

Vancouver Island's North Coast

The locations may be remote, but the possibilities are not!

Small, friendly and Affordable Communities

Do you enjoy being surrounded by magnificent scenery and outdoor recreation? Consider the joy of working in a close-knit, small-town community setting and the important role healthcare providers' play in these communities. We offer the best possible life-work balance with community focused teams, relocation assistance and an amazing lifestyle in one of Canada's best climates.

Rehabilitation Roles - Unique Opportunities in a Challenging Environment

Living and working in remote northern locations is not without its challenges but the rewards are enormous. You will work closely with the First Nations communities in places few visitors ever get to see.

Commute by Air - We have a special primary care team that flies into Kingcome and Gilford by helicopter every two weeks. The team is made up of physician and primary health care nurse who go in every trip. Based on needs and referrals, this team will also include an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, diabetes educator, dietician or mental health and addictions workers. Zeballos and Kyuquot are based on referrals and travel is either by road or by helicopter once a month when the physician flies in. Each of these two communities has a nursing station run by Island Health.

Distinctive Rehabilitation Teams – In Mount Waddington, our rehabilitation team incorporates a physiotherapist, occupational therapist and a rehabilitation assistant. New graduates receive practice support and mentorship from our experienced staff. Additional support for the community resource team comes from the rehabilitation teams in Campbell River.

Delivering More Coordinated Services - We are planning the development of an Integrated Primary Care Team to bring together primary, community and acute care services utilizing one electronic medical record (EMR). Our plan is for a team that includes a physician, nurse practitioner, registered nurse case manager, behaviourist and medical office assistant scheduler. All the community programs will be co-located and designed to work in patient-focused interdisciplinary teams to provide seamless access to care with a coordinated approach.

Know your Clients Better – Living and working in smaller communities give staff to get to know their clients better. In this role, you follow your clients from facility to the community which provides for better continuity of care.

Living and Working Here

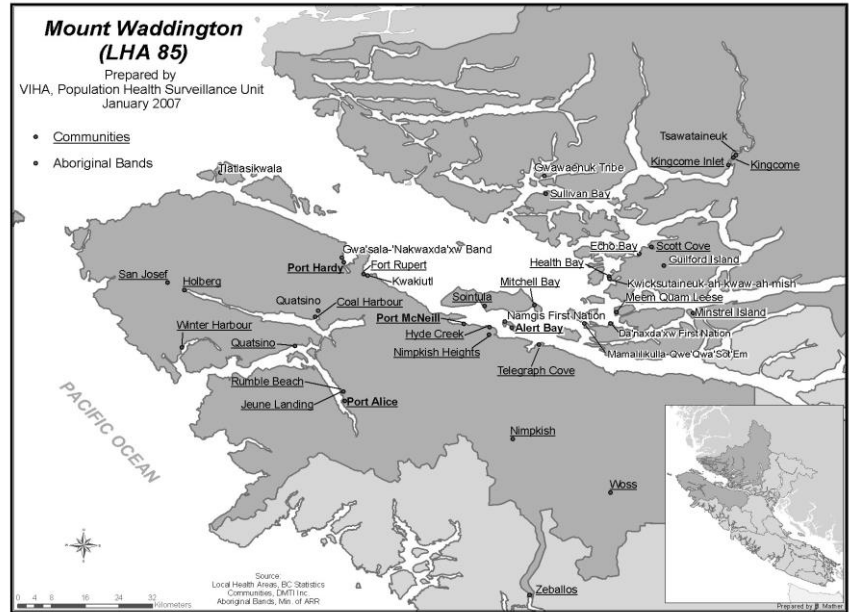
We recently asked our employees what they think about living and working in Mount Waddington area and this is a summary of some of their comments:

- Laid-back lifestyle, affordable housing and awesome neighbours make it a great place to raise children
- Plenty to do for outdoor enthusiasts - surrounded by wildlife and easy access to beaches, fishing, camping, boating, kayaking, hiking trails, bike riding, skiing and community facilities such as a curling rink, swimming pool and reasonable sports times for hockey
- At work, the smaller facilities means you get to know your patients as well as your co-workers and you don't get lost in the shuffle
- Good working environment with coworkers as we enjoy a high level of independence that the remote communities offer plus you can work in a variety of settings plus the opportunity to move around within the organization

The **Regional District of Mount Waddington** is a unique area that encompasses the northern area of Vancouver Island as well as the adjoining parts of mainland British Columbia and the numerous small islands situated between the two, centered around the Queen Charlotte Strait. The Mount Waddington, located on the mainland, is the highest peak in BC with an elevation of 4,019 m (13,186 ft) surrounded by glaciers.

The administrative centre is in the town of Port McNeill. Other municipalities include the district municipality of Port Hardy and the villages of Port Alice, Alert Bay and Sointula.

Learn more about this fascinating area by visiting the rdmw.bc.ca and vancouverislandnorth.ca websites.



Northern Vancouver Island Communities

PORT HARDY is the largest community, with approximately 4,000 residents. Visitors and residents enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities, shopping and a lively local arts and cultural scene. Nanaimo is just four and a half hours south by car. Port Hardy boasts a commercial airport with regular flights to Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and other coastal communities. It is also the southern terminus of BC Ferries' Inside Passage and Discovery Coast ferries.

PORT MCNEILL with a population of approximately 2,500 is the centre of the northern Vancouver Island's logging operations and located four hours north of Nanaimo by car. The town's sheltered harbour is a launching point for sports fishing enthusiasts.

PORT ALICE is located on beautiful Neroutsos Inlet, southwest of Port McNeill. With 800 residents, it is an attractive, well-planned village with a shopping area, a hotel, RV campsite, liquor store, hospital, library, excellent restaurants, fuel facility, boat launch and yacht club. There is a fully equipped recreational complex with weight room, hockey rink and curling ice rink. In summer, an indoor swimming pool is installed in the arena.

ALERT BAY is located on Cormorant Island with a population Less than 500. Alert Bay is easily accessible by a scenic ferry ride from Port McNeill and the small, picturesque fishing village of Sointula on Malcolm Island. It is the oldest community on northern Vancouver Island and has been the traditional home of the Namgis First Nation for several thousand years. Ferry service runs continuously between Port McNeill, Sointula and Alert Bay seven days a week.

SOINTULA is located on Malcolm Island, near Alert Bay and northeast of Port McNeill with a population of approximately 800. It is part of the 'Namgis First Nation territory. The first residents of Malcolm Island formed the Sointula Co-operative Store Association in 1909 making it British Columbia's oldest running cooperative, providing local goods and supplies including a hardware store and gas station. The Co-op remains the centre of commerce and social hub of the island. Sointula is reached by a 20 minute ferry ride from Port McNeill.

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