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Port Alberni, BC:

The Chamber of Commerce through its upcoming Tri-Conic Challenge – an event sponsored in part by Canada 150 as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations is pleased to invite local Children to our 3 day, build your own event.

Bill Collette – Chair of the Tri-Conic Team of volunteers confirms today that the generosity of the local community has exceeded all expectations for this event. According to Collette total contributions have now surpassed \$100,000.00 when one considers the cash and in-kind donations.

Collette confirms that they've received major – Tri-Conic Level support from the City of Port Alberni, AV News, CTV Vancouver Island, Boston Pizza, Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Pacific Seaplanes, Port Alberni Port Authority, and many other organizations – too many to list. Please see: [www.triconic.ca](http://www.triconic.ca) for the full listing.

This week the organization announced a unique and unexpected contribution that allow for local children/youth to participate courtesy of Westcoast Home Hardware or Walk the Coast. Those businesses who always step up to assist the community have both agreed to cover the registration costs of ANY youth in Port Alberni. Collette also confirms that the registrations can be for either the Run the train, bike the boat, swim the plane or....all three. He further mentions that fees for the event range from a low of \$15.00 for the younger children targeted Smolt level Bike or Swim to \$140.00 for the Challenge Level Bike Ride that includes a lift home on the Frances Barkley, a Tech Quality Bike Shirt and a Salmon Feast on the Beach courtesy of HUU-AY-AHT First Nation.

Any interested Child, Youth or Parent on behalf of their children are encouraged to contact either the Chamber of Commerce , Home Hardware or Walk the Coast for information on how to access this Community Contribution. Maximum value of the Registration Offering is \$300.00 for youth between the ages of 16 and 19 who wish to do all three events – the Iconic Marathon, the Challenge Bike Ride and Iconic Swim of 4000m. All Children/Youth registrants will require Parent/Guardian approval and release.

The Tri-Conic Challenge / Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce