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Council Corner With Pat Corbett-Labatt

In the last few months, as a Councillor I have been trying hard to advocate and work hard for the Port Hardy community. This summer was busy with a number of committees and organizations:

- First Nations Relations committee – working with our First Nations friends and neighbours to discuss goals of common interest.
- Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture committee - working to better our recreation options and try to develop more opportunities.
- Port Hardy Farmers and Artisan Market planning group - this group celebrated their second year of offering homemade, homegrown and home baked products at their markets. They are part of the North Island Farmers and Market and were recently interviewed and photographed to be part of the BCFAM Trail.
- The Hardy Bay Seniors – this is an amazing group that I also work with. They have just finished up their Age Friendly Grant which allowed them to build a greenhouse and garden plus celebrate through various garden related events. Their new garden allows them to feed the seniors through healthy foods.
- Plan H Grant which is titled “Seasonal Eating Challenge” - has the intended outcome to increase the awareness of seasonally and locally available foods. This has been interesting, and a number of events have occurred – some of these include dandelion jelly workshop, adventure safety workshop, mushroom hunting, freezer blackberry jam making, dust off your dehydrator challenge. This grant will conclude soon with lots of learning.
- Mount Waddington Health Network - the goal of the health network is to engage with the community and improve the health status of Mount Waddington residents by advocating for better programs and services, strengthening the health capacity of local communities, and influencing public policy. This is a very interesting group of committed people working to advocate for our community’s social determinants of health especially in the areas of housing, youth, addictions and senior’s issues. We are currently planning for the next forum which is directed at seniors around future care plans.

~Thank you to the North Island for your continued support in the Communities initiatives.

Pat