving. You can shut off the whole rest of the world when you skate."

– Nicole Rumley



RACHELLE FORD

Mortgage broker

One word – ICESHOWS – but can you truly describe 20-plus years around the figure skating world in one word – I loved all the ice shows we did here in Powell River, the coaches always put their heart and soul into the show – they were so much fun. But my lifelong take away from figure skating made me who I am today, all the life lessons, organization skills, dedication to the sport, having a lifelong mentor who I truly idolized – Kathy Bowes – and then to pass on all of this to my own students for nine years was truly a blessing ... so figure skating to me – was everything and I wouldn't change any of it.



CAROLEANN LEISHMAN

Powell River City Councillor, architectural designer, and director of Far Off Broadway Productions

One of my best skating memories in Powell River would have to be performing in the big Ice Show Extravaganzas we used to have. For several weeks leading up to the show all the skaters would be practicing new exciting numbers and getting costumes made. Then the show weekend would arrive, the lights would go out in the big Arena, the spotlights and footlights would illuminate with coloured lights and us skaters (who got to put on our own make-up) would slather on the red lipstick, blue eye shadow and black mascara, don the sequined, glittery costumes and take our positions on the smooth ice to perform our skating programs for the town. All our parents and siblings would be involved in the show running the lights and changing the props and sets and the bleachers would be full of cheering Powell Riverites. It was magic!



Powell River Skating Club: 60 years

*Success on ice,
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Also... Drop in to our Parenting Centre & Library for books, resources, support and coffee. Play area for children while you browse the books. Open hours: Wednesday – Friday 9 am – 1 pm

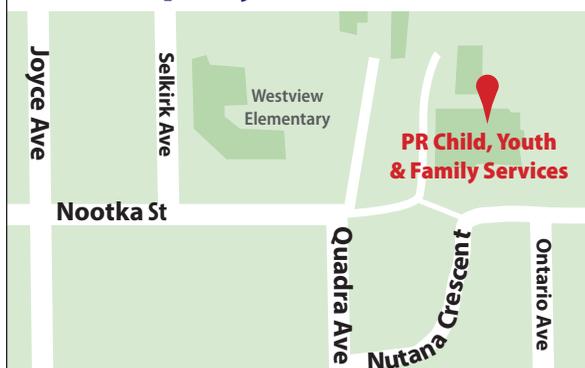
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Nicole Rumley, a professional figure skating coach of 24 years, has spent the last ten years as Powell River Skating Club's professional coach.

Her eyes still sparkle when she is asked to talk about her favourite subject. "I can't imagine not skating. There is a magic to it. The magic of skating is that you can move without moving. You can shut off the whole rest of the world when you skate."

Nicole was just six years old when she first stepped onto the ice with her Kindergarten class. "I loved it right from the start," she says.

She began taking lessons with her cousins. In high school, she trained in North Vancouver alongside Neil



Patterson (who was second to Brian Orser, then Canadian champion). When she was injured, she returned to Powell River for her Grade 12 year and drifted away from the sport.

"I always wanted to coach, so I went to Seneca College in Toronto and enrolled in a full-time coaching program." After graduating, she worked as a club professional at skating clubs in Prince Rupert, Prince George and Edmonton.

When pregnant with her son, Nicole and her hus-

SKATE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

The Powell River Figure Skating Club depends on fundraisers such as its March 2 skate-a-thon.

"This will be our third year," says Nicole. "It's a great fundraiser and one that the kids really like. It lets them set goals and then they reach or exceed their goals. We have four and five year olds doing 50 laps!"

You can sponsor a skater for a set amount or an amount per lap. For more info visit powellriverskatingclub.com or visit the club on Facebook.

band decided to raise their child in Powell River, so they moved home.

At the time, the Powell River Skating Club had been without a coach for over a year. The club was starting to fall apart.

"It all starts with CanSkate, (learn to skate) the club's feeder program for new skaters," Nicole explains. "I arrived in September 2006 and shortly after, we began to rebuild."

It was slow at first. "At eight months pregnant and still coaching I managed to recruit a few parents to stay operating. The club is a non-profit organization, and without a parent volunteer board we cannot operate."



ON EDGE: All dressed up and ready to perform at the 2016 Regional Competition were Skating Club athletes Emma Piniewski, Ailisan Wrotny, Ella Wedel, Kayden Piniewski, Grace Wrotny and Jaya Nouwens.

It took a long time to see any progress, admits Nicole. "It wasn't until three years ago, in 2014, that we had a 144 percent increase in our Learn to Skate program. We even won awards at the BC Skate Canada awards banquet for the highest increase in our Learn to Skate program that year."

Many other locals contributed to the community's skating programs over the years, including Kathy Bowes, who moved to Powell River from Ontario in 1976 as a professional figure skating coach, and Paige Anderson, who coached for more than 10 years. Plus the many top-level skaters who competed in provincial and national competitions, and those who came before them, all helped the skating club get to where it is today.

Skate Better

▶ THIS SPRING, FALL & WINTER

Powell River Skating Club provides skaters of all ages with nationally-tested and proven curriculum and delivery methods that guarantee skater success.

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8 pm **League of Exotic Dancers**



Thursday February 16
9:45 am **Birds of Passage**
Evergreen Theatre
1 pm **Ixcanul**
7 pm **Julieta**



Friday February 17
6:30 pm **Jean of the Joneses**
9 pm **GIMME DANGER**
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Saturday February 18
10:30 am **The Eagle Huntress**
1:00 pm **Angry Inuk**
3:30 pm **KONELINE: our land beautiful**
7 pm **Saturday Night Reception**
8 pm **The End of the Road**
Live music by Rick Scott
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3:45 pm **The End of the Road**

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Eight life lessons skaters master on ice

Nicole Rumley, Powell River Skating Club's head coach, who loves working with children, says it's the life lessons taught by figure skating that resonate with her.

1. Start with the basics.

Everyone begins in CanSkate, the learn to skate program. It's like learning the alphabet or learning how to add 1+1=2 before doing Grade 12 Calculus. "You must build a solid foundation. Setting goals is also an important part of your path to success.

2. Practice, patience & preparation.

In this world of instant gratification, patience is hard to come by. Figure skating takes a lot of work and time. It takes hours and hours of practice just to accomplish one skill. Skaters definitely learn the value of hard work.



SKATE TO SUCCESS: Skate coach Nicole Rumley with skater Ella Wedel who won gold in her star 4 event at the 2016 BC Regional Championships.

3. Seize your opportunity!

You only have a few minutes to make a good impression in life, the same goes in skating. Olympic skaters train their whole lives for a four-minute routine.

4. Learn from failure.

We are all going to fall down and fail at some point in our lives. Figure skaters fall down a lot, but they learn to get up and recover quickly.

5. Balance is important.

Being able to balance yourself on nothing more than two thin blades is no easy feat – and neither is balancing your work and personal life.

6. Excel in imperfect conditions.

Skaters learn to adapt. Perfect conditions rarely exist. Zambonis break down, costumes malfunction but skaters have to adapt and move on.

7. Make something difficult look easy.

Skaters learn to handle pressure and make it look easy. There is no other sport that demands the same kind of stamina, power, accuracy, and speed while looking beautiful at the same time!

8. Be true to you.

Figure skating teaches you to be your authentic self. You need to develop your own style on the ice and in life. Figure out who you are and what it is, then own it and be it! **RL**

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Concert promoter chills out in Lund

I MADE THE MOVE

Paul Mercs grew up on a farm near Revelstoke, BC. and has lived in Kelowna, Vancouver, Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver again. He started promoting concerts at the tender age of 23 back in 1973 – and is still promoting a limited number of shows a year.

Paul has worked on a number of special projects in the music industry including Expo 86, the Hudson's Bay 325th Anniversary and Rick Hansen's 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Man in Motion Tour. In the mid 80s, he took some time out to attend law school first at the University of Victoria and graduated from UBC.

Why did you choose to move to Powell River?

Paul • I had been spending a lot of my free time in Roberts Creek over the past years. I found the south Sunshine Coast getting very overcrowded so when I finally started getting serious about mak-

ing the move from Vancouver, I started looking at the Powell River area and actually ended up in Lund.

When? Where from?

Paul • I moved on Dec 15, 2015 from Vancouver.

What surprised you about Powell River once you moved here?

Paul • The quality of the restaurants. There are really some excellent restaurants in Powell River, Okeover and Lund.

Where is your favourite place in Powell River?

Paul • My farm in Lund. When I walk this property, usually with my four dogs, I feel so at peace and grateful to be here.

How did you first hear about Powell River?

Paul • Well I have heard of Powell River for many years, usually in the context of being a mill town. I really started to focus on Powell River about three years ago when I got serious about moving from Vancouver to a small community.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT: On his farm overlooking Savary Island, Paul Mercs rumbles with his "rescue pals" - clockwise from back right: Katie, Baby, Jack and Penny. "That's the order in which they came to live with me and the order i feed them and give them treats."

What would make Powell River a nicer community?

Paul • Powell River is a great community but I would love to see an area with shops and pedestrian walks that was more the centre of the community - a gathering place - not that there is anything that wrong with the vegetable section of Save-on. I always see folks greeting each other there.

If you were mayor of Powell River what would you do?

Paul • After working with developers to create the above mentioned gathering place, I would work on attracting tech jobs to provide good paying jobs for young people.

If you were a fly, which wall in town would you like to inhabit?

Paul • Being more literal than voyeur, I think any of the meat departments on a

long holiday weekend.

What are Powell River's best assets?

Paul • Three things - really friendly people, the spectacular view of the ocean, having Lund just down the road. I don't know of any other community where so many folks have such a great view.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Paul • Believing you can live the life you want in the place you want.

Which talent or superpower would you most like to have?

Paul • Either the ability to instantly transport myself to Vancouver when I have to be there or better yet making it so I never have to be there except to see my family or even better being able to instantly transport my family here to visit.

If you know someone we should feature in I Made the Move, please email isabelle@prliving.ca with your idea! 

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Bonded together, forever at Willingdon's Beach Hut

Kimberley Murphy and Bruce Young chose an unconventional venue for their 2016 wedding - featuring both stunning ocean views and crispy fish & chips. The open-invite event showcased casual Powell River style.

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT | isabelle@prliving.ca

On August 6, 2016 Kimberley Murphy and Bruce Young said "I do." Exactly seven years had passed since the day they had their first date.

Their wedding didn't take place in a church or a hall. It didn't cost thousands of dollars, and there was no fanfare. It was simple and low key but it still was a significant life event.

Kimberley and Bruce got married at the Beach Hut by Willingdon Beach because that's where they first met.

"We had our first date on August 6, 2009," said Kimberley. "It was a Thursday night. Bruce chose the Beach Hut because of the fish and chips and there was a night market going on at the time. He thought that would give us something to talk about.

The pair met online through Plenty of Fish. They appeared to be highly compatible in all areas except one. Kimberley was a Christian and Bruce was an atheist.

Bruce remembers watching Kimberley get out of her van and thinking, this looks promising. He wasn't disappointed.

The appointed meeting time was 5 pm. According to Kimberley's dating rules, the date was only supposed to last for one hour. But long after their fish and chips were devoured, long after they'd toured the night market, long after they'd had an ice cream at Putters, they were still talking.

"It was a good first date," said Bruce.

While walking around the night market a vendor told Kimberley that she'd found the earrings that went with her necklace. Kimberley thanked her but didn't think anything of it.

Kimberley and Bruce went their separate ways after that first date to think about each other. They talked on



MIXING IT UP: Like many local weddings, Kimberley and Bruce's was a combination of unique and traditional elements. Gold rings, manicured nails, floral bouquets, and more gave formal flair to the outdoor venue.

the phone a few times before Bruce picked Kimberley up at her Southview Road home and took her to Lund on their second date. "We had a late lunch at the Boardwalk and then drove south of town so I could see where he lived. I saw that his house was clean and tidy but not immaculate. I saw how he lived," said Kimberley.

"We were scoping each other out," admitted Bruce.

Bruce has no children but Kimberley has four. Her second rule for dating was that a new boyfriend couldn't meet her kids for six months. That rule didn't stick either. Fate would have them accidentally meet in a parking lot.

The third date was for dinner and a movie. Bruce told Kimberley to pick a theme. "Public Enemy #1 was playing at the Patricia Theatre," said Bruce, so they dressed

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according to the movie. Kimberley wore a Marilyn Munroe style halter dress and strappy heels. Bruce needed a hat so he went to a second hand shop on Willingdon. It was the same shop that had been at the night market. The salesclerk remembered Bruce. “She said, ‘Are you here for the earrings?’”

Bruce wasn't quite sure what to say.

After dinner that night Bruce pushed a box towards Kimberley and she pushed it back. “I thought, ‘Third date jewelry? Not a chance!’” said Kimberley. “So we pushed the box back and forth a few times until I finally opened it.”

And when she did, that was it.

“I was sunk. I knew then he got me. He hears me. He hears my mood, my body language, my tone, the things that bring me joy and the things that frustrate me.”

Early in their relationship, the pair decided that they'd be able to say whatever they wanted to say to the other and never censor themselves. “We've had some passionate discussions. But we are thoughtful about how we communicate,” says Kimberley. “I think that has been our key.”

Kimberley kept waiting for the other shoe to drop. She thought, ‘This guy is too good to be true.’ Her kids liked him. Brutus the man-hating dog liked him.

“We were meant to be together,” she said.

Looking for a rental was unsuccessful.

And so when they found a house that fit in with their budget and met their criteria, they bought it. “The commute was killing us and we cut our monthly payments in half,” said Bruce. Eight months had passed since their first date. As Bruce says, “It is either going to work or it isn't.”

They fixed up their new house and made it their own. “He's a romantic fool,” says Kimberley smiling. Above their bed

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– Kimberley

are the words Kiss Me Goodnight. Even if they've been arguing about something and even if they don't like the other one at that particular moment, they still love each other.

Bruce built relationships with Kimberley's children. She remembers how one of the kids wanted Bruce to teach her



how to build something when she saw him working on a compost box. "He gave her a hammer and nails and 2x4s, and told her 'Come see me when you are ready for more,'" recalls Kimberley.

They love cooking, canning, and dehydrating food together. "We love creating. We enjoy fixing up our home, gardening, and homesteading together," said Kimberley.

Every year on the anniversary of their first date, Kimberley and Bruce return to The Beach Hut to have fish and chips and celebrate their love for one another.

But last year was different.

When Bruce said, "Hey hon, what do you want to do for our anniversary," Kimberley replied in jest: "Get married." The duo announced their wedding on Facebook as an 'everyone welcome' affair. They registered with Thunder Bay Saw Shop.

"We had enough stuff but we needed a lawn tractor," said Kimberley. The coveted tractor sat on Kimberley and Bruce's front lawn with a sign decorated with wedding bells. It read: 'We are registered at Thunder Bay Saw Shop.'

Friends, relatives and family put money down on the lawn tractor and that, along with the cash they received, helped them purchase the tractor.

The day of the wedding arrived. It was a perfect day; the sun was shining, the birds were singing. They went to the Beach Hut for lunch just like they do every year but this time they met with Laura Kew (a now-retired marriage commissioner).

"The Beach Hut stopped the music, we finished lunch, stood up and got married while guests had ice cream," said Kimberley.

She picks up a special wedding gift given to them by a dear friend that reads: "The heart that loves is always young."

And that, says the new Mrs. Young, sums up perfectly how she and her husband feel about each other.

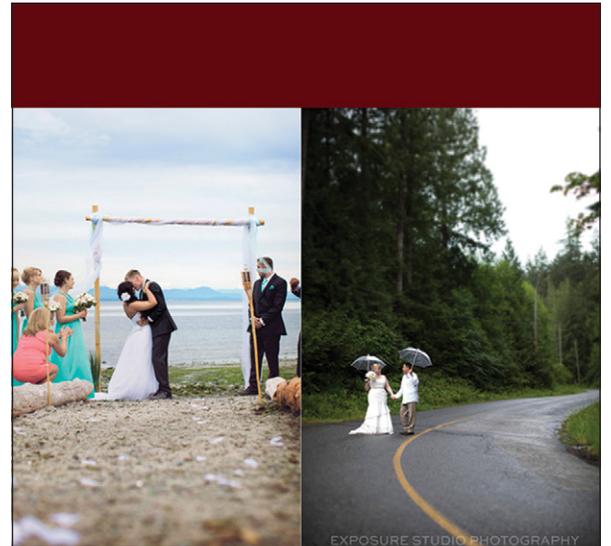


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To some people, marriage is still an important social institution. But fewer people are getting hitched.

Four in ten first marriages end in divorce and the average lifespan of a first marriage is 14.5 years. After two years of living together, a common-law relationship is treated the same as a marriage in the eyes of the law in BC.

Yep, two years. After that time they have the same rights and responsibilities as married couples.

So whether you're about to get hitched or just shack up together, Powell River lawyers Ian Fleming and Laura Berezan of Fleming & Associates have come up with a list of five things you should know before you say "I do" to either marriage or shacking up.

Five things to know before you say

I do

Make sure you are divorced

Believe it or not, both Ian and Laura have had clients about to get married - only to realize that they are not divorced.

"Then they are rushing to get a divorce order," says Ian, noting that normally a divorce is not finalized for 31 days after the order is made.

"I've seen it come down to the wire." Generally, they would not recommend adding to the exhilaration of your new wedding day in this way.

Tell each other about what you own and how you will divide it

"Talk about how you would like to treat and hold your previously-acquired and jointly-acquired assets," says Laura.

For instance, if you own a home before you get married and you later designate joint ownership on that property, you are giving away half that property - there

is a presumption that you are gifting half that house to your new spouse. However, if the house is in your name only when you get married or live together, and you keep it that way, in the event of later separation, it could be excluded from division.

"Put your agreement in writing," advises Laura.

Decide who gets your money

Designate beneficiaries for your RRSPs, RIFs, TFSAs and RESPs and review who should be on them. There are significant tax advantages for spouses that are not available to children, and there are ways to avoid pro-bate costs and fees, depending on what you choose.

Figure out your finances up front

Consult an accountant regarding a savings plan, strategies, budgeting and tax planning. "Many relationships breakup in part because of financial hardship," says Ian.

It's important to be on the same page going in if you want to give yourselves a chance.

If you decided on a prenuptial agreement, you might want to include some of the information your accountant gave you about your finances in that agreement.

Make a will

Marriage no longer automatically revokes a pre-existing will. Review your will and make sure your estate plan is appropriate for your new circumstances.

For example if you have children from a previous relationship, you can't assume that giving everything to your new spouse is appropriate to address your legal and moral obligations to all of your first-relationship children or several new-relationship children.

Creating a new will is an excellent exercise in deciding what really suits you and your families.

"Wills are relatively inexpensive but they are very important legal documents. For value, they are the cheapest legal document you will ever pay for in your life," adds Laura.

If you do not have a will, Laura says "the intestate provisions (dying without a will) would not suit very many families."



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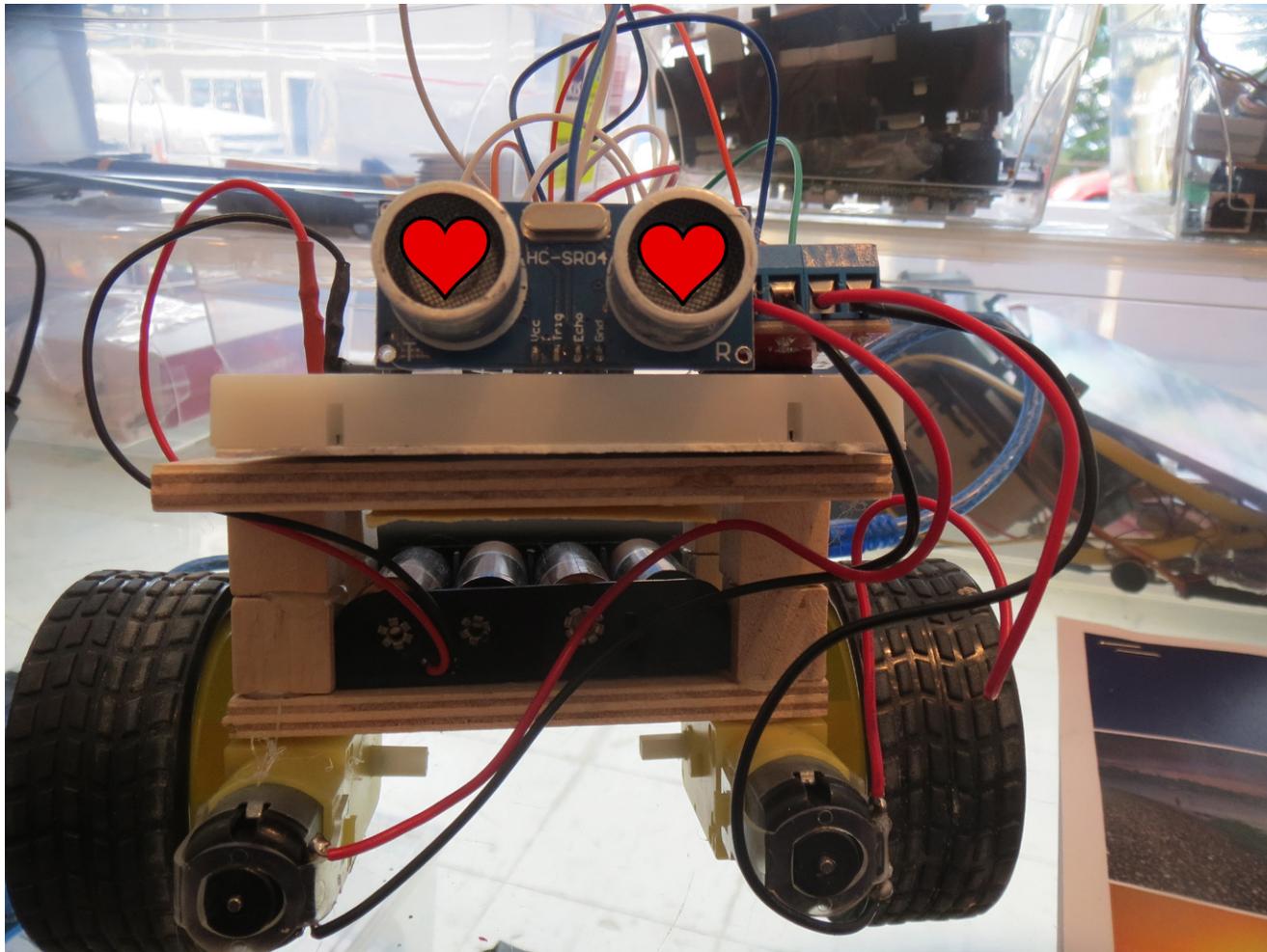
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High-Tech Inspirations for your Wedding

BY IONI WAIS

A few weeks ago, I began an internship at the Powell River Makerspace—a brightly-lit room decked with futuristic tools, experimental contraptions and eccentric individuals.

The space functions as a co-op and is focused on high-tech production and design; its members make use of collective tools like 3D-printers, laser cutters, micro-controllers and all sorts of electronics.

It's not exactly the sort of place that comes to mind

when you think about a wedding, but high-tech wedding trends are on the rise. Here are some DIY inspirations that take the something new to a whole other level:

Robotics and electronics

What good is a wedding without robots?

Instead of hiring wedding photographers, some couples are renting quadcopter drones, robots which can fly around the site autonomously and take wedding photos (or live-stream) from the sky.

With microcontrollers (small computers) becoming cheaper and more powerful, building your own drone has never been easier... especially if you can 3D-print the parts you need!

As for the guest that couldn't be there, robots may offer some opportunities here as well. You've probably heard of guests attending a wedding over Skype... but have you heard of telepresence robots? These robots are kind of like a teleconference on wheels. Equipped with

audio/video equipment, these robotic avatars allow a user (your guest) to attend your wedding interactively from anywhere in the world.

Telepresence robots can be rented for your special occasion, but a determined robotics enthusiast could build their own out of simple electronic components, a cheap microcontroller and 3D-printed or salvaged parts.

INVITATION... TO THE FUTURE

I hope these high-tech ideas provide you with some inspiration for your wedding—even if that inspiration is to keep it as low-tech as possible...

But if the future's already here, why not add it to the guest list?

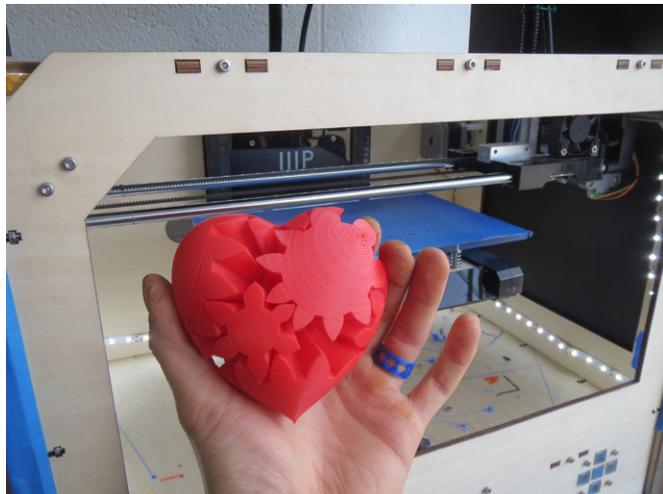
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With the right software and a 3D scanner, it's possible to make life-like miniature replicas of the wedding couple to use as wedding cake toppers.

3D prints can also be used to make food-safe molds; your custom-made cake

toppers could be made of chocolate!

As 3D printing gains in popularity and accessibility, some couples have turned to making their own 3D-printed rings. By using inexpensive printing material (like biodegradable plastics), couples can play with sizes and designs without having to go to a jeweller.

Once the designs are chosen, there's a number of different businesses that will turn your 3D model (or printed object) into a ring made of the metal of your choice.



Laser cutter

Contrary to what Saturday morning cartoons will have you believe, lasers aren't just for mad scientists or superheroes.

Most people can learn to use a laser cutter/etcher with relative ease. And as far as weddings go, laser cutting and etching can be a great way to personalize a variety of wedding items.

With the right software, couples can take a given image (e.g. a wedding monogram) and cut it or etch it into materials

like wood, leather and cloth.

The possibilities are endless: laser-cut invitations, table tags, signage, centrepieces, wedding favours... you name it!

Wedding guests can make use of this technology as well by etching something special (e.g. the wedding date or the couple's initials) onto gifts such as cutting boards or knife sets.

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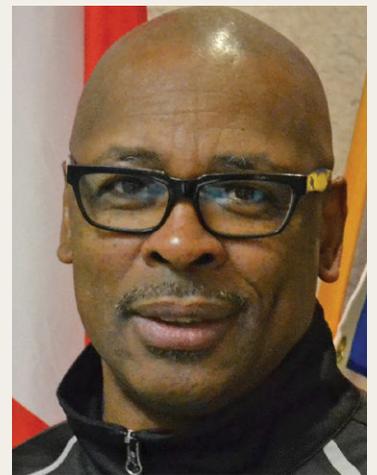
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Attentiveness, and time.

This wasn't Bob's first instrument...
He'd said it might be the last.
His Harps, Guitars, and Cuban Tres
Still lived in Others' hands.
But She was mine, to worship now,
Breathe Life, create, reflect...
Bring honour to Bob's gifted skills
So worthy of respect.

And through my humble gratitude
Thought association crept
To He who grants our Gift of Time
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BY BRAD COLLINS

When I first saw Caitlin McDonagh's work on the walls at Base Camp I saw something mysterious, colourful, and structured - like stained glass, or the margins of ancient bibles. I saw the blue of Dutch teacups contrasting against reds like copper, wrought finely and with precision under starlit domes and arabesques. And then I realized I'd been staring for a while and my coffee was probably cold.

The language of forms feels as one born in a common ground between both fortune tellers and monks of the old world. Though Caitlin's work seems to express some of these traditional elements, she does so with symbols and a colour palette all her own. It's a new language with older sounds; evolving with its own trees, birds, heavenly bodies, and multi-faced, laughing deities.

I've not really discussed Caitlin's work with her before, so I was eager to have this chance to dig in and ask.



THE DAWNING OF THE AGE OF AQUARIUS: Caitlin McDonagh's astrological calendar - a compilation of paintings from a Vancouver show last year - features a sumptuous image representing each star sign.

Tell me about your Horoscope Calendar project

Caitlin • At the beginning of last year I painted all 12 horoscope signs for an exhibition in Vancouver. I had the high resolution scans of the images so I got a limited edition calendar designed and printed through Anteiism Bookart in Montreal.

This calendar steps away from the traditional calendar format in a few ways - firstly the weeks are broken down to correspond with each horoscope sign (ex: December 21st-January 19th). Secondly it started on December 21st of last year, celebrating the winter solstice. It goes until the winter solstice this year as well!

At the end of the year the pages can be cut down to create a 12 piece 11x14 art print set, which you can hang on your wall or gift to loved ones! It's not a bound calendar, but rather 13 sheets (including cover) which can all be clipped together and hung on the wall! (clip included)

When I first encountered your work, I was immediately curious about the style. It struck me as something akin to Medieval illumination. What got you started in that direction?

Caitlin • I supposed I've had a love of flora and fauna for most of my artistic practise. I'm not sure what the exact switch was for me, but I one day understood



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or recognized my love of cathedrals and religious architecture and that was a big game changer for me. I'm always scoping out shapes of buildings, windows, roof lines and facades for ideas. I've had the Illuminated Manuscript reference before and definitely take that as a complement!

What's your medium?

Caitlin • My medium has been the same for about four years now. I use Holbein Acrylagouache paints and LOVE them. They are the perfect mix of acrylic paint and gouache paints, and they seriously drive me to want to create more and more art.

I tend to stick to doing works on paper, but I'm starting to branch out to working on wood panels (which I've always loved).



EARLY RISER: As a full-time artist, Caitlin McDonagh gets down to business starting before sun-up. If you'd like to see her other works, or order a horoscope calendar, visit www.caitlinmcdonagh.com.

I one day...recognized my love of cathedrals and religious architecture and that was a big game-changer for me. I'm always scoping out shapes of buildings, windows, roof lines and facades for ideas.

– Caitlin McDonagh

What is an ideal work environment for you? What's your studio like?

Caitlin • Lots of natural light and sound in the background. I definitely need to have noise on - wheth-

er that's podcasts or music - to help me keep my thoughts quiet so I can just paint. My studio on it's best days is an organized mess for sure. When I return from a trip or finish work for an exhibition I like

to do a desk clean/wipe down, and start fresh, but it's definitely not a pristine space. I find that having good routines or creative rituals are essential to keeping on target.

What kind of rituals do you keep, if any?

Caitlin • I'm definitely a routine person. I wake up at 5 or 6 every morning. I feed my cats, put on coffee, drink water and get my podcast/music roster set up. Once the coffee is ready I sit down and get to work.

I usually start with warm up pieces or something that is for fun, before getting down to the more pressing work. I pause around 8 or 9 for breakfast (and more coffee).

On a good day I will continue working until 3 or 4, then I start figuring out dinner. Sometimes I work later if I break more often mid day. I let myself have, for sure, one day off on the weekend to get outside, do errands or just laze around.

I honestly just listen to myself and allow my time off to fluctuate with that. I can't produce the work I want to be making if I'm tired or not in the right headspace. Most of all though, waking up at the same time every day is a big help for me.

What brings you to Powell River?

Caitlin • I relocated to Powell River just over two years ago, from Victoria, with the hopes of focusing solely on my artistic practise and transitioning into doing that full time.

What keeps you here?

Caitlin • I've been lucky enough to have been doing art full time since moving here, and have been working on developing my routines, practise and ideas that I'm wanting to fulfill. Having the time and focus to do so has definitely kept me here thus far! **RL**

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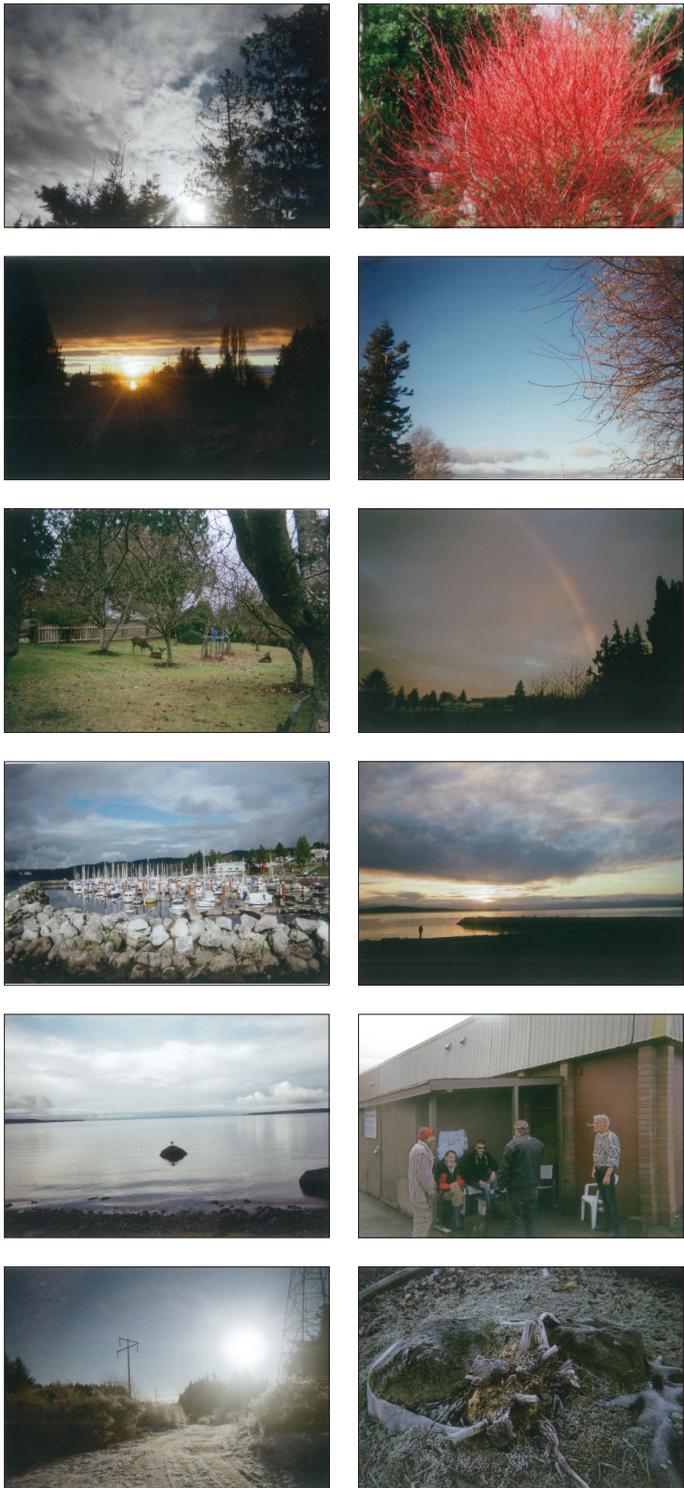
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Thanks to a remarkable project, shift happened

All the photographers were on deck to welcome visitors into their inaugural show on January 25 at the Community Resource Centre. Photos have been mounted, voting for the top 12 shots to be printed in a calendar has begun. They're all participants in CareerLink's Shift Happens program, a 12-week lifeskills program for those getting ready to get back into the workforce.

More than a decade ago in Vancouver, Shift Happens co-facilitator Haedy Mason was part of

the team that started the now-famous fundraising initiative, the "Hope in the Shadows" calendar - now a major project in the Downtown Eastside.

Here, this year's photos were snapped on disposable film cameras. The project was so successful, Haedy is planning to run it again. This time, she's hoping locals will donate their old digital cameras or cell phones with cameras. If you have one, please call the CRC at 604-485-0992, drop by, or email Haedy at haedymason@gmail.com. [PRL](#)

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Heritage Week

My Canada! My BC!

BY ANN NELSON

I don't know about you, but it's been a long, long time since my school days and sometimes the only dates that will surface in my internal data retrieval system are totally random and less than useful...the Battle of Hastings? 1066. Magna Carta? 1215. Declaration of Independence? 1776.

Nailed those, but not precisely relevant to our daily life, particularly in this year of celebrating Canada's sesquicentennial.

Every year, Canada's National Trust establishes a theme for the celebration of Heritage Week in February, which all the provinces adopt and celebrate as well, and this year, unsurprisingly, the theme is My Canada!

Our province's "personalized" celebration will encompass not only My Canada, but My BC, which isn't at all disrespectful when we stop and think about who and where we are in this vast country, and that brings us right back to my musing about significant dates in our shared history.

Just how big is Canada, and why does that make a difference to our BC experience?

Well, it's so big that BC remained its own, independent Crown Colony (founded in 1858) until 1871,

Here we are in the world's second largest country... and the name of this huge and diverse country is derived from the Iroquoian word for village!

13 years after founding and four years after the 1867 Confederation we're celebrating this year. It's so big that one of the conditions of joining was that "Canada" would ensure that we became attached to the rest of our

country by a transcontinental railroad within 10 years of joining. Guess it had been hard to get excited before that about being part of a country that you couldn't get to without sailing around the Horn, or trekking thousands of miles cross country on horseback over mountains, prairies and muskeg!

Here we are, in the world's second largest country, with the longest international border (undefended, by the way), the most freshwater lakes in the world (as

CANADA / BC HERITAGE WEEK

What: An annual, national celebration of Canadian history. Here in Powell River, the celebrations are led by the Townsite Heritage Society, with displays.

When: February 14 to 18

Where: Town Centre Mall.

many as all the rest of the world, combined), the longest coastline in the world and the name of this huge and diverse country is derived from the Iroquoian word for village!

Our country may be vast, and hold the records in a lot of categories, but our "village" is so small, that we can still celebrate our neighbours' successes and achievements as if they were our own, and grieve for their pain; so familial, in the best sense, that we've given Santa his very own postal code HOH OHO; so welcoming, that we can find room for everyone and their dreams, including me and my family.

Every province and territory has its own history, its own character and its own unique place in this patchwork quilt of Canadian identity and the whole is, once again, greater than the sum of its parts.

Here in BC, we know we live in paradise and that we have a unique, coastal experience that shapes our independent character and defines our values, and we know this, too: WE are British Columbia; WE are Canada; WE are the village. That's My Canada! My BC! Happy Heritage Week, everyone! **RL**

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COLD COMMUTE: With an average temperature of just one degree, January was chilly. But the parade of marine mammals made the month spectacular. *photo by Jarett Gustafson*

WHAT'S UP

Provincial election coming up

On May 9, British Columbians head to the polls for the 41st provincial election. The Powell River-Sunshine Coast incumbent, MLA and New Democratic Party candidate Nicolas Simons, has held the riding through three elections, since 2005. On January 25, Premier Christy Clark came to town to stump for the Liberal party candidate, Mathew Wilson (www.electmwilson.com). And the Green Party candidate is Kim Darwin (www.bcgreens.ca/kim_darwin_bio).

Candidates for Premier include Christy Clark (Liberal), John Horgan (NDP) and Andrew Weaver (Green).

Watch for coverage of major issues in the March, April and May issues of *Powell River Living*, and profiles of the local candidates. Is there a question you want to ask them? An issue you want covered? Please email editor Pieta Woolley at pieta@prliving.ca.

Foster kids can dance free

Kids in foster care can now get free dance lessons, thanks to a new program from Sheridan Dance Academy.

"We appreciate all families who step up, and give shelter to children in need, and want to help them in making these children's lives that much happier," said academy owner Mariah Sheridan-Runions. "Offering zero cost classes to these children allows the kids to get moving, meet new friends, and make new connections, without taking away from the funding the foster families receive through the ministry."

Guardians of foster children in Powell River need only to contact Sheridan Dance Academy with details on the child, and Mariah will find the best class fit for them.

It's the second recently-launched program from Sheridan to help families access dance opportunities. The Dance Scholarship Program has raised over

\$700 donated from businesses and families in the past couple months. Sheridan Dance Academy will match all donations, so more than \$1400 in scholarships is already available.

Regals to be inducted into BC Hockey Hall of Fame

The 1996-1997 Allan Cup champion Powell River Regals will be inducted into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame this summer. They will be honoured in Penticton on July 28 along with Ron Toigo, president and majority owner of the Vancouver Giants, Brad Lazarowich, NHL official, former Vancouver Canucks Thomas Gradin and Tony Tanti, Toronto Maple Leafs general manager and former Canucks GM Dave Nonis, and broadcaster John Shannon.

Seniors Together

Seniors Together Powell River will hold its first monthly gathering on Thursday Feb. 16th from 11 am to 1:30 pm at the Powell River Recreation Complex.

This project addresses senior isolation in Powell River by creating a monthly gathering for seniors to share a healthy meal, engage in a presentation on topics that are interesting and relevant, and to participate in physical activities such as swimming, yoga, fitness classes or skating. Seniors will also have the opportunity to meet and socialize with other seniors. The project will also be used to collect information from a survey and focus group to establish an age friendly community plan.

"Our first session will host ICBC Examiner Garry Stride as he presents "The Mature Driver" a presentation for Senior Drivers about re-examinations of drivers licenses," said Christine Parsons, the City of Powell River's Health & Fitness Program Coordinator. Lunch will be catered by the Convenient Chef. Seniors interested in participating in this free program may contact the Recreation

Complex at 604-485-2891 to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

Golf volunteers needed

Myrtle Point Golf Course needs volunteers to help with the BC Golf Association's Senior Men's Amateur Golf Tournament this year.

The tournament will be held July 25 - 27, said Kelvin Trott, Director of Golf at Myrtle Point. "This is a tremendous honour for the golf club and our community," he said. "The tournament will have a field of 156 golfers from across BC and

the Pacific Northwest. It gives us the opportunity to showcase not only the golf course but also the beautiful Sunshine Coast as a vacation destination or residence."

Volunteers are needed to help with scoring, ball spotting, player assistance and registration. Previous golf experience is helpful but not necessary as all volunteers will be trained.

For more info please call Bob Allen, Tournament Host or Kelvin Trott at 604 487-4653 or send an email to gm@myrtlepointgolf.com.



Stroke branch changes hands

Trudy Simpson has retired as coordinator from the Powell River Stroke Recovery Branch after starting and running it for 21 years. She will be greatly missed. Trudy is pictured here with incoming coordinators, Sandy Graham on left and Barb Langdale on the right.

The Powell River Stroke Recovery Branch meets each Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion to assist independent stokers and their caregivers living in the community. Many, after having had a stroke, are unable to get out to socialize.

"We encourage them to join us for

speech therapy, physio therapy, music therapy, caregivers sessions and a fun time. We supply lunch once a month. (the other Tuesdays everyone brings their own bag lunch and we supply the goodies). We also celebrate their birthdays with cake and they get to blow out candles."

Any funds raised in Powell River, by donations, proceeds from our Christmas bazaar and bake sale, and our annual strides for stroke in June, all remain with the Powell River Branch. Also any donations of \$20 or more will get a tax receipt. Donations can be sent to Powell River Stroke Branch c/o 6811 Alexander St. Powell River, BC V8A 2A9.

- Contributed by Sandy Graham

BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

BY KIM MILLER | office@powellriverchamber.com



It will be easier than ever to pick up Mexican food when **Iguanas Express** opens on February 15 in the Town Centre Mall at the old Snackery location. Iguanas Express is owned by Diana and Jeff Rowley, owners of Iguanas Mexican Grill, which is located on Glacier Street. Iguanas is well-known for its great Mexican food that is made to order and always fresh.



A video of Powell River sculptor **Camille Allen**, along with some photos of her

tiny doll creations has gone viral on Facebook. At deadline, it had garnered more than nine million views on the You're Gorgeous page. The site Bored Panda also featured the video, where it had another four million views. Other media companies also jumped on the bandwagon, with millions more views, as foreign language and niche sites posted pictures and videos of her work. All the traffic has done good things for Camille's online sales of dolls, she says, but the publicity comes with some challenges, too. In addition to trying to catch up with thousands of comments and questions on her various social media channels and her email, she's also battling misinformation – ranging from people claiming the sculptures are real babies to companies trying to use the traffic to drive people to their websites. Camille is accustomed to misinformation surrounding her dolls. Her baby sculptures first came to fame pre-Facebook when an email went viral claiming that the babies were made of Marzipan.

Pat Hanson and Simon Nattress have set up a new abattoir and cut and wrap shop at Andtbaka Farm, home of **The Farmer's Gate**. Pat processes poultry and other farm animals and game. Simon has recently joined the operation



BEER MONEY: The president of the Powell River Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) presents a \$1000 cheque to Inclusion Powell River's executive director Lilla Tipton and community connector Chris Weekes. CAMRA hosted their annual Powell River Craft Beer Festival, sponsored in part by Powell River Living, at Inclusion's Arc Community Theatre on Alberni Street. Paddy said the venue is perfect for the festival, which featured 13 breweries and sold out for the third year in a row. Proceeds from the event help support Inclusion's work of helping more than 500 families and individuals with developmental disabilities.

as a qualified meat cutter and sausage maker. For more info call Simon 604-414-0972 or Pat at 604-483-9890.

The Chamber of Commerce **Business Awards** take place on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Dwight Hall. Awards will be presented to

winners in 15 categories including two new categories, Forestry Sector and Aboriginal Business of the Year Award. *Powell River Living* magazine will showcase the winners in a photo essay next month. Congratulations to all nominees. **PRL**

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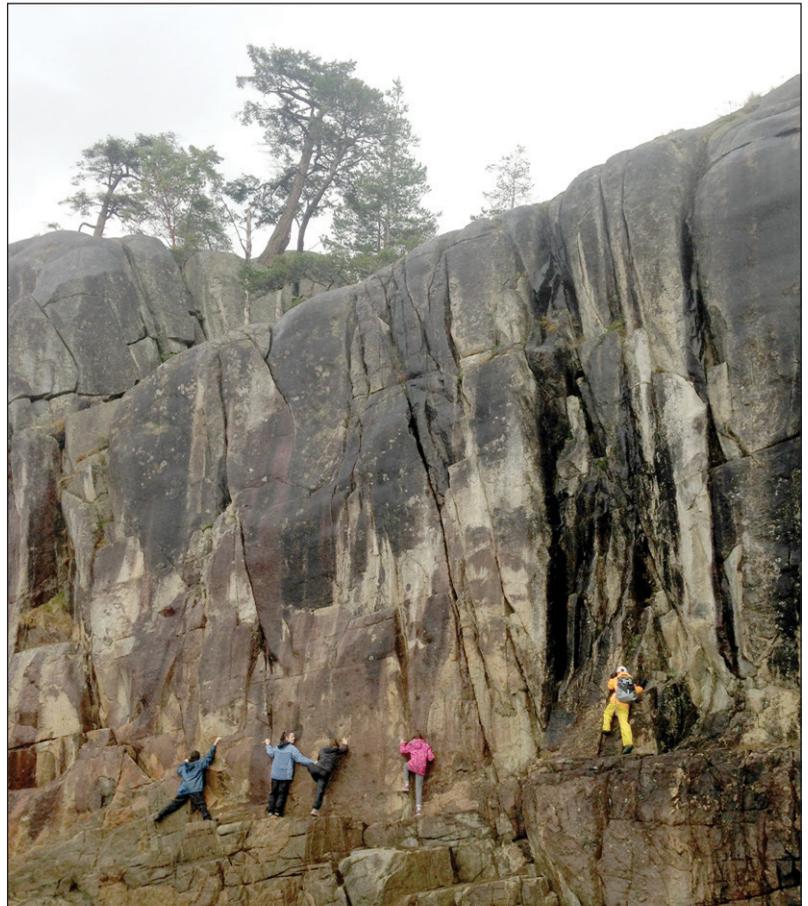
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Adolescent adventurers: It's little wonder that Andrew Shostak's popular Outdoor Adventure Program for Grades 6 and 7 students attracts students from across the District. Alongside sailing, trail maintenance, camping, hiking and many other activities, students also work on becoming leaders.

No indoor days at Kelly Creek Go outside and learn!

It takes more than rain, wind or snow to keep the students inside at Kelly Creek Community School. In fact, Principal Bill Rounis hasn't called for a single indoor day and cancelled recess outside during the 2016/2017 school season.

"We have boots and raincoats and rain pants from Mountain Equipment Coop for students to wear outside," he says. "And we have covered play areas."

With a focus on outdoor learning, Kelly Creek is the only school in the District that offers a Grade 6/7 outdoor adventure program.

"Powell River South is our classroom," says Bill, who is now in his second year as Principal of Kelly Creek. He's excited about a bouldering wall, which will open at the school in March, and the new stage in the gym.

"We showcased our new stage with our Christmas concert," said Bill. "It was absolutely fantastic."

Kelly Creek was also without a fine arts room for many years but they finally have a new dedicated fine arts room. The front office was also reconfigured and renovated over Christmas. "We got rid of the old carpet and installed a lino floor."

With an outdoor classroom, adjacent forest, trails, garden and composting program, and a climbing wall, Kelly Creek has earned its place as the District's school for outdoor adventure enthusiasts.

"Kids travel from the Townsite, Wildwood and Westview to be here."

It's easy to understand why students want to participate in the outdoor adventure program.

"I'll see Andrew [Shostak, outdoor adventure program

teacher] and ask, 'Where are you going this week?'" says Bill. "Then Andrew will say: 'You won't believe it!'" And then he will tell Bill that he's taking his students snowshoeing or scuba diving or kayaking or hiking or biking or that he's going to teach them survival skills like how to purify water or how to start a fire.

"We have Lang Bay across the street," explains Bill, "and we do a lot of science classes and writing there." With an outdoor classroom behind the school, some teachers hold classes outside four or five times a week between April and October.

"Any chance you have to get outside and breathe in the fresh air, take in the natural lighting and just be in nature is good."

Students who spend time outdoors learn how to self-regulate because when they need to they can burn off some energy and then come back and learn. "It used to be go outside and play, but we tell them go outside and learn."

Students go for a walk at the Lang Bay salmon spawning channel just to see the carcasses and look for bear scratches on trees. They visit the estuary across the street from the school and when it is snowing they look for animal tracks.

With 110 students from Kindergarten to Grade 7, the school hums with activity. Bill is coordinating the Lego Robotics program for all schools in the District.

"I'm the guy that plays with Lego the most!" he says. "The coding is the science and math of it and then there's the creative stuff. It fits in with our new curriculum. Imagine your favourite Lego creation and then imagine it moving. It can talk, walk and sense things."



Place-based Learning

Kindergarten to Grade 5 students participate in place-based learning. Place-based learning promotes learning that is rooted in what is local, such as the history of the area, environment, culture, economy and literature and art.



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ways to show your love this Valentine's season

Don't just sit at home harbouring your tender feelings. Go sprinkle them around the upper Sunshine Coast.

1. Love your honey

To some curmudgeons, Valentine's Day is "just another day," created by greedy greeting card companies and capitalism. But to the rest of us, it's a gentle little nudge to celebrate that special someone who loves you enough to wash your socks and make you coffee in the morning. See Page 30 for a list of restaurants offering Valentine's fare.

2. Love your neighbours

Early in the month, Powell River is undertaking its first ever homeless count - an event that's helped launch charitable commitments elsewhere. The Salvation Army is also hosting, for the first time, a Coldest Night of the Year event February 25. See Page 31 for how you can help!

3. Love your kids

Family Day long weekend stretches from February 10 to 13, including the SD47 Pro-D day and the provincial stat. A special Family Literacy Day skate on the Friday will help you kick it off right. See Page 30 for a list of 10 things to do with kids this February - including the long weekend.

4. Love your province & country

This year, Canada celebrates 150 years as a dominion. While national events don't start shaking til closer to summer, the Townsite Heritage Committee is celebrating Heritage Week with displays February 14 to 18 at the Town Centre Mall. See Page 24 for more.

5. Love your dog... and your bum

Club Fat Ass is hosting a group dog run in the Duck Lake Trails February 18. See Page 31 for the full scoop on the best-named club in town. Also, check out the City's new dog park on Joyce, and the Powell River Living & Mother Nature pet fair coming up in June - see Page 34.

Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

Whether you voted or not, finding out which businesses won this year's awards is always a thrill. Who will take the inaugural Forestry Award? Who will win Business of the Year? Not to mention, who was the best-dressed at the February 4 awards ceremony?

This year, *Powell River Living* is the media sponsor. So look for a full spread of the winners in the March issue of the magazine - and before that, online at the Powtown Post.



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Feb 10

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Feb 13

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Feb. 14

Valentine's Day

Powell River restaurateurs are giving you lots to choose from for the year's most popular date night. Here are just a few of the specials, so get out and enjoy!

The Boardwalk: Smoked sturgeon appy \$5. Steak dinner for a couple for \$49.

Tree Frog: Date night special for just \$50, includes appy and dessert to share.

Shinglemill: Come for the Valentine's feature dinner, but also enjoy the Sweetheart's Buffet on the 11 & 12th.

Chopping Block: Stay home and make your own with bacon-wrapped scallops and cordon bleu.

10 THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS IN FEBRUARY

- Family Feud Feb 10,** 6:30 at the Max Cameron.
- Complex Pro D Activities Feb. 10**
 - Family Literacy Day Tales on Ice Event, 1:30 to 3:30
 - Toonie Swim 2 - 4 at pool
 - Valentines Preschool Swim Party
 - Youth leadership class 9 to 3
 - Kids Club 9 to 3
 - Kids shinny hockey 11 am to 12:30
- Family Day Weekend Feb 10 to 13** Kids have a pro-d day on the Friday, and the provincial stat on the Monday. Four-day weekend!
- Rec Complex activities Feb 13**
 - \$2 kids shinny 9:15 to 10:30 am
 - Free skate including rentals 1:30 to 3
 - Free swim 1 to 4 pm
- Sweetheart Skate Feb 14** 7-9 pm, with candy
- Clockwork Mysteries Feb 18,** illusionist at the Max Cameron
- Rock the Rink Feb 24** local bands at the Complex 7 to 9 pm
- Lego Batman Movie Feb 24 - 28,** 7 pm nightly, 1:30 pm weekends at The Patricia
- Coldest Night of the Year Feb. 25,** 5 pm starting at the Salvation Army
- All month: Kings games**

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January 27 – February 5

La La Land

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Feb 2

Eating You Alive screening

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Groundhog Day screening

7 pm That Sugar Vault. Bill on the big screen, complimentary cupcakes, rodent stuffy sweaters too. Fun prizes & no cover charge.



Happy Groundhog Day

February 2

February 6 – 9

Patriots' Day

7 pm Nightly at The Patricia.

February 10 – 14

Manchester by the Sea

7 pm Nightly at The Patricia.

Feb. 15 to 19

Powell River Film Festival.

See story on Page 30. This year's festival is certain to be the best ever! Membership this year includes free popcorn! Line up includes local and international features plus much more. www.prfilmfestival.ca

February 19 – 21

Fences

7 pm Nightly at The Patricia.

February 22 & 23

Cinematheque Series Kick-off!

February 24 – 28 in 2D & 3D

The LEGO Batman Movie

7 pm Nightly at The Patricia in 3D. 1:30 pm Weekend Matinees in 2D.

Live Music

Feb. 4

DJ Matty D

7 pm That Sugar Vault, with Late Night Buffet \$10.

Feb. 10

Rock n Roll Trivia

7 pm That Sugar Vault. Hosted by radio personality Zane Sampson. Bring friends to make teams, show off! Fun prizes & no cover.

Feb. 11

Take 5 Quintet

7:30 pm That Sugar Vault. Live jazz with TAKE 5 quintet, young talent at its finest: Bass, drums, keyboard and horns! Suggested donation of \$5-\$10.

Feb 12

Sunday Song Circle

2 pm Cranberry Community Hall

Feb. 14

Daniel Chow

7:30 pm at the Academy. See story on Page 32.

Feb. 18

DJ Lalu

9 pm That Sugar Vault . \$13 for chocolate fondue, no cover, drink specials.



Feb 19

Sacred Dance Circle

7 pm Cranberry Community Hall

Feb. 24

Kathryn Fitzpatrick

Cabaret artist, live at the Cranberry Hall. Tickets by donation at the door (suggested \$10). Cran Hall

Feb. 24 & 25

Country music: The Tumblin' Dice

9 pm both nights, Carlson Community Club. From Victoria, two amazing nights of Top 40 Country hits!! Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for guests for each night. They can be purchased from the bar in the Carlson lounge.

Live on Stage

Feb. 10

Family Feud – live!

6:30 pm Max Cameron. Thank you for supporting another Girl Guide Event.

Feb. 18

Pure Illusion - Magic

7:30 pm Max Cameron. Illusionist Ted Outerbridge returns to Powell River with his new show. Take a bizarre and fascinating journey through time in a high-energy magical adventure for both adult and family audiences. www.tedouterbridge.com. \$22. tickets at www.powellriveracademy.org

Feb. 18 to March 4

Festival of Performing Arts

See story on Page 32.

Feb. 23

Ladies Night with belly dancers

7 pm That Sugar Vault. All ladies get their choice of the featured dessert or drink, no cover, gentlemen welcome, dinner specials, too.

Feb 24

Wheel of Fortune

7 pm That Sugar Vault. Zane hosts this fun game based on the popular hit TV show and yes we have a wheel! Prizes, no cover and LOTS of food & drink specials!

Magic Moments

Award-winning Canadian magicians Ted and Marion Outerbridge are coming to Powell River on February 18 for an all-ages "magical adventure."

A bizarre and fascinating journey through Time. Within seconds of taking the stage, the Outerbridges fuse their revolutionary illusions with split-second artistry to hold viewers spellbound.

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Thirty three thousand Canadians have nowhere to call home tonight.

They're homeless, sleeping on streets, in cars, abandoned buildings or in tents. Even here in Powell River, those on the front lines know of at least a dozen locals sleeping rough, and many more who are one step away from homelessness.

On February 25, thousands of Canadians will do something about it. You can be one of them.

For the first time, Powell River is taking part in this year's Coldest Night of

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

What: Canada's National Walk for Homelessness

When: Saturday, February 25. Registration is at 4 pm, walk starts at 5:15 pm.

Where: Starts at the Salvation Army on Joyce

How far: You choose the two, five or 10 km route.

How to participate: To sign up to walk or donate, go to cnoy.org/powellriver.

Tax receipts: On donations \$20+.

the year - Canada's National Walk for Homelessness.

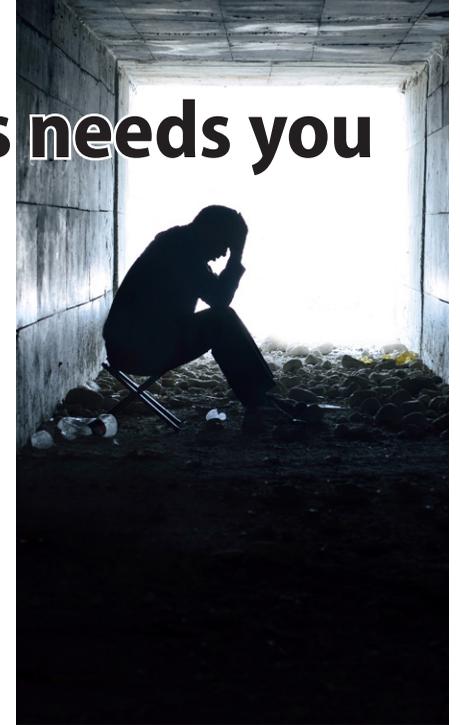
The event started in 2011. Now, we're

one of 115 Canadian cities hosting an event. Coldest Night is a two, five and ten kilometer walk that raises funds and awareness for those serving the hungry, homeless and hurting in their communities.

Our walk will raise funds for our local Salvation Army, serving at-risk and homeless individuals on a daily basis. Your participation will help the agency expand what it is able to do for the most vulnerable members of our community.

So bundle up and join your friends and family walking and raising pledges. Join us - because in Powell River it's cold, wet and damp out there!

- Larry Gerow



Club Fat Ass group dog run

A group run welcoming dogs will be held February 18 at 9 am setting off from the Suicide creek trailhead up Duck Lake Road.

The run, which is part of a series of Club Fat Ass runs, is a group run, not an event. Entrance is by donation with half the proceeds going to the Chain Gang and half to the local SPCA. Sign in between 8 and 8:30am for an eight kilometer hike/run or a 21 kilometre trail run. Dogs are welcome and celebrated however you don't need a dog to attend!

There will be two aid stations and trail maps will be available. All the trails will be marked.

Race directors Anne Vath and Karin Cummings have been trail running together for more than three years.

"With over 20 plus years of running experience, we want to share our love of the glorious trails but even more the hilarious and entertaining antics of joy a dog brings," says Karin.

For more info visit Fit Dog Powell River on Facebook. [PR](#)

Get Sporty

Feb. 3

Kings versus Cowichan Valley

7:15 pm Hap Parker

Feb. 4

Kings versus Cowichan Valley

5 pm, Hap Parker

Feb. 7

Kings versus Alberni Valley

7 pm Hap Parker

Feb. 8

Kings versus Victoria

7 pm Hap Parker

Feb. 11

Special O- PR Kings Floor Hockey Game

Fundraiser for Special O Powell River. Powell River and Comox/Courtenay Special O floor hockey team versus the Powell River Kings, 2:30 pm at the Brooks Gym. Admission will be by donation.

Feb. 17

Kings Versus Nanaimo

7:15 pm Hap Parker

Feb. 18

Club Fat Ass Dog Run

By donation, registration at 8 am. Duck Lake. See blurb at left for details.

Kings versus Nanaimo

5 pm Hap Parker

The 2nd Annual Jim Betteridge Memorial Open Bonspiel

Curl for ALS! Bonspiel will be held at the P.R. Curling Club. This is a fun event for curlers, non curlers and friends of Jim. All proceeds go to "I'd Rather Be Fishing" - ALSBC. Cost is \$40 p/p, includes curling, dinner & prizes. For more info & to register call Chris 604 487-1259.

March 2

Powell River Skating Slub Skate-a-Thon.

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Youth In Care Network Meet up regularly with other youth who are – or have been – supported by the Ministry of Children & Family Development. Call Collette for meeting times 604-485-3090 ext 6308

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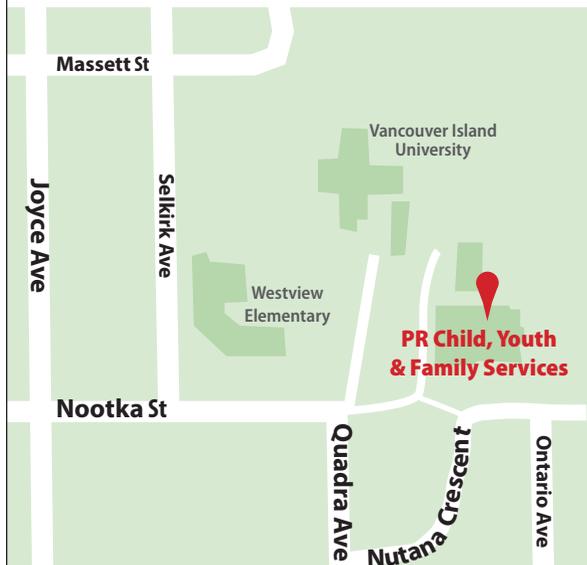
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Child, Youth & Family Services Society

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Discover something new

Feb. 4

Odestravaganza Poetry Workshop

For Youth 8-13, 1:30-3pm at the Library. In this workshop, we'll write our own odes in praise of ordinary things. We'll write a poem to enter in the Ordinary Odes Youth Poetry Contest. Registration required.

Chamber of Commerce 21st Business Awards

6 pm, Dwight Hall. 604-485-4051

So You Want to Publish an eBook?

Join us and get tips on editing, publishing and marketing eBooks. 2 pm at the Rec Complex 'Elm Room' Register call 604-485-8664.

February 10

Family Literacy Day Tales on Ice Skating Event

Recreation Complex, 1:30-3 pm. A Children's Literacy Day event! www.powellriverliteracy.ca.

Feb. 11

Celebrating Powell Lake with author Wayne Lutz

Wayne Lutz will share stories about the lake that is at the heart of our community. PRPL event. 2 pm at Trinity Hall

Feb 14 to 18

Heritage Week

The Townsite Heritage Society presents a visual display: My Canada! My BC! At the Town Centre Mall, celebrating Canadian history.

Feb 15

Tarot: Weird and Wonderful Wednesday

6 pm That Sugar Vault. Get a 15 min reading for only \$10 (cash to Teresa please) when you order \$15 of food or drinks. Questions about your love life? your new job?

Feb. 16

Sketching with Rick Cepella

Learn sketching techniques from Visual Artist and Instructor Rick Cepella. PRPL event. 7 pm at Trinity Hall 6932 Crofton St. To register call 604-485-8664.

Feb. 23

Understanding Journalism

With *Powell River Peak* publisher and editor Jason Schreurs. Join our discussion about challenges faced by the media - from fake news to instant news feeds. PRPL event. 7 pm at Trinity Hall 6932 Crofton St.

Seniors Together

The first of a series of monthly gatherings addressing seniors isolation. See Page 25 for more. 11 am to 1:30 pm, Recreation Complex. Lunch will be catered by the Convenient Chef. Seniors interested in participating in this free program may contact the Recreation Complex at 604-485-2891 to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

Feb. 20 to 28

Loonie Wars

Fundraiser for the Powell River Brain Injury Society. See the blurb below for more info.

Feb. 25

Coldest Night of the Year walk for homelessness

Walk at 5:15 pm. See info on previous page for details.



Loonie Wars

This fundraiser started in 2010 as a friendly competition to raise awareness between the Campbell River Head Injury Society, the Comox Valley Head Injury Society and the Powell River Brain Injury Society.

"We won the trophy in 2010, 2012 and 2016 for raising the most loonies per capita during the last week of February," said Debbie Dee, executive director of the Powell River Brain Injury Society.

"It was created as a fun way to raise awareness between a group of societies that serve the same purpose that don't often get the chance to collaborate on things. Campbell River actually came over here last year with a contingent of their staff and board members and presented us with the trophy so we have the bragging rights. The first year we had Mayor Alsgard, the Mayor of Courtney and the Mayor of Campbell River all together for a photo of them all grabbing at the trophy but

it was Powell River that won."

Between Feb. 20 and 28, around town and in the mall, you'll see coin boxes where you can drop your loonies or bring them to the Powell River Brain Injury Society at #101-7020 Duncan Street in the Phoenix Plaza. "Help us keep the trophy in Powell River!"

Ordinary Odes Youth Poetry Contest Launch

The poet Pablo Neruda wrote hundreds of poems, called odes, to ordinary things – bread and socks, scissors and salt, clouds and the colour green to name just a few. The challenge: to write a poem of a page or less in praise or appreciation of something ordinary. Lavish all your word skills and attention on your chosen thing and make it sing. Deadline March 17. Classrooms welcome to enter. Visit prpl.ca for contest details and prizes. Two Categories: Age 8-10 & 11-13

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THE GODFATHER: Tony Papa leads a camera workshop at the 2016 Powell River Film Festival youth camp. The former Vancouver-based film producer founded the school in 2008. Since then, his students have gone on to a remarkable range of careers in the industry.

BY GARY SHILLING

Sometimes referred to as Hollywood North, Vancouver is the third largest film and television production centre in North America. Direct spending on film and television in British Columbia in 2014 was in excess of \$2 billion. Not all the money is spent in Vancouver, as film locations throughout the province are also desirable. A recent production *Kayaking for Beginners* was shot in part in Powell River, and provided work for local boats, drivers, divers, food services, caterers, hotels, restaurants, and crew.

Included in the crew were four graduates of the Powell River Digital Film School (PRDFS). Ben Kyle was 2nd camera assistant, Tiffany Smith and Jazz Rico worked in the Art department, and Will Wadden shot photos for the Electronic Press Kit.

Tony Papa founded the PRDFS in 2008. After 20 years running a film production company in Vancouver, he made his way to Powell River via the Powell River Film Festival.

The Film Festival invited him to present *Suzuki Speaks* – his Gemini award winning film. He was billeted with locals when he came here, and they drove him around town, telling him about the community, and the international choral festival, Kathaumixw. Tony thought it sounded like a good subject for a documentary.

PR FILM FESTIVAL

What: The 16th annual festival features screenings of documentaries, shorts and feature films. Plus, receptions, live music and more.

When: February 15 to 19

Where: The Patricia, Evergreen Theatre

Learn more: www.prfilmfestival.ca

He pitched Knowledge Network and CBC on the film. CBC funding fell through and eventually money was raised locally to produce the film. Knowledge Network broadcast it.

Tony was impressed. “Any town that’s

going to help me fund a film, I want to live there!” He began the process of moving to Powell River.

Looking to shift from the demands of production, he approached the School District and inquired as to whether they had a film program. After conversations about adding it to the trades that were currently supported – the Powell River Digital Film School was born.

The PRDFS film program is for students between the ages of 16 and 19. Each year approximately 11 students are accepted into the curriculum from Powell River and throughout British Columbia. During an intensive 5-month course, they develop a thorough understanding of camera, lighting, screenwriting, editing, and what it takes to produce a film.

The school is a demystifying experience for the students. Some of them have an interest in film, but aren’t certain what it is exactly about. Attendance at the school helps shape their ideas through experience. When they see what is possible, they adjust their goals and aspirations. The school aims to strengthen their confidence to get a running start in film.

For students interested in pursuing a post-secondary education in film, the PRDFS provides a dual-credit program, where students acquire 3 course credits within the Emily Carr University of Art + Design Film Program. There is also a no-wait list interview opportunity for Capilano University’s Motion Picture Program.

The fundamental goal for all students is to work on a film and tell their story. As part of the collaborative experience at the PRDFS, they pitch each other their ideas. They then build a team for their film projects that they each direct.

At the end of every course, there is a screening of all the films produced. This year’s screening on June 20, 2017 at the Max Cameron Theatre celebrates the 10th anniversary of the school.

“When they have a screening with an audience, that is the ultimate,” says Tony. With film playing a growing role in the future economic and cultural development of Powell River, he encourages everyone to come out and applaud these rising stars. **RL**

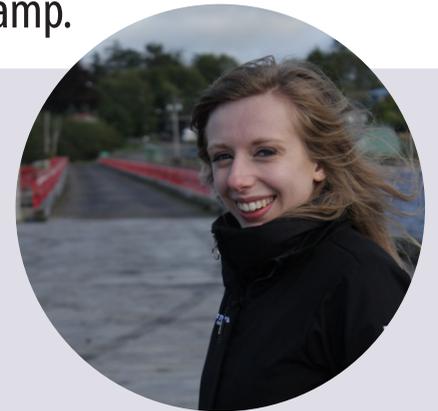
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Digital Film School Celebrates 10 Years

Want to see the future? Youth who study film here go on to top spots in the industry in Vancouver and far beyond. At 7 pm on Feb. 16, see shorts from the PRDFS before *Julieta* screens. At 10:30 am on Feb. 19, witness the films produced by this year’s Powell River Film Festival Adventures in Film Camp.

VERONIKA KURZ GRAD 2012

I’m currently a full member of IATSE 891. This past year I worked in lighting on the Emmy award-winning series *The Man in the High Castle*; other shows I’ve worked on include *iZombie*, *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, and *Star Trek*. I’m currently in prep for a new Netflix series. Between all the busy days on set I’m developing several scripts that I plan on shooting and directing this year.



PAUL HUMAN GRAD 2010

I work as a Key Grip for money in the local Vancouver film industry. I am currently developing a short film titled “Tomorrow Never Comes.”

It is a Science Fiction/Drama set in the not too distant future.

It follows the journey of a young woman dealing with the loss of her loved one, whom she and her father bring back from the dead using new and controversial technology: the transference of a human consciousness into a human-like robot, or cyborg.

My team and I are applying for a program at Capilano University called “Off the Grid,” where the film faculty support Alumni through guidance and resources (such as cameras, lighting gear, and post production facilities) to help them kick-start projects after film school.



MICHAEL STEVANTONI GRAD 2015

Attending Tony Papa’s PRDFS was a transformative experience, which not only allowed me to begin thinking of filmmaking as a career but also allowed me to develop life skills which can be applied to almost every aspect of my life, especially the transition to post-secondary education.

I feel extremely fortunate to have ended my high school experience with this degree of specialization and focus. Tony connected us with inspiring speakers and professional opportunities that remain with me today.

I was able to apply these technical and team oriented skills when I directed my first feature film *Salton Sea*. Without the encouragement I attained from PRDFS I would not have been able to take on such a massive undertaking so soon.



Activist architect hopes to arm locals with a passion for the built environment

BY MICHELLE AND KEITH DONALD

“We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.”

- *Winston Churchill*

In the autumn of 2015 we sold up from the Lower Mainland and bought ourselves a cozy little home in Gibsons only a short ferry ride away from our sons in Vancouver.

In theory the Gibsons house was ideal. It was quaint, manageable, had a lovely view of the ocean and mountains and was within walking distance to some scenic beaches. We were beginning to put down roots and we made a solemn vow to each other that we would never move again!

Last July on a sunny morning, we decided on a whim to take a little day trip up to Powell River. We had never been here before other than to pass by it years ago on the way to visit family at their Savary Island cabin. Within a half an hour of being in town we both realized that all bets were off - there was something about this place that just felt right.

Within days we had bought a beautiful heritage house in Townsite and prepared ourselves to start over again less than a year after our last move. What would

INTRODUCTION TO ARCHITECTURE

What: An innovative five-part lecture series with architect Keith Donald. The series empowers citizens to participate in shaping the local built environment, by guiding an understanding of what's at stake.

When: Mondays nights 6:30 to 8:30

Where: VIU

Register: \$100. 604-485-2878, or drop by the campus.

make us do such a crazy thing?!

Powell River has a powerful spirit of place that is more than the sum of all the attributes you could list - the ocean, the culture, the friendliness of the people. This spirit of place is intangible and difficult to define and also easily lost if not safeguarded.

One aspect of this character is “human scale” within a spectacular natural setting. The human scale of Powell River's built environment is friendly. There is nothing pretentious or overbearing about it. It is welcoming and comfortable and easy to be in. There is nothing about its architecture that makes you feel diminished or insignificant.

Now let's take a mental trip to the Lower Mainland. Most of you will have been there within the last five years. In this period of time the change that Vancouver

and its surrounds have undergone is staggering. Entire neighbourhoods have been demolished and re-built and in the suburbs agricultural land is being devoured by unprecedented high-density residential building. Meanwhile the infrastructure lags behind resulting in the ever declining livability for its inhabitants as they become more and more stressed and less and less tolerant of each other. This rapid, poorly managed growth is being driven by one thing more than any other, the profit motive.

Our built environment is constantly changing whether we want it to or not and we are all affected by it. This is why it is crucial for everybody to understand what is at stake and how to participate in discussions and decision making about architecture.

Architecture has been around much longer than the formal profession. It is not an elite subject set aside for artsy professionals in ivory towers. At its best architecture should express the highest ideals and aspirations of the community and the role of the architect is to respond to those ideals to bring into being their physical expression.

The only way that can happen is when the members of the community value and understand the importance of the environment we build and are offered the opportunity to become involved with shaping it.

In the years to come how would you like to see Powell River change? **PR**



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Did somebody say...

Park?!

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If you have questions, please contact the City of Powell River's Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture at 604-485-2891 or info@cdpr.bc.ca.



Daniel Chow, then and now

Thirty years ago, seven-year-old Daniel Chow sat down in front of a piano and competed at the Powell River Festival of Performing Arts.

It was his very first competition but that performance marked the first of many for Daniel who still plays and performs today.

"I was five when I began taking piano lessons from Karen Yare," Daniel recalls. Before long he was racking up awards at the annual festival.

"If there was a category for it, I participated in it," he recalled. He represented Powell River in the Provincial Festival of Performing Arts on more than one occasion and remembers travelling to wherever the provincials were held with his family.

Daniel began studying at the Powell River Academy of Music when he was a teenager. "I was lucky enough to work with Don (James) he said." He also sang with the Academy choir during this time and travelled to Europe.

After high school, Daniel attended UBC where he earned his Bachelors in Music. He attended the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music for his Masters of Music and Artist Diploma.

Daniel was thinking about starting on his doctorate



THE RIGHT NOTES: Acclaim continued for Daniel Chow after he left Powell River. He's appeared on CBC and NPR. Daniel's awards include a Gold Medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, multiple BC Arts Council Grants, Vancouver Foundation Grants and prizes from the Canadian Music Competition and the BC Festival of the Arts, and much more.

DANIEL CHOW IN CONCERT

What: Powell River-raised and internationally-acclaimed concert pianist plays a special Valentines Day event.

When: February 14,

Where: James Hall

Why: For more information or tickets, call the Academy of Music at 604 485-9633 or visit powellriveracademy.org to purchase online.

when his father, who'd been an accountant at the mill in Powell River for 30 years, suggested he take a look at accounting. "I did," he said. "And it appears that accounting runs in my blood."

Today Daniel is a chartered accountant and the Chief Financial Officer at MacLean Law in Vancouver.

He still performs and competes and will be in Powell River on Tuesday, February 14 for a special Valentine's Day concert at the Powell River Academy of Music. Proceeds from this concert will support the Academy's Scholarship and Bursary program.

Daniel is looking forward to performing in his hometown. "Powell River has a wealth of musical talent. I hope the next generation will have the same opportunities that I did." **RRL**

FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS

What: The 73rd Powell River Festival of Performing Arts features Amateur performers in piano, voice, strings, wind and brass instruments, speech arts, amateur choirs, bands, string and jazz ensembles as well as dance. The festival is no longer a competition however all participants will receive participation certificates. The Rotary Club of Powell River sponsors the festival through its use of a volunteer festival committee. As well, many other community volunteers help Rotary make this happen.

When: Feb 18 to March 4.

Schedule info: www.powellriverperformingarts.org

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— Daniel Chow

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Love lightly, like a child

Powell River Tarot: a community reading, by Teresa Harwood-Lynn

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As I look at the card I have drawn, for this month's reading, I am initially disappointed. With February, a month devoted to the expression of love between two people, I thought for certain I would get off easy and pull the "Lovers" card.

I can see now, however, that the card I have drawn is a more fitting card for Valentines.

The Six of Cups is a delightful card to look at. The setting is of two children, a boy handing a cup with a flower in it to a little girl.

The girl looks sweet, and is pleased by the offering.

There are two buildings in the background and five more cups filled with flowers. The sky is blue without a cloud to be seen, and the overall colour of the card is yellow.

We can tell by the clothes the children are wearing, and by the general setting, that this is not a modern scene, but rather one from days gone by.

Looking at the Six of Cups, I am reminded of Valentine Days from elementary school when we would give little cutout hearts to all the kids in the class. We exchanged cards with kids who liked us and with kids who didn't. Looking back, I see now that each of those hearts, given and received, was an innocent act of love and compassion.

That love and compassion is the overall theme for this month's card. It's

about looking back and recapturing the innocence of being carefree, light hearted and cheerful. It's about childhood memories and inner peace.

There is a feeling of giving, simply for the sheer joy of extending a good deed. It is a reminder that there is a universal beauty in a humble and innocent expression of love.

The yellow of the card is not only bright and cheerful, but carries a feeling of something deeper and more spiritually intimate.

It suggests that sometimes our random acts of kindness, a smile, a nod, or acknowledgement of others can have a far deeper impact than we will ever know.

The clear blue sky is an indication that there is, for the moment, not a worry in the world. The old style buildings are there to create a feeling of nostalgia.

This card is a reminder to take the time to play and have fun! If you find yourself in a place of worry, look back and reflect on happy memories.

Let your hair down, run free and forget about the future for a while. Set petty differences aside and extend an offering of love and understanding.

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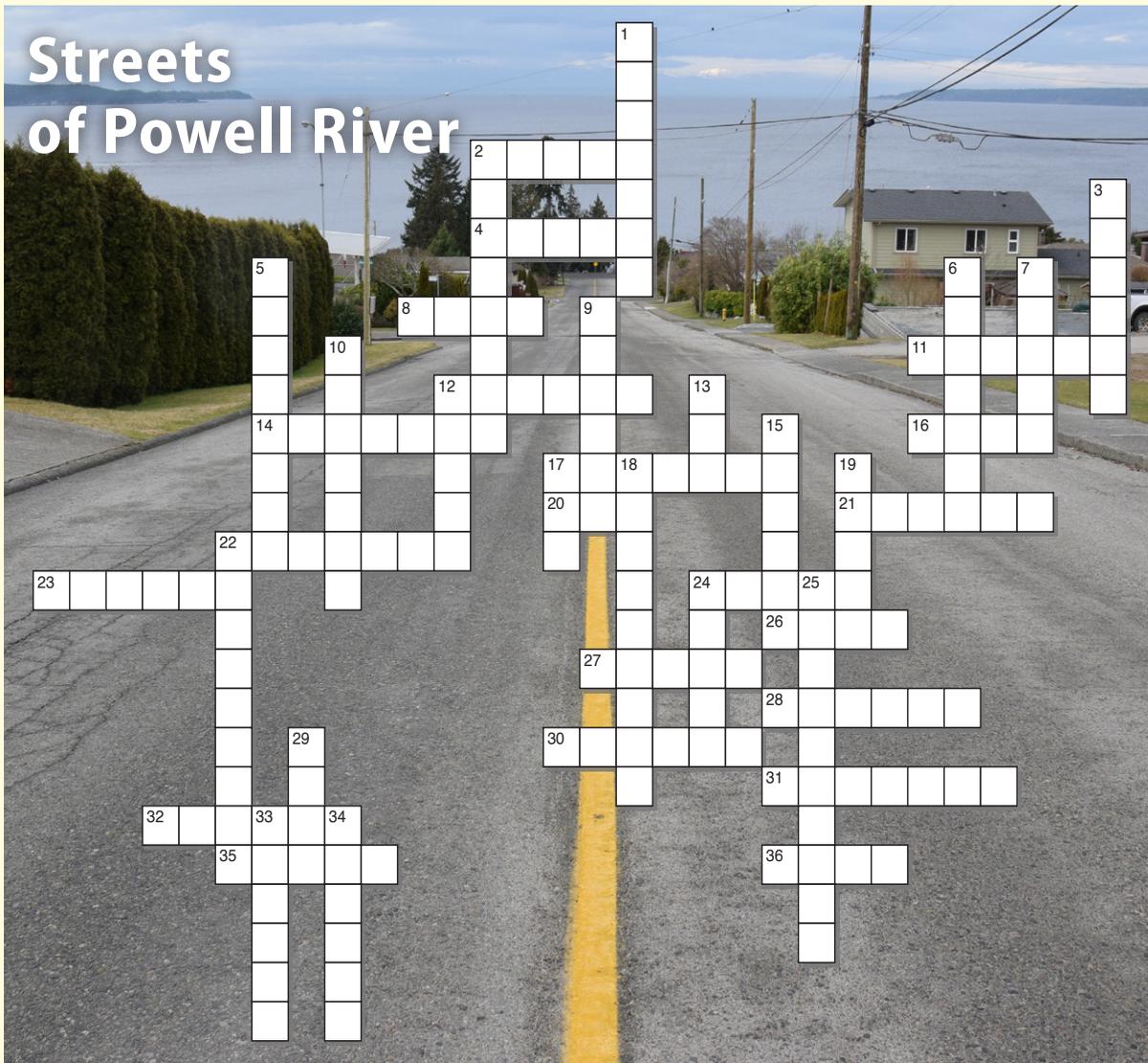
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Across

- 2) Syrup
- 4) King's hat
- 8) Superman's beau
- 11) Seaside drive
- 12) Mountain municipality or red stone
- 14) Where the Stamps play
- 16) Royalty of Wildwood
- 17) Ottawa's province
- 20) Burned remainder, or a tree
- 21) Second largest BC municipality
- 22) Waterfall
- 23) Leather maker
- 24) Dead end off Sutherland
- 26) Street to the end of the road
- 27) Farley's Avenue
- 28) Sanctuary for souls
- 30) Please, sir? More
- 31) Bark-shedding tree
- 32) Flash
- 35) Northern territory
- 36) Sanctuary for birds

Down

- 1) Port town
- 2) Great Lake
- 3) Better than silver
- 5) Wildwood, British_____
- 6) Ice hill
- 7) Dallas family
- 9) Edgehill royalty
- 10) Socrate's tea
- 12) James the writer
- 13) Douglas' street
- 15) Montreal airport
- 17) Mighty
- 18) Nearby inlet
- 19) Trembling deciduous
- 22) Boggy fruit
- 24) Guy duck
- 25) Donald and Keifer
- 29) Chef
- 33) Macbeth's victim
- 34) Nuu-chah-nulth

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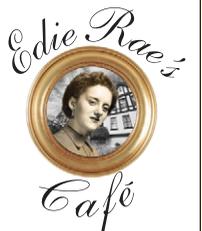
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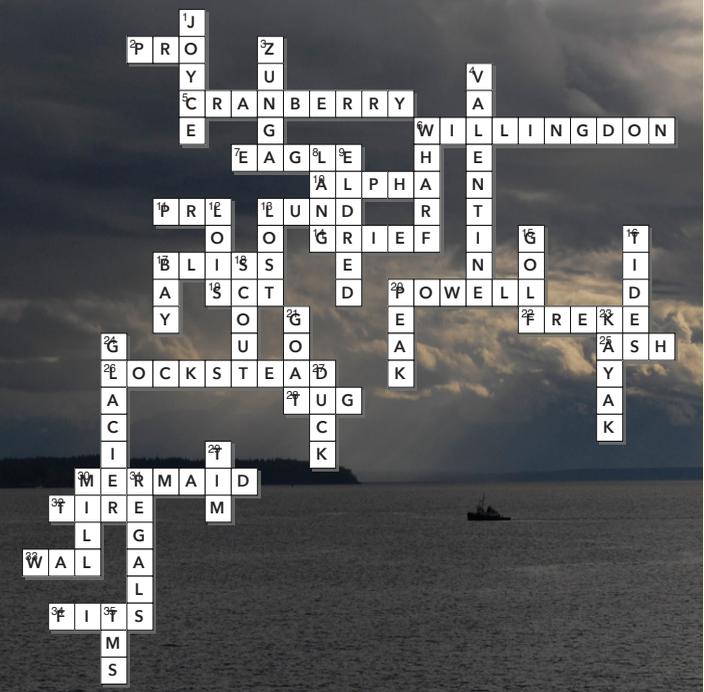


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hat does love look like in a time of public hate? Not much is known about the original Saint Valentine, whom we celebrate on February 14. Here's what we do know. The man who inspired the contemporary outpouring of roses, jewelry and mushy cards was really no great symbol for romantic love. Instead, the third century Christian martyr healed the blind, freed the imprisoned, and undermined Rome by helping Christians – who were that era's persecuted minority. Sound familiar?

Saint Valentine, in other words, had priorities that look a lot like today's pro-health care, pro-prison reform, and pro-Muslim resistance movement in the US.

Maybe this is pushing the historical synchronicity a bit far. But it's worth considering what love looks like when it turns public and political – especially right now, as President Donald Trump signs a litany of repulsive executive orders. Who will be targeted next? How will citizens resist?

On January 28, Trump signed the "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States" order, detaining new arrivals at airports and causing mass chaos. In response, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau waded in with this Tweet: "To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength."

It's a Hallmark-worthy sentiment. It looks like love. But there needs to be more to it. Last year, Canada accepted 59,400 refugees, most of them Syrian (compare that to Germany's 1.1 million refugee commitment in 2015. The US accepted 85,000 refugees in 2016.) Canada's numbers will dip this year to 43,500. The Canadian Council for Refugees notes that these numbers are "out of step with Canada's efforts to promote a strong international response to refugees. Canada is ill-placed to ask other countries to do more for refugee resettlement, when it is not increasing its own commitment."

There are more than 40 million displaced persons worldwide. Less than one percent is settled in wealthy countries such as Canada. Most of the rest are in camps, formal and informal, in countries such as Turkey, South Sudan, and India.

Is Trudeau really suggesting that Canada will welcome all 40 million global citizens "fleeing persecution, terror & war"?

No. He isn't. The reality is, very little of today's refugee crisis is solved by the US and Canada's refugee settlement programs – though they are important.

At the same time, as a G8 country, Canada should be a major source of foreign aid. However, Canada's international assistance "is at an all-time low," according to a detailed report by the Global Canada Initiative's Robert Greenhill in January (see openCanada.org for the full thing. It's worth reading.)

Surely, Saint Valentine would urge 21st century Canada, which is so very wealthy by global and historical standards, to lobby for much more spending on refugee camps, medical help, agricultural development, and response to climate change globally. He would surely say that's what love looks like "At a time of unparalleled need, with regions in turmoil and more displaced people since the end of WWII."

Back home in Powell River, there are plenty of places Saint Valentine-style love is needed. When Premier Christy Clark was here in January, she promised money for the long-needed cold and wet weather shelter to house homeless locals for the few days of the year when the weather is actually dangerous. It's a start. But it's not an affordable housing commitment, or even a consistent shelter. And it doesn't solve the growing local poverty caused by the massive fall in incomes as the resource sector has shifted. So what does love look like here?

Part of it is romantic and familial. Charity, tradition says, begins at home. The most effective anti-poverty strategy is strong families: grandparents, parents, children, aunts and uncles – multi-generations looking after each other financially, and with hands-on support. Care of elders infused by love. Care of children infused by love. Next to that, it's neighbourhoods – people caring for those they know.

That kind of love is where those mushy cards meet Saint Valentine's hard-nosed, love-driven political resistance. For the heart-filled holiday of February 2017, celebrating Saint Valentine means giving both foreign aid and roses. 



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