

APRIL NEWSLETTER



PNWTS APRIL UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADP EFFECTIVE FOR RECORDING WORK TIME

NO MORE TIMESHEET

Please use your ADP app to check in & out for your shift.

LEGAL NAME CHANGE

CVS CRUISE VICTORIA LTD. changed its name to PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION SERVICES LTD.

PNWTS SOCKS FOR EVERYONE

If you haven't received one from your supervisor. Please stop by Sabrina's desk or request from your supervisor.

2024 Pre-season training has completed successfully. Thank you for the participation. Training material will be sent out soon.

For those employees who participated the Disability Training, please fill out the "Participant Evaluation Form":

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeM7NvUypvZOXOdeQsP_aM4zrhgVSPmNlnI3zyjHxIji0GEzQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

PNWTS has been certified as a BC Benefit Company.

BC Benefit Company Statement - This company is a benefit company and, as such, has purposes that include conducting its business in a responsible and sustainable manner and promoting one or more public benefits.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PNWTS HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED. A HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF EMPLOYEE AND MANAGEMENT MEMBERS. THE MANAGEMENT MEMBERS ARE SELECTED BY THE MANAGEMENT (EMPLOYER). THE EMPLOYEE MEMBERS ARE SELECTED BY OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Management Members:

Isabella Lai, Mark Rosario, Saoirse Rosta, Gene Vowles

Employee Members:

Wendy Anslow (Shuttle Team), Simon Baker (GT Team), Jerad Lamarche (Driver Team), Lynn White (Cleaning Team),

Dates To Note:

April 2 - World Autism Acceptance Day

April 22 - International Earth Day

April 28- National Day of Mourning

April 28- Day of Safety and Health at Work

April is Celebrate Diversity Month, a celebration that was initiated in 2004 to recognize and honour the diversity surrounding us all.

Our purpose is to contribute to a resilient community in which we live, work and play. We serve our community through meeting the transportation needs of our guests with courtesy, efficiency and with environmental excellence.

THE START OF OUR JOURNEY

The Breakwater District, also known as Ogden Point, is situated on the territory of the ləkʷəŋən (Lekwungen) speaking people of the Esquimalt, Songhees and *WSÁNEĆ* (Wh-say-nech) First Nations. This is the space where they once lived, foraged and fished and they depended on this beautiful setting for their livelihood. The paintings on The Unity Wall that greet ship, crew and passengers today depicts the sacred relationship between the “land, the sea and Coast Salish peoples” and gives us a glimpse of the life of the gracious and industrious people who were here first.

As settlement occurred, the first piers were built in 1883 to support business and trade. The point was named after a trader and explorer from the Hudson’s Bay Company named Peter Skene Ogden. Since then, these natural deep-water harbors have landed a variety of trade and passenger vessels, expanding with the completion of the breakwater in 1916 and of the wharves in 1918. This area was once host to a rail station, grain terminals, fish plants and lumberyards with the first cruise ship docking in 1969. All this came to an economic pause in 1984 and the grounds lay quiet for nearly two decades before being revitalized to an active hub with a multitude of activities, including the transportation services provided by PNWTS.

We want to honor those who were here first and share their story, giving our guests an opportunity to know that the land from where we start and end is the original ləkʷəŋən (Lekwungen) territory of the Songhees, Esquimalt and *WSÁNEĆ* First Nations. To achieve this, a short acknowledgment video is being developed for drivers to share with their onboard guests at the beginning of each journey.