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**"Gateway to the
Wilderness"**



Village Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9:00am to 1:00pm

Crime Stoppers Alert

Masset RCMP is seeking public assistance with a Break & Enter at Angela's Gas Bar early in the morning of June 24, 2016. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the RCMP at 250-626-3991 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. There is a reward of up to \$2000 for information that leads to an arrest and charge.

Your Emergency Preparedness Kit

Everyone should make themselves an emergency kit and store it in a tote or backpack that is easy to access in case you need to leave your home in a hurry. Here are the recommended items to include:

- A basic First Aid Kit
- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- At least 3 days supply of non-perishable food, manual can opener and four litres per person per day of drinking water
- Garbage bags, moist towelettes
- Seasonal clothing and footwear for several days



BE SAFE—BE PREPARED!!



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Enjoy the remainder of summer

THE LEADER
MAYOR'S REPORT

My first full year as Mayor of our quaint community was both rewarding and trying. The balance between considering all parties' individual interests and the Village's mandatory obligations is complex and challenging. Personally for me, the largest challenge was the Conflict of Interest. In a small community, based heavily on logging as the main economic driver, there will always be some level of conflict. Government legislation does not allow for any leeway whether the issue is financial, employment, volunteer or familial connections. This becomes more apparent in a small community as opposed to a city due to our

interconnectedness. Three members of Council were found to be in Conflict of Interest around a rezoning application in the Industrial Park. This required a ruling from the BC Supreme Court for Council to be allowed to make a decision. This decision was appealed and a second BC Supreme Court decision upheld the original one. I found the process difficult and did my best to try and insure that the experience did not divide the community. The nice part is Council has come together and found a balance to move things forward. We have been successful with a number of grant applications and expect

some significant progress on projects to happen in 2016 - the first of which is the biomass project which went live in March 2016. We are fortunate to have dedicated management and employees in the Port Clements Village Office and Public Works. This has made the job of Mayor much easier and I am grateful we have such competent people looking after our community. It has been my privilege to be your Major in 2015.



CANADA DAYS RECAP

Port Clements Canada Day Thank You's

Group/Sponsors

Angela's Place, Budgies' Backpackers, Delmas Co-op, Bayview, Canadian Armed Forces, Fast Fuels, Masset RCMP, HG Recreation, O'Brien & Furest Logging Ltd., Northern Credit Savings Union, Parks Canada, Rangers, Village of Masset, SWA/Waste Management, Rod & Gun Club, Village of Port-Office and Public Works, 24/7 Youth Group, Taan, Port Clements Fire Department, Vancouver Island Regional Library

People

Aaron Cunningham, Alan Lore, Angela Mielecki, Bev and Dale Lore, Charleen O'Brien Anderson, Danielle & Rob Kidd, Clint & Jasmine Beachy, Colleen & Craig Beachy, Dave Logan, David Standbridge, Eli Beachy, Emma Taylor, Fergus Wilson, Germain Vigneault, Harmonie Blais, Jay & Tina Ooishi, Jessie Fletcher, Jennifer Rice (MLA), Kim Mushynsky, Marion Adams, Marilyn Bliss, Matt Gaspar, Oliver Bell, Pat & Doug Johnson, Penny Cheer, Penny Richardson, Ron Haralson, Salal Ewasiuk, Sean O'Donoghue, Shirley Weigum, Stan Thomas, Stryker Bergstrom, Sue Couch,

Volunteers "In Training"

Isabelle Brossoit, Annabelle Turton

Events and Winners:

Paddle Race Winners:

Kayak: Jamal and Issa

Canoe:

Daphne and friend
Kaz and Harmonie

Fishing Derby Winners:

BIGGEST CATCH: Sachi
RUNNER UP: Jadelyn
MOST CATCH: Taimen
RUNNER UP: Daris
SMALLEST CATCH: Logan
RUNNER UP: Britney
HIDDEN LENGTH: Jeremy
RUNNER UP: Rhys

Parade Winners:

Best Theme Float: O'Brien & Furest Logging Ltd.

Best Commercial Float: Infinity West

Best Non-Commercial/Service Club: Parks Canada

Most Humorous Float: Mermaids and Hunters

Best Theme Clown: The Sea Hags

Best Motorcycle, ATV or Lawn Mower: RCMP

Best Dressed Animal: Bree's Cat

Best Decorated Bikes, wagons, or strollers:

7 years or older: 1) Sean 2) Charles & Sequoia 3) Quinley

8 to 11 years old: 1) Bree 2) Lilah 3) Austin

12 and older: 1) Tori 2) Annabelle 3) Harmonie

Bird House Winners:

Fran Fowler and Erin Brookfield

Bike Winners:

Tracy Dorrington and Oliver Bell

People's Choice Mini Golf Hole:

Angela's Place- mini golf hole built by Germain Vigneault

Rod and Gun Club- mini golf hole built by Jay Ooishi

Bayview – mini golf hole built by Danielle and Rob Kidd and Dave Logan

Port Clements Logger Sports Results 2016

King Logger- Shain Olson

Queen Logger- Harmonie Blais

Men's Choker Set-

1st- Shain Olson 2nd- Jesse Myles

3rd- Connor Miller

Men's Axe Throw

1st- Shain Olson 2nd- John Houston

3rd- Tearakau Houston

Men's Power Saw Buck

1st-Jasin Wourms 2nd- Jesse Myles

Men's Cross Cut

1st- Tearakau Houston & Shain Olson

2nd- Jasin Wourms & Jesse Myles

3rd- Connor Miller & Jacob Hicher

Men's Obstacle Pole Buck

1st- John Houston 2nd- Shain Olson

3rd – Jasin Wourms

Men's Underhand Block Chop

1st- Connor Miller 2nd- Shain Olson

3rd- Maarten VanDerMinne

Men's Log Burling

1st- John Houston 2nd- Shain Olson

3rd- Connor Miller

Jack & Jill Cross Cut

1st- Shain Olson & Verna Hunter

2nd- Maarten VanDerMinne & Michelle Pullan

3rd- Jasin Wourms & Iritana Houston

Women's Choker Set

1st- Harmonie Blais 2nd- Iritana Houston

3rd- Verna Hunter

Women's Axe Throw

1st- Harmonie Blais 2nd-Verna Hunter

3rd- Leah Croft

Women's Cross Cut Doubles

1st- Iritana Houston & Verna Hunter

2nd – Harmonie Blais & Charleen O'Brien

3rd- Leah Croft & Sian Nalleweg

Women's Nail Drive

1st- Iritana Houston 2nd- Harmonie Blais

3rd- Verna Hunter

Women's Wood Toss

1st- Verna Hunter 2nd- Harmonie Blais

3rd- Iritana Houston

Women's Log Burling

1st Harmonie Blais 2nd- Sian Nalleweg

3rd- Leah Croft

Men's Arm Wrestling Champ- Brett Hart

Women's Arm Wrestling Champ- Harmonie Blais

Greased Pole- Mervin Leach, Jesse Myles & JP Peerless

A DISCUSSION ABOUT DOGS

At the July 18th Council meeting a bylaw amendment and a new bylaw were discussed and eventually passed first reading. They were in response to ongoing complaints and concerns regarding dogs running loose in Port Clements. The complaints and worries run the gambit of concern for the potential of a serious injury to a person, especially a child, due to a dog bite, to concerns over road safety when driving a vehicle and avoiding dogs on the road to nuisance complaints from dogs messing up other people's property. All valid and reasonable complaints.

One of the challenges in a small community are the costs associated with dog complaints. The Village of Port Clements does not have the capacity to have someone capturing dogs and then building the necessary infrastructure to house them. This idea has been discussed by past and present Council and dismissed as impractical. The discussion then turns to what we can do to try and educate people on responsible dog ownership.

The concept that we are looking to implement for January 1, 2017 is that we would make licensing of dogs mandatory in Port Clements and then establish a ticketing bylaw which would give us that legal authority to fine people who did not license their dogs and also to fine people who allow their dog to roam freely in the community. There are still costs associated with this concept but they

should be substantively less than a dog catcher and pound concept.

About 10 residents showed up on the 18th and a good discussion ensued in regards to how this ticketing concept might work. Again we have to work within the constraints of existing staff workloads so it is envisioned that the public will become part of the solution. Residents would be required to license their dogs for a one time fee of \$15.00 and they would then be issued a dog tag which is numbered and matched to the license documents. There would be an additional \$5 fee if someone required a replacement dog tag. This would help us determine, if a dog is roaming freely, whose dog it is—assuming that the dog has a tag. If people do not get tags for their dogs and they are roaming town then there are two infractions—being unlicensed which would be a \$25 fine and being at large which starts at a \$50 fine and increases if caught more than once in a calendar year. The community assistance would come in the form of people taking pictures of an offending dog so that we can over time collect a data base of the unlicensed dogs in Port Clements and match that with owners.

People may choose not to pay fines which would then require that the Village take them to Small Claims Court to enforce payment. This costs money and takes up staff time. However it may be a necessary part of the educational period while we work to try and change behaviours of pet owners in our community. The licensing fees collected would be set aside to defray some of these additional costs.

Council will be talking about this issue again at the August 2nd & 15th Council meetings if you would like to be included in the discussion.