



Howe Sound

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Arbutus Sounds

Arbutus Sounds Chorus is an all-ages, women's barbershop chorus that performs at various events and competitions, and at seniors and nursing homes.

If you'd like to book the chorus for an event or if you're interested in joining, you'll find more information at www.arbutussounds.org.

Howe Sound Pulp and Paper recently assisted the Arbutus Sounds Chorus in reaching their goal of purchasing a learning tapes recorder.



Marcel Falardeau receives Governor General's medal

"There's a lot of pride and satisfaction in belonging to a fire department, it doesn't matter which one," says Marcel Falardeau.

Marcel was recently awarded the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal for 20 years of service as a volunteer firefighter at Howe Sound Pulp & Paper.

According to Marcel, one of the greatest benefits of belonging to a volunteer fire department is the camaraderie between fellow firefighters. "There's a lot of satisfaction at the end of the day, when you know that everyone did well."

Anyone considering volunteering should follow their heart and put in the time, Marcel maintains. "You have nothing to lose—it gets you to be a better person."



Marcel Falardeau (centre) receiving the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal from General Manager Operations Fred Fominoff (left) and fire chief Wally Dempster.

QUICK FACT

The world's first sheet of paper was made 2,200 years ago in China out of old fishing nets. Today paper may be made out of eucalyptus, bamboo, rags, hemp, linen, and cotton fibres, depending on where you live and what materials are readily available. Waterproof paper—which is used in mariners' maps, courier envelopes and some currencies—is made out of synthetic fibres such as polyolefine and latex.

Learning the story of paper



Grade 4, 5, and 6 students at Langdale Elementary made their own paper for Valentines Day.

For literacy week, the grade 4 and 5 students at Langdale Elementary didn't just write a story on paper—they wrote it about paper! Students created three-dimensional stories of how often paper can touch our lives, every day.

In "The Paper Story" the protagonist wakes up to find toilet paper all through the house after his puppy gets hold of a roll.

A young boy in "Lost" goes "way, way, way, too far" into the forest one day and can't find his way back. Luckily he has his safety backpack with him. "He looked in it and had a magazine"—which gives him tips on how to survive.

"The Alien with Paper" comes to earth to refuel—with paper. He's only satisfied once he's taken all of the paper at Howe Sound Pulp &

Paper and Langdale Elementary with him on his spaceship.

Langdale Elementary students toured the mill and took the paper-making workshop offered by Howe Sound Pulp & Paper so they could both see and learn how paper is made. Schools interested in a tour or workshop can contact Community Relations at 604-884-2575.

Making paper white

Papermaking is an ancient process. But that doesn't mean that the process can't be improved upon. One of the best changes in the recent past has been a movement to more environmentally-friendly bleaching.

In order to make paper white, the pulp fibres need to be bleached. In the past, this was accomplished by using elemental chlorine. Elemental chlorine has many detrimental effects to the environment, including

the production of the toxin dioxin.

At Howe Sound, elemental chlorine use for bleaching ended in 1997. Instead we use a combination of chlorine dioxide, oxygen, hydrogen peroxide, and sodium hydroxide for whitening. The change in the bleaching process resulted in a 95% reduction in chlorinated organic compounds and virtual elimination of dioxins from our waste water.

Learn how newsprint and kraft pulp are made on a mill tour

We offer free mill tours throughout the year.

Highlights include:

- An introduction to the colourful history of Port Mellon.
- Watching the newsprint machine operate at over one kilometer per minute.
- Visiting the state-of-the-art computer stations that control every element of the pulp and paper process.
- Seeing how kraft pulp is cut, compressed, and baled for shipping.
- Viewing the deep-sea port where newsprint and kraft pulp

are loaded onto ships for transport around the globe.

Reservations are required. For more information call 604-884-2575 or email tours@hspp.ca



Wellness Committee

A new wellness committee is helping Howe Sound employees make healthier work/life choices.

Timely to the RSP season, the committee's first two lunch & learn sessions were on fostering financial health. A representative from a local financial institution provided employees with some useful tools for managing debt and planning for retirement. The topic was popular—with over 80 employees attending!

The wellness committee is made up of volunteers from across the company. Committee member Corrinne Powers works as an electrician at the mill. "If we spark some motivation in our employees to live a healthier lifestyle, we're doing our job," says Corrinne.

Throughout the year, the committee intends to make the most of community resources, asking as many different local presenters as possible.



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