



Port Alberni City Councillor, Tom Verbrugge

As a proud, lifelong resident of Port Alberni, I am deeply committed to this Valley where I have raised my family.

With most of my career dedicated to the logging industry, I have consistently adapted to challenges. When logging faced a downturn in the early 1990s, my wife and I seized the opportunity to open a successful bed and breakfast. Following another decline in logging, I launched a Christmas tree farm on the northwest end of the local airport, which I continue to operate with great success.

Over the past three years I've also worked alongside my son and his girlfriend in the seafood processing industry, further enhancing our local economy.

My extensive experience in racing—both on pavement and dirt tracks—has equipped me with invaluable skills in teamwork and leadership. As an active member of the IORRA at Alberni Motorsports Park/ Woodward's Pit, I race five weekends a year, volunteer for track maintenance and play a vital role in shaping our rules and policies for the benefit of all members.

I am dedicated to listening, learning and finding effective solutions that consider everyone's viewpoints. Engaging with our community is my priority because I believe diverse opinions lead to informed and inclusive decisions for the Alberni Valley.

I look forward to hearing people's thoughts and working together to create a brighter future for our community.