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"Gateway to the
Wilderness"



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

September 30, 1912

Port Clements was
named...this year is the
100th Anniversary!!!

We will be incorporating
this celebration into the
Canada Day Event. Please
call Matt Gaspar to get
involved 557-2409.



Don't forget that school zones are in effect from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday thru Friday. The maximum speed in any school zone is 30km/h. Bayview Drive, Park Street, Cedar Ave West, Hemlock Ave and Tingley Street are all designated school zones. Next time you come by check your speed.

Thanks.



PORT CLEMENTS MUSEUM

The Port Clements museum was founded in 1987 by a group of dedicated residents who had formed the Port Clements Historical Society. The museum features outdoor displays of logging and industrial equipment used locally in the past as well as indoor displays of household, smaller industrial tools, and memorabilia from days gone by. Most of these items were generously donated to the museum by local residents or people who once lived in the area.

The Historical Society is also custodian of thousands of photographs offering a pictorial history of the Islands, the people, and families who worked to shape what the Islands are today. Many of these photographs are on display at the museum.

The museum is open in the summer months from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm seven days a week. During the winter months, it is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Over 1,500 visitors come to the museum each year and most visitors leave being very impressed by the experience. Although most of the work at the museum is done by a marvelous group of volunteers, there are usually three people employed to work as desk attendants. This is a good job for students looking for summer employment and many young people from our community have used this position to gap the transition to post-secondary education.

The work to keep the museum vibrant and expanding will never be completed. The Historical Society always welcomes new members as well as volunteer help. They meet at the museum at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month.

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Coming events

- Alternate Fitness
Tues/Thurs 12:40-1:20 Senior's Room
- Adult Karate
January 16-Mar.12
Mondays 7-8:30
GYM
- Youth Karate
January 16-Mar. 12
Mondays 3:15-4:15
GYM
- Library Hours
Wed. 3-5 & 6-8
Fridays 3-6
- Council Meetings
1st & 3rd Mondays of
each month. 7:30pm
in Council Chambers

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THE LEADER

What's on your mind for 2012?

I would like to welcome our new Mayor and Council for 2012-2014:

Mayor Cheer
Councillor Falconbridge
Councillor Gaspar
Councillor Gould
Councillor Thomas

A priority of Mayor and Council is to hear your opinions. Suggestions have been put forward to have regular town-hall meetings and/or to circulate a survey to gather information. What do you think? What are your priorities for 2012 for Port Clements? What would you like to see for Port Clements in the next 3-5 years? How can the Mayor and Council help move us in that direction? These are just some of the questions we will be tackling over the coming year and any and all input into where we want to see our town heading would be greatly appreciated. Come to a Council meeting, email us, let us know **what's on your mind for 2012.**

There have been some changes in the office in the last year. With the exodus of Administrator Heather Nelson-Smith in November and with Pete following her shortly the new line up for Village of Port Clement's staff include:

Kim Mushynsky—formerly a resident of Port Clements and now living in Masset, Kim has lived on the islands for the last 21 years and is familiar with both Municipal issues (having worked as CFO for the Village of Masset) and island issues as well. Learning where to find information in the office, learning to jog and economic development are **what's on Kim's mind for 2012.**

Sean O'Donoghue— is arriving from Blue River, BC via Vancouver Island with wife Christina and 3-year-old daughter. Sean was the certified operator of the Blue River water system which underwent a similar upgrade to its water treatment plant as Port Clements is experiencing, complete with all the modern bells and whistles.

A priority for Sean in Public Works in 2012 will be the successful commissioning and implementation of the new water treatment system. Beach combing, getting to know his new community and his new job is **what's on Sean's mind for 2012.**

Sharon Ferretti began in the office in April 2011. Sharon brings with her a wealth of administrative experience. Getting her first year under her belt so that she feels better equipped to serve the residents of Port Clements is **what's on Sharon's mind for 2012.**

Carey Thwaites, a long term resident of Port Clements, began work in Grounds-keeping and maintenance for Public Works in March 2011. Although not full time, the Village manages to complete more projects with Carey working approximately 9 months of the year. Continuing to learn all about Public Works is **what's on Corey's mind for 2012.**

Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department

Every Wednesday night you may hear the wail of sirens emanating throughout Port Clements. That's the sound of our local volunteers practicing.

Our department, currently standing at 15 members with 3 juniors, is headed by Chief Craig Beachy and newly

appointed Deputy Chief Clint Beachy. With the departure of former Deputy Chief and Training Officer Pete Nelson-Smith, we see Kazimir Falconbridge take up the task of Training Officer to help ready the members for any eventuality.

Practices are every Wednesday from 7:30pm to 9pm. We're always looking for more members so please contact Chief Craig Beachy at 250-557-4421 or just show up at the Fire Hall located by the Municipal Office at 7:30 on a Wednesday.

Port Clements—We need you....

Many community activities are provided to our town by volunteers. We appreciate the efforts of these individuals to make our community a better place to live. Without volunteers these programs would not happen. That is why we are looking for energetic volunteers to help out on our various committees.

Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm

Emergency Preparedness Committee - this committee meets approximately 3 times per year. Check with Councillor Falconbridge for the next meeting date.

Canada Day Celebration (this year includes the 100th anniversary of the naming of Port Clements) - Contact Councillor Matt Gaspar for updates on the 2012 Canada Day Plans.

Recreation Commission - The Rec. Commission meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Tourism Committee - The Tourism

Volunteers of Port Clements



We need you!

What happened to our water?

In January non-protected pipes that burst due to freezing conditions left our village with little and then no water over the span of a weekend with no warning. Several of the leaks that the Village detected, or were reported to us, were from vacant homes and properties, but there were likely several un-reported leaks as well as we lost over 300,000 litres (over 66,000 imperial gallons) in the span of less than 8 hours. This situation inconvenienced all the residents of Port Clements as the water needed to be shut off over an extended period of time in order to re-build our water reserve. It also had the potential

of putting the town at risk due to insufficient water reserves to combat a fire if one had occurred.

We wish to thank all of those who helped out during this situation and to thank you for your patience as we sought to address the issues causing the problems. However it is important to note that Village water responsibility ends at the curb-stop. Water lines on the residential side of the curb-stop are the responsibility of the owner. In an emergency situation the Village has the authority to work on water lines on residential property but that authority is only to be exercised in specific situa-

tions.

Therefore we would like to encourage people to notify the Village office if they are going to be away for any length of time so that the water can be shut off, thereby protecting the homeowner and the Village from these kinds of events. Please check out our website for some helpful hints to protect your property from burst water lines and the extensive damage that can cause.

A cascade event like this is rare but it emphasizes the fact that each leak becomes everyone's problem.

Out with the Old, In with the New

After a lengthy journey that started in 2005, we finally find ourselves in the final stages of much needed improvements to the way Port Clements treats and distributes the water supply.

The current treatment plant was designed and installed in 1986 and right from the onset, difficulties arose. We were unable to completely rid ourselves of high quantities of two minerals-iron and manganese. Although the process increased the quality of water, these two minerals still exist causing staining and occasionally odors.

Opus Dayton Knight, the same

engineering firm that designed the Village of Queen Charlotte's new treatment plant, took on the task of designing and managing the construction of an improved system that fits our treatment needs and current and future water demands. Two filters containing a product called Greensand Plus will be the main source of treatment, with a regulated dose of chlorine as residual treatment. The Greensand Plus proved to be 100% effective in removing both iron and manganese in our bench scale tests.

Along with the enhancements to the way we treat water, we have also

improved the distribution process to include an energy efficient delivery system that is capable of maintaining consistent pressure in the distribution system.

All of these improvements will not only enhance the quality of our drinking water, but will provide the Public Works department with more time to attend to other important facets of our community. There is more information that can be provided on our Water Treatment Plant upgrades, so if you have questions, please contact us at either publicworks@portclements.ca, on our Facebook page or call 250-557-4295.

EMERGENCY CONTACT #'s

The Village office maintains a list of phone numbers for every property so that when we experience issues with water, sewer, Tsunami or anything else we do, we can quickly call and communicate the issue.

Recently we have found that we don't have contact information for some residents in the community or the message is left unheard. Please make sure that we know you are here,

we promise we will only use it for situations regarding the services we provide to you.

In addition, when you are away, please make sure that you have someone tending to your property. It is very unfortunate when situations arise and we have no way of contacting property owners to notify of potential danger or damage.

The Village Public Works Department should be notified to turn off your water should you be away for extended periods of time in the winter months.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email to let us know when your situations change.

Thank you



TSUNAMI

Remember that you need to have enough supplies to live for 72 hours. For information on making you and your family prepared for 72 hours, come by the office and we will be pleased to provide you with the information.

Tsunami Warning is issued when a potential tsunami with significant widespread inundation is imminent or expected. Powerful currents and surges may continue for hours.

Tsunami Advisory is issued due to the threat of a potential tsunami which may produce strong currents or waves dangerous to those in or near the water. Coastal regions historically prone to damage due to strong currents induced by tsunamis are at the greatest risk

Tsunami Watch is issued to alert emergency management officials and the public of an event which may later impact the watch area. The watch area may be upgraded to a warning or advisory - or cancelled - based on updated information and analysis.

Should there be a need to evacuate the low lying section of town, we will call residences in the immediate vicinity of harm; both sides of Bayview Drive, Industrial Road, Kumdis Road, Jasper Street, Water drive and any other residences in the immediate danger zone area.

Please gather at the school gym and await instruction.