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**LANDFILL HOURS**

Monday -Friday 10am-3pm  
And they will be open  
the 1st Saturday ONLY of every  
month 11am-3pm

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers located in the Multi Purpose Building at 36 Cedar Ave West Port Clements, BC at 7:30 pm.

Submissions of Correspondence and/or requests to appear as a delegation in front of Council must be made in writing four business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Council meetings are the first and third Monday of each month unless a Statutory Holiday falls on a Monday. Remaining meetings for 2013**

August 7 & 20, September 4 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17

Want to join a committee and make

**PORT CLEMENTS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP)**

Work has begun on rewriting the Official Community Plan for the Village of Port Clements. An OCP is a fairly encompassing document that outlines the direction a community plans to take and the principles that will guide future decisions made on topics such as zoning, residential, commercial and industrial development, services and facilities, and, more recently, efforts that will be undertaken to address carbon emissions within the community and stewardship issues.

The last OCP for Port Clements was finalized in February 1984 so you can imagine that most of the information contained in it is no longer accurate or relevant. It is, however, interesting to read it to get a feel for where the village felt it would be going in the next twenty years.

There will be several opportunities for public consultation as a part of updating our OCP. A working document to start the process is currently before Council and once they have reviewed it the public consultation process will begin. There will be public meetings as well as information posted on our website to invite residents to become engaged and feel included in the development process. Tentatively we are looking at mid-September as the starting point for the public consultation process and hopefully we will be ready to adopt the new document in December or early in 2013.

Posters, advertisements in the Observer, comments on our website and on the Haida Gwaii Trader and Facebook will alert residents to when we are ready to begin public review and discuss amendments to the working document. Please feel free to call the office if you would like information on this process.

*Have you checked out the weight room recently?*

*It's a great deal—for \$75.00 per year for a membership you can have access to a Universal Gym, Treadmill, Elliptical Trainer free weights and a recumbent bike.*

*A free orientation is provided by QCI Rec and then you are good to go.*



recommendations to Council? All you need to do is show up and get added to the list. Council committees include the Rec Committee, Tourism Committee and Emergency Planning Committee.

You can also go online to obtain a copy of the agenda the Friday before a Regular Council meeting. Approved minutes are also posted on our website for your viewing.

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**THE LEADER**

**WATER PLANT UPGRADE**

After more than six years of working on this project, Port Clements has finally completed a major upgrade to their water treatment plant. After several engineering studies, many hours of research and multiple funding applications, the goal has been reached. Thanks to the Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF), who contributed \$652,906, and Gwaii Trust, who contributed \$413,264, this key project was successfully completed in March 2012.

"Our Government recognizes that investments in infrastructure play an important role for lasting business competitiveness, job creation and economic growth," said the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification. "Through the upgrad-

ed facility, the residents of Port Clements will benefit from reliable and efficient access to clean drinking water which will also contribute to overall quality of life and public health."

The upgrade, which employs a green sand filter, provides improved filtration for the removal of manganese and iron, two substances, which although not dangerous, caused an unap-

peeling colour and taste to the Port Clements water supply. In addition, the upgrade provides automated 24/7 electronic monitoring.

"This program was established as part of senior governments' commitment to helping smaller communities meet pressing infrastructure needs. It's amazing to see what can be accomplished when we partner to create healthier, more sustainable places for British Columbians to live and raise families. I know these important upgrades will serve the residents of Port Clements well for decades to come," said Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

The automation means there is constant oversight of the water treatment process and instant alerts to staff if problems occur. With the Manganese and iron issue being resolved by the new filtration system, the chlorination process is more effective and accurate resulting in safer water for the residents of Port Clements.

"Gwaii Trust is proud to

partner with the Village of Port Clements on this vital piece of community bedrock" said Administrator Errol Winter. "Access to clean drinking water is not only a fundamental human right, but the basic building block of community economic development. At Gwaii Trust we believe that by supporting a healthy community we take the first step toward building a prosperous community."

The official commissioning of the water treatment occurred during the July 1<sup>st</sup> long weekend celebration in Port Clements. The public were invited to come and view the new water treatment plant and ask questions about the new pro-

cess on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 1pm.

The Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund's purpose is to improve municipal and rural infrastructure, with the objectives of ensuring that communities are sustainable, competitive and healthy centres of economic growth.



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**SUMMER EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY PARK:**

- Adult Basketball Mondays 7:30pm
- Slow-pitch Fridays 7:00pm
- Soccer Tuesdays and Thursdays

**OTHER SUMMER EVENTS:**

Science Alive Workshop at the Community Hall the week of August 12-18th.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE PORT CLEMENTS 2011 AGM

2011 concluded with our community having a new mayor, new council, new administration, and interviewing for a new public works Superintendent. By working together, we know we will be able to exceed your expectations and provide a high standard of services and effective representation as well as assist our Village to grow and thrive. I and the Council would like to thank residents for their confidence by electing us in the last municipal election. We are all committed to providing our community with good governance in accordance with your trust.

The previous Council and Village Administration used 2011 to tidy up loose ends and prepare for upcoming changes in Council and staff. Although we did not achieve results from our efforts to bring cell phone service to our community, stabilize fares for B. C. Ferries, or upgrade our Northern Living Allowance, past efforts have paved the way to future movement on these issues. The concession stands at our community park were finished and ready for 2011 Canada Day celebrations. Upgrade to our sewage lagoon and lift stations were completed during the year as well.

Going forward, I am personally excited about what the future can

bring us. After several years of decline, I see evidence of our community once again becoming more vibrant and growing. We are becoming more diverse and, as a consequence, becoming more resilient and stable. Shortly, we will be able to celebrate the centennial of our community. We officially became Port Clements in 1914. Our history has experienced many cycles of boom and recession but through it all we remain a marvelous small community that provides us with a safe and healthy environment to live, raise a family or enjoy our retirement years.

When your new Council sat down to work out their priorities for the 2012-2014 term, it decided the following projects would be focused on:

- Updating our 25 year old Official Community Plan
- Continue work on a Barge Facility for our Community
- Support Business and Tourism in our Community
- Replace our oldest well
- Deal with derelict buildings in our community

- Replace fender piles at the Rainbow Wharf

Of course there will be issues which arise and need Council attention but the above items were identified as our core strategic priorities.

There were no new local tax hikes in 2011 and Council and staff worked to minimize expenditures. Like households, our community has experienced cost increases over the last few years. Rather than increase property taxes the current Council elected to streamline the budget in order to absorb cost increases. We were and are committed to protecting the Village reserve accounts to ensure we can weather any future storms. As guardians of your tax dollars, we are also committed to being prudent in our decisions by always weighing cost against benefit and trying to maximize the return on dollars spent.

I and all members of Council as well as the Village office are available if you would like to discuss a problem or situation, wish to express your disagreement with a course of action taken by Council or simply to seek information. We welcome your input on all Village affairs.

## Canada Day Weekend Recap

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Canada Day celebration. From all accounts it was an excellent weekend and the weather mostly cooperated.

Harmonie Blais was in charge of the parade and reports the following prizes:

- Best Commercial—O'Briens
- Best Non-Commercial—Rugby Club
- Best Theme (Circus) - Bayview Market
- Best Animal entry—Lula Issa
- Best Bicycle 12 and over—Jamal Issa
- Best Sea Hag in Training—Abigail Mitchell
- Funniest Float—Sea Hags
- Random Draw—Port Air Cargo

The Beachy's and crew were in charge of the mud bog and report the following awards:

- 1st place to Dan Chili
- 2nd place to Eli Beachy
- 3rd place to Lanna Bell

Blooming in Port Clements had 54 ballots cast. Thanks to the volunteers for the lovely gardens they have created and maintain. Prizes were:

- 1st place—Evelyn Robinson
- 2nd place—Linda Gujdacsi
- 3rd place—Florida Froese

A new event this year was the bird house competition and we had 10 entrants and 85 ballots cast. Although no prize was awarded we wish to recognize Caleb Bergstrom as our youngest contestant. Prizes were as follows:

- 1st place—Wally Cheer
- 2nd place—Jennifer Baily

3rd place—Evelyn Robinson.

Another new event which didn't really take off this year was The Great Port Clements Paddle race. Thanks to Harmonie and Kaz for braving the choppy water and canoeing the course.

We had 5 entrants for the 5km run and the winner was Calvin Evans with a time of 29min 30 sec. Charles Tree was our only 10km entrant and finished with a time of 43 min.

In slowpitch Queen Charlotte placed first, Skidegate was second, Port Clements was third and Masset came in fourth.

Brionne Lavoie's team won the soccer tournament.

Thank you to all the musicians that participated in the Music in the Park. You

provided great entertainment Saturday afternoon and evening.

Thanks to QCI Rec and Northern Savings Credit Union for kids games and face painting.

Thanks to O'Briens for organizing the kids fishing derby on Friday.

The Port Clements Community Hall Society operated a successful beer gardens this year and would like to thank all their volunteers, CB Island Fisheries for ice and O'Brien Road & Bridge for their donation of time and materials to make it a dry afternoon for beer garden attendees regardless of what the weather had planned.

Thanks to all the concession operators and to Bicycle re-psyche for their participation.

Finally thank you to the many, many individuals and groups who work to make this such a great event. We appreciate all your effort and hope we see some new faces when we start planning for 2013.

## Want to Contribute?

The Village of Port Clements is looking for contributions to our Newsletter. We want to hear from people in town. If you have a good story you want to share please email them to clerk@portclements.ca. Articles or columns can be between 150 and 225 words on topics of interest coming up. Please refrain from Slanderous comments and should you include personal information about someone, ensure you have their permission.

## Parking at the Multi Purpose Building

Please refrain from pulling into and parking in the only disabled parking space located at the Multi purpose building. It has become an issue with people using it as a drop off spot for visiting the library and the school. There is plenty of parking available and this spot should not be abused. This spot is also governed by the RCMP and carries a \$109.00 dollar fine for improper use.

In addition this space should also not be blocked.