

Alert Bay



VILLAGE OF
ALERT BAY
HOME OF THE KILLER WHALE

Visitor's Information

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E m e r g e n c y N u m b e r s

Fire	911
Police (non emergency 974-5544)	911
Ambulance	911
Poison Control	(250) 974-5585

Alert Bay like a small jewel lies cradled in the arms of Cormorant Island. This crescent shaped island is situated just off the Northeast coast of Vancouver Island and is approximately 180 miles by water from the City of Vancouver. Both Alert Bay and Cormorant Island were named after two British war ships H.M.S. Alert and H.M.S. Cormorant while they were engaged in surveying the coastal waters of British Columbia between the years of 1846 and 1861. The Captains of those two ships were Captain Malcolm (Malcolm Island) and Captain Pearse (Pearse Islands).

In 1870, a small saltery was established in Alert Bay to preserve salmon and with the introduction of a new Church Mission, the N̄amgis were persuaded to move to Alert Bay to provide the necessary work force for the saltery and later the cannery, thus, establishing the basis of the present day community.

Alert Bay has a population of approximately 1,500 and is comprised of the Village of Alert Bay, N̄amgis First Nation, Whe-la-la-u Area Council and Regional District of Mount Waddington. Cormorant Island is 3 miles long and a half mile wide. The average rainfall is 60 inches per year and the temperature averages 75 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and 35 in winter.

From humble beginnings, Alert Bay has since become an important centre of commerce and services while still retaining its quaint fishing village atmosphere and unique lifestyle. This rare combination of embracing the past while planning for the future has enabled Alert Bay to make major contributions to the development of the British Columbia coast. Visitors from around the world come to enjoy the colourful native culture, friendly community, quiet magnificent scenery and the superb fishing. Within easy reach of Alert Bay are hundreds of lakes and miles of tranquil inlets awaiting the vacationers whether arriving by airplane or by boat.

How to get to Alert Bay, BC

Drive North on Hwy 1 from Victoria turns into Hwy 19 at Nanaimo passing Parksville, Courtenay, Campbell River and Sayward to Port McNeill - a scenic drive on a modern highway that takes about 4 hours from Nanaimo to Port McNeill. From Port McNeill there is BC Ferries running to Alert Bay and Sointula continuously from 8:40 AM-9:30 PM daily.

By bus Scheduled bus services depart daily from all points on Vancouver Island to Port McNeill where connection is made by ferry to Alert Bay.

By air Scheduled air flights depart daily from Vancouver to Port Hardy and a limousine service is available to Port McNeill where connection is made by ferry to Alert Bay.

Visitor Attractions

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| <p>Alert Bay Visitor Centre
118 Fir Street
Bag Service 2800
Alert Bay, BC
(250) 974-5024
Fax: (250) 974-5026
info@alertbay.ca
http://www.alertbay.ca</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offers a large selection of brochures, maps, etc - videos available for viewing - public washroom - Art Gallery features the original collection of water colours by Chris Nancarrow, depicting a year in the daily life on Fir and Front Streets. May-June, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted - Closed stat holidays - July-August, Daily 9:00 AM-5:00 PM - September, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted. - Closed October to April |
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<p>Visitor Information Off Season Village of Alert Bay (250) 974-5213 Fax (250) 974-5470 info@alertbay.ca http://www.alertbay.ca</p>	<p>October to April the Visitor Centre Manager is relocated to the Village of Alert Bay Office. Open Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays</p>
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Visitor Attractions

Umista Cultural Centre
Box 253
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5403
Fax: (250) 974-5499
info@umista.ca
<http://www.umista.org>

The ceremonial regalia, including coppers, masks, rattles and whistles, were confiscated in 1922 and distributed amongst museums and private collections throughout North America. Returned in 1980, much of the repatriated collection is now on display at the Cultural Centre. Also featured are travelling exhibits, and a collection of videos dealing with Potlatch prohibition and cultural survival. The gift shop boasts a wide variety of outstanding works by Kwakwaka'wakw artists, many of whom are world renowned. Cultural Tours can be pre-arranged for guided tours of the Potlatch Collection, Island Walking Tours Special Dance Performances, Seafood Feasts and specially designed tours. Please call for details of these special tours and participate minimums apply.

Pre Season Hours: May 26-June 28, 2014, Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Summer Hours: July 6-September 6, 2014, Daily 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Winter Hours: September 9, 2014 to May 23, 2015, Tuesdays-Saturdays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Closed: Holidays during Winter Hours.

Alert Bay Library-Museum
Box 440
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5721
Fax: (250) 974-5026
abplb@island.net

Featured at this Museum are Kwakwaka'wakw and other artifacts and an archival collection of over 9,000 photographs of Alert Bay, surrounding area and people dating back as far as the 1880s. Public internet access available.

Winter Hours: September to June: Monday, Friday and Saturday, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Wednesday ONLY 1:00 PM -5:00 PM

Summer Hours: July to August: Monday-Saturday, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Wednesday ONLY 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Tsasała Cultural Group
Traditional Dance Performance
Andrea Cranmer
Phone: (250) 974-5475
maxinux@cablerocket.com

Performance is approximately 1 Hour. Cost: \$15.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child under 12 years. Thursdays-Saturdays, 1:15 PM, (July-August only) in our Big House. This is the only time you will ever get to see the inside of our Big House as it is closed to public viewing. There have been special performances for groups of 25 or more - call to make arrangements.

Traditional Big House

Completed in May 1966, the Big House is modeled on the traditional residences of the Kwakwaka'wakw. This building is primarily used for Potlatches. The house was enlarged and repainted in 1987, at which time -Namgis artist Doug Cranmer designed the extended house front. The original building burnt down August 1997. The Big House re-opened May 28, 1999

World's Tallest Totem Pole

173 ft. carved by six Kwakwaka'wakw. This pole represents a carved history of some of the Kwakwaka'wakw. The figures are acquired through marriage. The figures represented are the Sun man-Gusgimukw, Kulus (Thunderbirds cousin) Kwagu'€Whale- Gwa'sala-'Nak'waxda'xw, Old Man-/ awi'sis, Wolf-Dzawada'enux , Thunderbird--Namgis, Dzunu'kwa, Sisiyutl- Mamalilikala, Bear holding a Salmon, Raven, and a Dzunu'kwa holding a copper. During a Nimpkish Wind November 2007 the top of the Totem Pole fell to the ground. No charge to see. Stop by Alert Bay Visitor Centre for Totem Poles Brochure

Original -Namgis Burial Grounds

This cemetery is the site of numerous memorial and other totem poles created by some of the best carvers in the area. Visit the Alert Bay Visitor Centre and ask for the Totem Poles brochure. **No Trespassing in the Cemetery**

Visitor Attractions

Alert Bay Ecological Park

The Park is a small flooded forest that serves as a home to ravens, eagles and migratory birds, located near the picnic area and campground. It is about a 25 minute walk through three trails and a boardwalk. Stop at the Alert Bay Visitor Centre for the two brochures on the Ecological Park.

Anglican Church

Was built in 1892, of BC cedar that was milled here in our small saw mill. There are several stained glass windows revealing a unique blend of Native and European cultures.

Stores and Giftshops

Alert Bay ArtLoft Gallery

116 Fir Street

Beth Dunlop

(250) 974-2787

alertbayartists@gmail.com

<http://www.alertbayartists.com>

Showcasing Alert Bay Artists. Alert Bay Artists Society hosts the Annual Alert Bay Artfest during Seafest weekend. Holds numerous community driven workshops and shows which change monthly. Cards, prints, jewelry, small carvings and other goodies for sale.

February to June: Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. July-August: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11:00 PM-3:00 PM. September to December: Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 PM-3:00 PM. **January Closed**

Alert Bay Drugs

90 Fir Street

Paul Fletcher

(250) 974-5712

24 Hour ATM exterior of building.

Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-6:00 PM, Saturday, 9:30 AM-5:00 PM

Lotto, post cards, jewelry, stationary, gift items, toys, etc

Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, also closed holidays

Alert Bay Visitor Centre

118 Fir Street

Norine Smith

(250) 974-5024

Fax: (250) 974-5026

info@alertbay.ca

<http://www.alertbay.ca>

May to June, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Closed

lunch from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, unless otherwise posted and closed on stat holidays

July-August, Daily, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

September Mondays to Fridays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Prints, posters, note cards, pins, BC Road map, etc.

October to April Closed

Alert Bay Library-Museum

116 Fir Street

Joyce Wilby, Steven Wong, Pat Anderson

(250) 974-5721

abplb@island.net

September-June, Monday, Friday and Saturday, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Wednesday ONLY 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

July-August, Monday to Saturday, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Wednesday ONLY 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Post cards, small carvings, books, etc.

Culture Shock Interactive Gallery

010 A Front Street

Barb Cranmer, Donna Cranmer and

Andrea Cranmer

(250) 974-2484

Summer: After Victoria Day in May #2
to Labour day in September

Daily 9:30 AM-6:00 PM

Winter: after Labour Day September #3
to Victoria Day in May

Wednesdays-Saturdays

12:00 PM-5:00 PM

info@cultureshockgallery.ca

<http://www.cultureshockgallery.ca>

Experience -Nāmgis Roots. An interactive Gallery, share, create, connect, soul. Two minute walk from the ferry.

Package times: 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

Cedar Weaving: Hands on experience making your own Cedar Bracelet with Donna Cranmer. \$75.00 per person minimum of 6 people

Traditional Salmon Barbeque: Put your own individual piece of wild Sockeye salmon on cedar barbeque sticks with Kodi Nelson.

\$75.00 per person, minimum of 6 people

Nusa õStory Tellingõ: Hear the stories as she heard it from her Grandmother. Vera Newman will share history, legends which have been passed down through many generations. \$60.00 per person, minimum of 6 people.

#4 Cultural Eco Tours: Journey by Canoe in the surrounding waters of our traditional territory. Cultural leader Kodi Nelson will share local First Nation history and song. This package is available Daily. \$80.00 per person minimum of 4 people.

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Stores and Giftshops

Shop Rite Stores and Rona
99 Fir Street
(250) 974-2777

Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Sunday, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Grocery, deli, Rona, Fishing Licenses can be purchased at Rona (upstairs in Shop Rite Stores). Rona also sells fishing tackle. Rona closed on Sundays and holidays

Umista Cultural Centre
Sarah Holland
(250) 974-5403
Fax: (250) 974-5499
info@umista.ca

Pre Season Hours: May 26, 2014 to June 28, 2014
Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Summer: July 6, 2014-September 6, 2014
Daily 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Winter: September 9, 2013-May 23, 2015
Tuesdays-Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
First Nation Art Gallery: masks, jewelry, clothes, jewelry boxes, first nation books, drums, small carvings, etc

R e s t a u r a n t s

Bayside Grill
(250) 974-3101

Daily
8:30 AM-8:00 PM

Shop Rite Deli
(250) 974-2777

Monday to Saturday 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Passn Thyme Inn
(250) 974-2670

Friday
11:00 AM-9:00 PM
Monday-Thursday and Saturday
11:00 AM-8:00 PM

The Cook Shack
(250) 974-0004

Sunday to Thursday 11:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday and Saturday 11:00 AM-9:00 PM

A c c o m m o d a t i o n s

Alert Bay Accommodations
Box 483
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
Phone: (250) 974-5225
1-800-668-6722
seorca@cablerocket.com
<http://www.alertbayaccommodations.com>

On the Beach 66 Fir Street, a unique suite over the ocean' setting featuring a large deck and garden area. An open plan suite with two queen beds + hide-a-bed Rates: \$100.00 - \$140.00
Above the Bay 60 Spruce Street, an elegant two bedroom house a large deck overlooking the Bay. Includes a Jaquzzi tub in the main bathroom, two queens + hide-a-bed. Rates: \$120.00 - \$160.00
Above the Bay 60 Spruce Street, a spacious two bedroom suite with garden seating overlooking the Bay. One queen and one double bed + hide-a-bed. Rates: \$80.00 - \$125.00
All rates: \$10.00 per person extra. Sleeping up to six people they all include: wifi/tv, full kitchen and bathroom, superb ocean and mountain views, located within a few minutes walk to restaurants, shops and ferry. After a day of whale watching, fishing, bird watching, kayaking, walking or cycling the numerous trails on Cormorant Island and experiencing its cultural heritage, sit back and relax outside on deck and quietly observe and be mesmerized!

Alert Bay Campground
101 Alder
Bag Service 2800
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
Cell: (250) 974-7028
campground@alertbay.ca

14 fully serviced sites, 6 other sites services include water, sewer and electricity rates include access to shower house. rates are \$22.00 per night (GST included) for campers and RV's (includes all services). rates are \$13.00 per (GST included) night for tenters. Shower use for non-campers \$4.00 per person (GST included). Serviced sites monthly rate \$450.00 pay in advance requires an application process, inquire at the Village of Alert Bay Office Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Phone: (250) 974-5213. Campground is near Ecological Park, picnic area and nature trails special rates available for those staying a week or more

A c c o m m o d a t i o n s

Alert Bay Lodge
549 Fir Street
Alert Bay, BC
(250) 974-2410 or
1-800-255-5057
reservations@alertbaylodge.com
<http://www.alertbaylodge.com/>

Phone for Availability. Rate: \$115.00-\$125.00 per night. Includes Breakfast
Situated on one wooded acre and a ten minute walk from the Village, you'll find
our inn is more than a place to stay. Relax in our comfortable common room
and take in panoramic views of Johnstone Strait and the Vancouver Island
Mountain Range. Trade stories with fellow travellers, experience great meals
and our genuine hospitality. Tourism BC approved. At Alert Bay Lodge, the
coffee's always on!

Bayside Inn
81 Fir Street
Box 270
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5858

Double rooms \$55.00 per night
all rooms have cable TV
all rooms have showers
Pub open daily
ATM in Pub available during Pub Hours

Janet's Guest House
667 Fir Street
Box 229
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5947
janet@janetsguesthouse.com
<http://www.alertbayvacationrental.com/>

B&B \$80.00-\$90.00 per night
Whole house Rate:
\$200.00 per night, \$1,200.00 per week
rates include tax

Nimpkish Hotel
318 Fir Street
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-2324

Rate: \$90.00-\$185.00 per night

Oceanview Cabins Ltd.
390 Poplar Road
Box 470
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5457
Fax: (250) 974-2275
1-877-974-5457
info@alertbayresort.com
<http://oceanviewcabins.ca/>

All Cabins have queen size beds, pull out sofa, full kitchen: full size fridge,
stove, and all general utensils and appliances.
4 standard single cabins rates: \$90.00, 1 deluxe singles rate: \$100.00
1 bedroom deluxe rate: \$110.00, 6 two bedroom cabin rates: \$120.00,
2 deluxe two bedroom cabin rates: \$135.00
rate is based on double occupancy, additional persons \$10.00 per night. All
cabins non-smoking, pets are welcome in designated Cabins only at: \$20.00
per night

Passn Thyme Inn
4 Maple Road
Box 376
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-2670
wendy@passnthymeinn.com
<http://www.passnthymeinn.com/>

\$125.00 per night, double occupancy, \$10.00 per extra person per night includes
breakfast. If staying 2 or more nights \$99.00
sleeps up to 4 people, both have private bathrooms

Staying in the Bay
71B Orca Way
Alert Bay, BC
(250) 974-8456
stayinginthebay@gmail.com
<http://www.stayinthebay.ca>

Spacious one bedroom apartment; fully furnished
Two bedroom apartment with office
Bright southern exposure with water view
Well equipped kitchen, near eco-park and trails
cable TV, wireless Internet, Laundry Facilities available
Daily, weekly, monthly rates

Accommodations

The Seine Boat Inn
60 Fir Street
Box 252
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5310
info@seineboatinn.com
<http://www.seineboatinn.com>

\$110.00-\$180.00 per night
Queen size beds, satellite TV, free WIFI, Water Front,
Outside Deck, Kitchen Units, middle of Downtown,
Close to BC Ferry

Services

Village of Alert Bay
Heather Nelson-Smith
HeatherN-S@alertbay.ca
Adriana Pritchard
apritchard@alertbay.ca
(250) 974-5213
Fax: (250) 974-5470
<http://www.alertbay.ca>

- Municipal Hall
- ICBC. Autoplan and Driver Licensing
- Property taxes and utilities
- Photocopying and fax services
- Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Village of Alert Bay
Pete Nelson-Smith-Superintendent
PNelson-Smith@alertbay.ca
(250) 974-7091

- Public Works and after hour emergencies

Post Office
(250) 974-5433

- Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
- Thursday only 9:30 AM-6:00 PM

Cormorant Island Community
Health Centre (Hospital)

- (250) 974-5585
- 4 beds, Laboratory and X-ray Services, 10 bed multi-level care unit.

Dr. Susan Booth
48 School Road
(250) 974-5520

- Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Dr. AJ Brosseau
48 School Road
(250) 974-5520

- Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Dr. John Jensen
74 Fir Street
(250) 974-3106

- Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Namgis Dental Clinic
(250) 974-5205

- Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Alert Bay Drugstore
(250) 974-5712

- Pharmacy, Medicines, Medical Equipment, Gift-ware, Greeting cards, Phone Cards, Tobacco, Lottery, Stationary, and Jewelry
- Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-6:00 PM closed for lunch 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, 9:30 AM-5:00 PM
- **24 H ATM exterior of building**

Christine O'Donnell-R. Acu.
yolasapa@hotmail.com
(250) 974-2989

- Full Circle Clinic. R.Ac., ADS Acupuncture & Detox Specialist

S e r v i c e s

- IñKila Therapy
Christina Cook
22 Front Street
(250) 974-81282
maxinux44@yahoo.com
- Offering Traditional Chinese Medicine based modalities of bodywork. Shiatsu or Reiki \$50.00 per hour
Hot Stone or Swedish \$60.00 per hour
Also Ariculotherapy and Iridology. IñKila (Healing to make one feel good)
- Cormorant Island Hospital
Auxiliary Thrift Shop
5 Birch Road
- Tuesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Saturday 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
2000 Square ft of items. Large selection of clothes, books, electronics, tapes, cds, sporting goods and much more. We are located in the BlueLine Building at corner of Fir Street & Birch Road.
- Namgis Gas Station
33 School Road
(250) 974-5556 ext 3113
- Open Monday to Saturday 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Cash, Debit, MasterCard and Visa accepted
- Liquor Store-Government
21 Maple Road
(250) 974-5450
- Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM-5:30 PM
Closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM
Closed Statutory Holidays
- Bayside Inn
(250) 974-5858
- Cold Beer & Wine and Liquor Store
Daily, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM
- Municipal Dock
Eric Gregory-Manager
boatharbour@alertbay.ca
(250) 974-5727
- Mainly used for loading and unloading
- Boat Harbour
Eric Gregory-Manager
boatharbour@alertbay.ca
(250) 974-5727
- Moorage facilities available
- Sheltered dock
- VHF 66A
- Free Boat Launch
- downtown Fir Street next to Municipal Dock
- across from Indian Time Repair
- Aircraft landing strip
- 2,900 ft. paved runway
- 40 K Taxi and Charters
(250) 974-5525 or 974-5526
- Monday-Saturday, 6:30 AM-1:00 AM
- Sunday, 6:30 AM-12:00 AM
Charters available
- Looking Good Total Concept Salon
Box 479
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-2221
gorval@cablerocket.com
- Full service hair & esthetic salon, microdermabrasion, artificial nails, manicure, pedicures, waxing, men's & ladies colours and perms
airbrush tanning. Listen to the waves, relax and unwind Island Style
- Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Thursday, only 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
- Feeling Better Gym
(250) 974-2221
- \$5.00 drop in Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Key entry for members
- exercise while watching the sea life, birds and boats go by

S e r v i c e s

- Rocky Mountain Bikes - Bike Rentals, giant mountain bikes, great trails and Island touring
(250) 974-2221 - \$15.00 ½ Day, \$25.00 Full Day
- Jeffrey Jones & Company - Corporate and Commercial
Law Office - Will and Estates
(250) 973-2338
Fax: (250) 973-2337
<http://www.jjones-lawoffice.com>
- The Showroom Project - Movies, Art & More
257 Fir Street - DVD rentals and sales, original Art & Prints, candy chips & icecream
250-974-8525 and more!
showroomproject@yahoo.ca - Wednesday-Friday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM, Saturday 2:00-6:00

C h u r c h e s

- Anglican Christ Church - Sunday Service 10:00 AM
(250) 974-5844
- Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church - Mass held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at
(250) 974-5426 10:00 AM
- House of Prayer - Andrew Speck
(250) 974-2677 Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM
Wednesday Service 7:30 PM
Friday Service 7:30 PM

C h a r t e r s

Whale watching season is mid June-mid October

- Sea Smoke Whale Watching - A true Eco-tour with 27 years experience viewing killer (orcas),
Box 483 humpback and minke whales and numerous other marine mammals
Alert Bay, BC including dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions; all while touring
V0N 1A0 through the protected waters of Johnstone Strait & the Broughton
Phone: (250) 974-5225 Archipelago near Alert Bay and Alder Bay. Licensed skipper and
1-800-668-6722 deckhand and Transport Canada approved Passenger Vessel with
seaorca@cablerocket.com weatherproof clothing provided for comfort. Daily departures are from
<http://www.seaorca.com> the Government Dock in Alert Bay and from the Alder Bay Resort on
Vancouver Island. Our 4-5 hr 'Sail with the Whales' tour offers
exceptional service & value and includes the serving of beverages along
with fresh baked organic muffins & our traditional Devonshire Tea. If
you are looking for a unique and Eco-friendly experience, join us, our
carbon footprint is very small. There is no other whale-watching tour
like it on the BC coast! Rates: \$100.00 adult \$90.00 child
- Oceanview Cabins -Explore Historic Alert Bay and Area -Kayak Rentals
Marine Adventure Tours -Package & Group Discounts Available -Fishing & Hiking
(250) 974-5457 -Overnight & Day Charters -Sight Seeing Tours
1-877-974-5457 -Transport Canada Approved -Kayak Support
<http://www.oceanviewcabins.ca>

Charters

Whale watching season is mid June-mid October

Blackfish Adventures - May to October
Box 349 Eco-Adventure tourism company that provides guided kayaking
Alert Bay, BC tours into the remote wilderness of the Johnstone Straight and
V0N 1A0 Broughton Archipelago. Inquire about mutli-day custom guided tours.
1-888-269-7071 2 Hour Rate: Adult \$45.00 Teen (12-18) \$38.00 Under 12 \$30.00
<http://www.kayakbc-adventures.com> ½ Day Rate: Adult \$65.00 Teen (12-18) \$55.00 Under 12 \$45.00
Full Day Rate: Adult \$130.00 Teen (12-18) \$110 Under 12 \$90.00

Things to do

Lloyd's Lanes: Bowling alley (6 lanes) to book bowling alley **Edgar Colcol: 250-974-5448**

-Treatment Centre Monday 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
-League bowling Monday 7:30 PM-9:30 PM (October to April)
-Drop in Bowling Friday 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Alley Rental: Regular Bowling \$30.00 per hour, Cosmic Bowling \$40.00 per hour

Bicycling Ride your bike from one end of the town to the other, stopping along the way for a picnic. For more of a challenge, ride your bike up and down some of our hills, or try out our new biking trails all over the island. Stop by the Alert Bay Visitor Centre to pick up a Trail Guide.

Rocky Mountain Bikes Rentals, giant mountain bikes, great trails and Island touring \$15.00 ½ Day four hours, \$25.00 Full Day eight hours call: (250) 974-2221 gorval@cablerocket.com

Skate Board Park Designed by Spectrum Skate parks opened March 2013. The park houses a half pipe, stairs, quarter pipe rails, good for beginners & advanced, concrete, fenced in with an amazing view of Johnstone Strait. Located 185 Cedar Street, next to the Alert Bay Community Hall.

Walk Walk around the island. It is only 8 miles around along the beach. Please be aware that the tide comes right up to the tree line, so be aware of the tide. Try our new hiking trails throughout the whole island. Stop by the Alert Bay Visitor Centre to pick up a Trail Guide.

Tennis Spend a few hours playing tennis at the tennis courts adjacent to the Community Hall. Breakwater for an interesting experience, take a walk down to the rock breakwater (boat harbour) View and watch the fishermen at work. Learn the difference between a seiner, gillnetter, troller and watch them mend their nets.

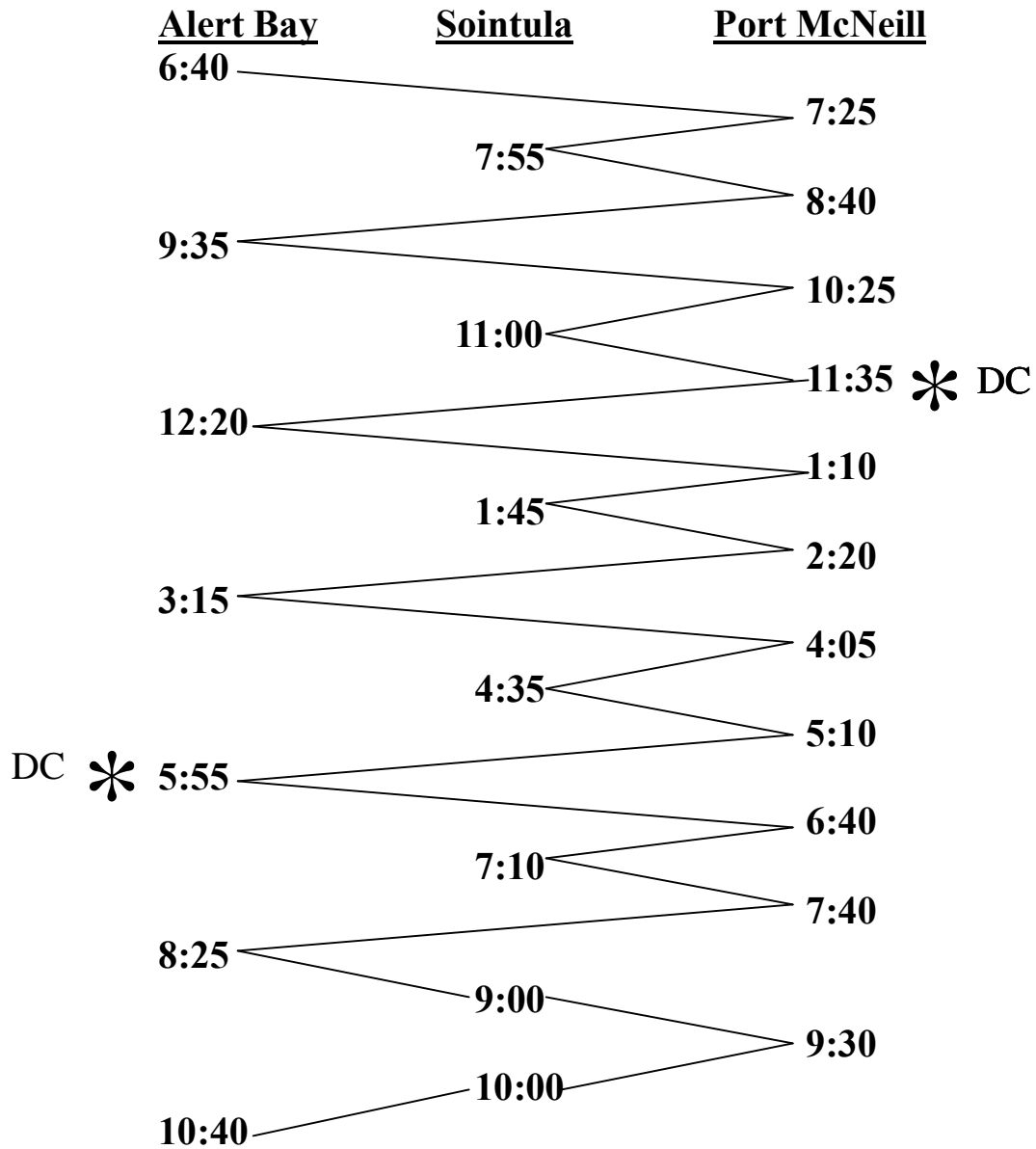
Beachcomb Take a walk on our beaches and look for lost treasures washed ashore by Pacific currents. Look for eagle feathers, periwinkles and driftwood polished smooth by gentle ocean waves.

Picnic Plan a picnic or outdoor barbecue in our picnic area located near the Alert Bay Campground and Ecological Park. Watch for soaring eagles, noisy ravens and dragonflies. There are other Picnic areas located along Fir and Front Streets.

Fishing Off the Fishing Pier (near the Nimpkish Hotel) or the Municipal Dock or other docks with a rod and reel. Fishing Licenses can be purchased at Rona (upstairs in Shop Rite Stores). Rona also sells fishing tackle.

Ferry Ride Take a 70 minute scenic ferry ride to Sointula on Malcolm Island via Port McNeill and visit Sointula, originally established by Finnish settlers in hopes of creating an utopian community. Bring your bike and camera.

BC Ferry Schedule
Alert Bay-Sointula-Port McNeill
Capacity 30 Vehicles 293 Passengers



**Note: Sunday's only, Quadra Queen II
will depart Alert Bay at 6:40 AM & Sointula at 7:10 AM
For more Information call: 250-956-4533**

*** Dangerous Cargo run each 2nd Tuesday Runs that effect Alert Bay:**

2014:	September 2, 16, 30	2015: January 6, 20
	October 14, 28	February 3, 17
	November 11, 25	March 3, 17, 31
	December 9, 23	

Alert Bay 2014 & 2015 Events Calendar

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Donna Myers (250) 974-2909	Sunday, April 5, 2015 8:30 AM-11:30 AM
Mothers Day Tea Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Donna Myers (250) 974-2909	Sunday, May 10, 2015 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
57th Annual June Sports First Nation Soccer Tournament, Salmon Prince & Princess, Pageant, Parade, Crowning of Salmon Prince & Princess, Kids races etc. -Nanagis First Nation (250) 974-5556	Thursday-Sunday, June 18-21, 2015
Tsasala Cultural Group Traditional Native Dance Performance in our Big House. Admission: \$15 per Adult, \$8 per child under 12 years. Special performances for groups 25 or more Andrea Cranmer (250) 974-5475 maxinux@cablerocket.com	July 2-August 29, 2015 Thursday's-Saturday's, 1:15 PM-2:15 PM
33rd Annual Alert Bay Seafest Super hero parade, kids zone, fishing derby, total fitness competition, dog run bike race, minute to win it, kids got talent, total jeopardy, so you think you know your family, spaghetti eating contest, table vendors, crafters, food, jewelry Facebook ðAlert Bay Seafestð or http://www.alertbayseafest.com Mike Croteau (250) 974-0005 evenings only	TBA
8th Annual Alert Bay ArtFest Showcasing Alert Bay Artists. Net loft, Government Dock Beth Dunlop (250) 974-2787 alertbayartists@gmail.com http://www.alertbayartists.com	TBA
Salmon Run Sue Bell (250) 974-9911 suebell@cablerocket.com	TBA
14th Annual Alert Bay Music Fest "Golden Jubilee Park" Bands to be announced <u>Advance Tickets \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child under 12. Advance sales cut off June 1, 2014. \$30.00 per adult \$15 per child (may change without notice) at the door.</u> Facebook ðAlert Bay Music Festð or http://www.alertbayseafest.com Mike Croteau (250) 974-0005 evenings only	TBA
7th Annual Alert Bay 360 Eco Paddle Kayak Race around Cormorant Island. Registration 8:00 AM Eric Gregory (250) 974-5727	Sunday, August 2, 2015 11:00 AM
Christmas Bazaar craft/food/jewelry/carving you-name-it tables Donna and Norman Stauffer (250) 974-5281	Saturday, December 6, 2014 4:00 PM
Breakfast with Santa Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Donna Myers (250) 974-2909	Sunday, December 7, 2014 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

Historic Background of Alert Bay

It was in the late 1700's, when Captain George Vancouver anchored his vessel, the H.M.S. Discover, at Xwalkw (mouth of the 'Namgis River). While Captain Vancouver visited the 'Namgis, the Island now known as Cormorant Island, lay just a short distance away. The 'Namgis First Nation used Cormorant Island as a place to bring their people who had passed on. They also lived on the Island on a seasonal basis.

In 1846, the Island was named for the coastal cruiser, the H.M.S. Cormorant and later, about 1858, the Bay was named after the H.M.S. Alert which was then stationed on the Northwest coast.

The period of 1865-1870, saw the beginning of active settlement on Cormorant Island and the nucleus of the formation of the Village of Alert Bay. Two explorers and entrepreneurs named Wesley Spencer and Aulden Huson examined the possibilities of resource development at Suquash and Gwa'ni (the 'Namgis River) before establishing on Cormorant Island. In 1870, they built a small saltery, where local salmon was salted and mildcured before being sent to Victoria. At that time Spencer and Huson leased Cormorant Island from the Government.

As their business grew, Spencer and Huson became aware of the need to establish a permanent work force on the Island. To this end the partners approached the Reverend James Hall, a missionary of the Church Missionary Society, who had just established a mission at Fort Rupert in 1877. They persuaded the Reverend to relocate to Alert Bay and in 1878, a mission house was built to school the first nation boys and girls.

By 1887, the settlement was beginning to show significant signs of progress. In 1881, a store and cannery were built. Reverend Hall supervises the construction of the "Christ Church," which was to achieve several goals such as: the learning of new trades to the first nations and the provision of construction material. A saw mill was established between 1886-1887. The saw mill eventually produced lumber to be used in the construction of homes and a new school for boys.

Government recognition of the growing community came during the 1890's, with the relocation of the Indian Agency from Fort Rupert to Alert Bay. That same year saw the arrival of law and order when the first Provincial Police Constable- Philip Woolacott was stationed in the community.

Education was of prime concern in those early days and in 1894, W.A. Corker was established as Principal of the newly constructed Residential School for boys. The school was situated on approximately 4-5 acres of land and was primarily established to teach the skills of carpentry, furniture making, boat building, animal husbandry, as well as regular academic school work, to first nation boys.

Water transportation has always been an important ingredient of Alert Bay's history. In 1896, the Union Steamship "Comox", made its first regular call while en-route to Rivers Inlet lying to the North. Many other ships representing a variety of purposes ranging from the transportation of goods, to the delivery of visitors who have come to our Island over the years. In more recent years, when the community was at its peak as the centre of the region, regular access was provided by ferry from Kelsey Bay via Beaver Cove. Regular ferry service is now provided from Port McNeill with direct runs to Alert Bay interspersed by trips to neighbouring Malcolm Island. 1902, saw British Columbia Packers Association purchase the cannery from its founders. In 1909, the first St. George's Hospital was opened. On June 10, 2004 St. George's Hospital was lost to fire.

A giant step was taken during 1911-1912, when the Dominion Government established the first communications system to link Alert Bay and other now-established communities in the region, also to the Southern centres of Vancouver and Victoria. The system comprised a very crude telegraph service but proved a useful tool to the local industry. In 1912, the Dominion Government built a wireless station in Alert Bay. The station operated principally as an aid to navigation, although was used in other capacities from time to time

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Despite this trend Alert Bay continued to develop and in 1925, a new St. George's Hospital was opened to replace the original building which suffered fire damage during 1923. That same year a beautiful chapel was built next to the hospital as a memorial to Mrs. Paterson Hall, who, upon her retirement as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada, was given an honorarium, which she in turn gave to the Columbia Coast Mission for the erection of the Memorial Chapel. The furnishings were the gift of Mrs. Georgina M. Pennell, also of the Montreal Diocesan Women's Auxiliary. The Toronto Women's Auxiliary, Babies' Branch, donated the baptismal font. The chapel is now located next to the century old Anglican Church.

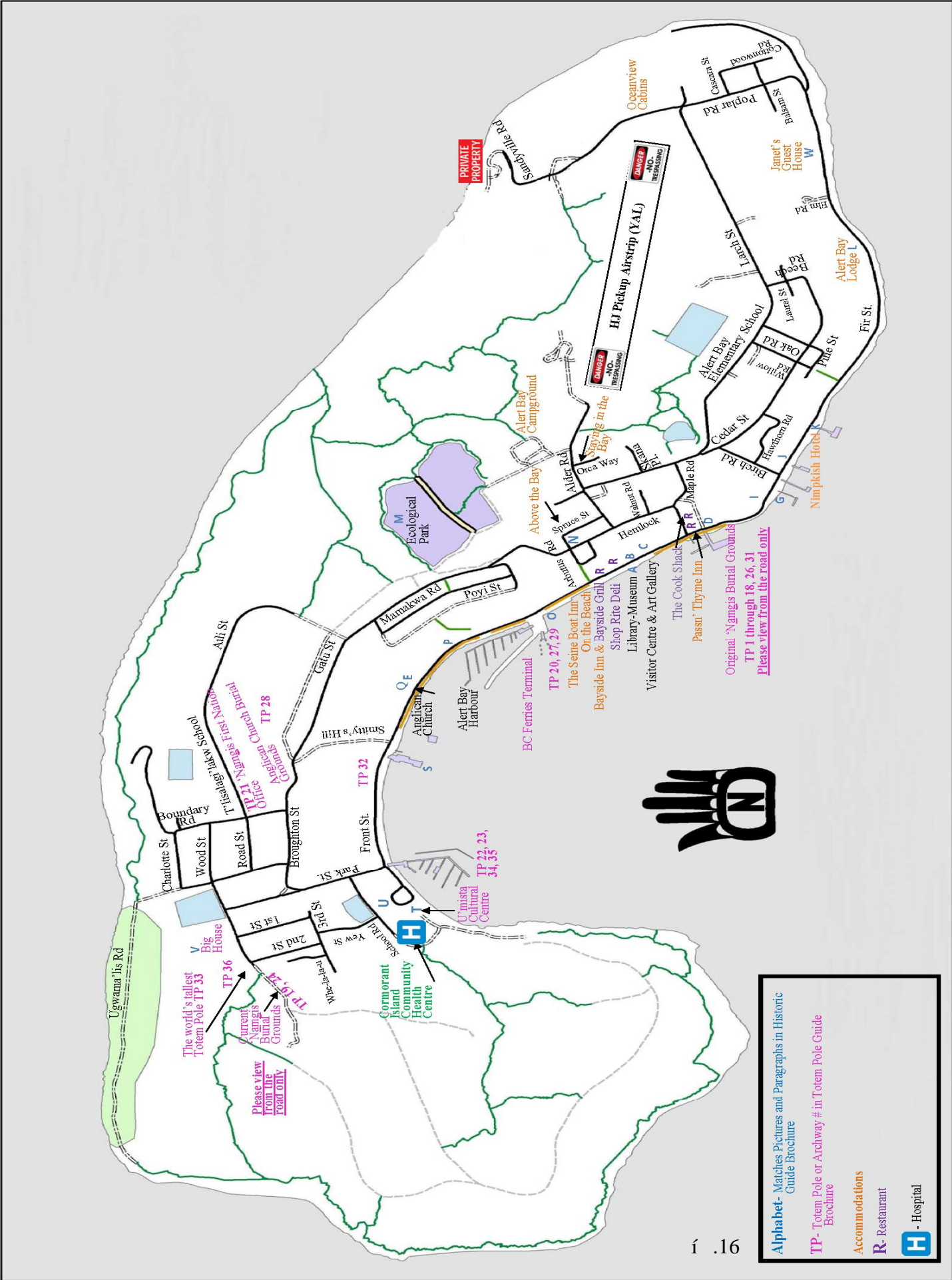
During 1929, the St. Michael's Residential School, now the 'Namgis House, was constructed to serve, educate and house native children from outlying areas in the region. The school was solidly built of brick and designed to accommodate 200 children aged from seven to fifteen years old. Our Residential School was one of the last ones to close in the early 1970's. The building is now owned by the 'Namgis First Nation.

Years passed and the community continued to diversify its activities to include dairy farming, raising of poultry, growing of vegetables, etc. The Nimpkish Hotel became an established part of the community providing accommodation for the traveler and entertainment for the local people.

In 1946, the Village of Alert Bay became incorporated. At the same time the region was commencing a new era of prosperity which would see profitable growth in the fishing and logging industries. Alert Bay flourished as the supply centre for necessary life-sustaining goods and provided the desired recreation and entertainment to the many people employed in fishing and logging. A community hall was built, electricity came to the community, a taxi service was established, a bus service operated on a limited scale and the volunteer firemen of Alert Bay received a shipment of their new fire engine.

Air transportation now began to serve an important role in the development of the community. By 1948, the first elements of an air transportation service had been established to serve the development of the area's natural resources. Until recently only float planes could operate from the Island but during 1972, a landing strip of wheeled aircraft was constructed. The runway which was paved during 1979 is approximately 2,900 feet long.

The present countenance of the Alert Bay community reflects much of its past history. Visitors to the area will be fascinated by the mixing and contrasting of the cultures. The native art forms are represented by their carving, paintings weaving and metal crafting. Artifacts and events of the past can be viewed in the community's U'mista Cultural Centre and the Library-Museum. Above all a casual stroll from one end of the community to the other instills one with an appreciation for the efforts of the early pioneers who carved themselves a place to live, work and created the roots of the village which now exists on Cormorant Island.



Alphabet: Matches Pictures and Paragraphs in Historic Guide Brochure

TP: Totem Pole or Archway # in Totem Pole Guide Brochure

Accommodations

R: Restaurant

H: Hospital