

M: Hi, I'm Paul Malcomson.

I: Hi Paul. So you've got this tattoo on your right forearm and it's a beaver holding an axe and he looks like obviously a lumberjack. Can you tell me the story behind your tattoo?

M: Yeah, just, I'm a real proud Canadian, so when I decided to get some ink work done, I wanted to incorporate Canada. And a lumberjack beaver I thought would be, you know, something special and, yeah, something that I'd always like to have. I'm going to be getting other ones on my arm. Maybe a moose eating poutine. And some Mounties and hockey players as well, so I'm going to make a whole Canadian sleeve out of it.

I: Great. And how long did that one take? That's quite a large piece.

M: Yeah, I have a good ink guy in Nanaimo there. That took about 3 hours for everything. So, yeah. Took a lot longer to heal, but it was, yeah, it was worth it.

I: And now you've got on your right, the back of your right leg, and what's that one?

M: That's a tattoo of Vancouver Island. With the capital marked out, Victoria, where I was born.

I: OK. And is it going to get filled in as time goes on?

M: I might. I might add some things to it, yeah, as we go along. Maybe some trees and other special places. Maybe Port Alberni.

I: And how long have you lived in Port Alberni?

M: For most of my life. Probably about 35 years.

I: Great. Well, thanks very much.

M: Hey, no problem, Thank you.