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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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**LANDFILL HOURS**

Monday -Friday 11am-3pm  
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 7:00 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,**

February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, April 2 & 15, May 6 & 21, June 3 & 17, July 2 & 15, August 6 & 19, September 3 & 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 2 & 16

**Committees of Council include:**

**Strong Start  
Valentine's Day Friendship Fruit Salad**

Strong-start will be hosting a friendship fruit Salad event in their classroom on Thursday  
February 14, 2013 from 9am—noon

Please bring a piece of fruit to share



**CORRECTIONS FROM NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER:**

It was reported that Councilor Thomas asked about opening Port Bucks up to out of town vendors when he actually asked whether we could include Delmas Coop because many community members are also Coop members.

On the issue of the discharge of firearms in Municipal boundaries, please note that the discharge of firearms using shot only is allowed in certain areas within municipal boundaries. Please check out [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/1214/docs/region\\_6.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/1214/docs/region_6.pdf)



- Tourism Committee
- Emergency Committee
- Recreation Commission-
- Small Craft Harbour Committee

Want to join a committee and make recommendations to Council? Then show up and get added to the list!

If you would like to be emailed the Agenda listing for any Council or Committee meeting let us know and we can add you to the list. You can also go online to obtain a copy of the agenda at anytime.



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**THE LEADER**

**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN**

You have probably been seeing a lot of material floating around about the **Official Community Plan** over the past 9 months.

Staff, Council and interested public have been working on creating an updated plan since June of 2012 and we are at our 5th, and hopefully last, revision of the plan.

The updated plan is available on our website or at the Village Office for the public to review.

This is your last chance to have input into the plan.

The Official Community Plan Bylaw will go before Council for first reading at the March 18th Council meeting.

Anyone with concerns or comments about the plan should contact the office prior to the end of February so that your thoughts can be considered when the Bylaw is being finalized.

Just so you know, once the Bylaw is in place it doesn't mean that we can't make changes to the plan if necessary. Official Community Plans and

Zoning Bylaws are two types of Bylaws that are quite secure in nature meaning that it requires public consultation in order to amend them but this does not mean that they can not be amended should important information come to light at a later date.

The Official Community plan is a living document and will be reviewed via a public process approximately every 5-6 years.

Thank you to all who have assisted in this process.

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**EVENTS**

- Fitness Tuesday & Thursday 7-8pm in the gym.
- Adult Soccer Thursdays 8-10pm in the gym
- Adult Basketball Mondays 7-9pm in the gym
- Adult Karate Tuesdays 5:30-7pm in the gym
- Strong Start Valentine's Day event February 14 9-noon in preschool room
- Feb. 4 & 18 Regular Council Meetings 7pm in Council Chambers
- Work bee at Sunset Park Sunday April 21st. Call the office for more details.
- The Life of Pi Movie February 22nd at 7pm

**Financial Planning 2013-2017**

The Village Council will be discussing the financial plan for the current year and the next 4 years. Council encourages all residents to participate in how your tax dollars should be spent.

Meetings are scheduled for Late February early March, Please call the Office for dates. Is there something you think Council should be considering? Do you have questions about how

funds are being spent? Just want to feel like being part of the process? Please come out and see what Council is doing.



## BARGE FACILITY UPDATE

Council and staff continue to work on the barge facility project.

Following is a list of activities that have occurred since we issued a Special Edition of the Newsletter in October 2012 to get accurate information out to the public.

- ◆ The Village application for a piece of Crown Land in the Industrial Park for the fa-

cility has been tentatively approved

- ◆ The Village has completed an Archeological Impact Assessment of the area
- ◆ MIEDS & The Village were successful in an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$20,000 towards a business plan for the project

- ◆ The Village has applied to Gwaii Trust for additional funds for the business plan

- ◆ The business plan will be completed by the end of February—this will give us the necessary information to plan our next steps.

The May Newsletter may have more details about if/how we see this project going forward.

## Want to Contribute?

We want to hear from people in town. If you have a good story you want to share please email them to [cao@portclements.ca](mailto:cao@portclements.ca). Articles or columns can be between 150 and 225 words. topics of interest coming up... Community Dances, Valentines day, Easter, and Spring Break to name a few. Please refrain from Slanderous comments

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Season's Greetings Billboard. The funds raised were donated to our local SPCA. Thank you to the Rec Committee for taking on this project.



There will be a Volunteer Work Bee at the Sunset Park on Sunday April 21, 2013 at 9am. For more details please call the office or contact a representative from the Tourism Committee.

You can have your articles, funnies or editorials put here!

and should you include personal information about someone, ensure you have their permission.



The Rec Committee will be have a movie night in February.

The Life of Pi

Playing Friday Feb. 22 at 7pm at the Multiplex.

This is a fantasy Adventure about a shipwrecked boy and a Bengal Tiger. It is rated PG.

## Utility and Property tax balances

Please be advised that any outstanding amounts on your utility account as of December 31, 2012 have been transferred to your property taxes as arrears and began accumulating interest as of January 1, 2013.

2012 Property tax amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2012 have been transferred to arrears and began accumulating interest as of January 1, 2013.

## Some info on Taxes

**How are taxes calculated?** The formula for calculating taxes on property is tax rate times assessed value. The tax rate is expressed as a dollar amount on every \$1,000 of assessed value. If the tax rate for residential property is 4, this means that taxes of \$4 are charged on every \$1,000 of assessed value. Property valued at \$100,000 would thus be charged taxes of \$400 (100 x \$4).

The **British Columbia Assessment Authority** determines the assessed value of property for tax purposes. The Authority is established under provincial legislation and is independent of the municipality. The Village is not involved in determining assessed values. Taxation on property is a primary source of municipal revenue. The provincial *Community Charter* sets out in detail the

Any balances that were in arrears as of December 31, 2012 have been transferred to delinquent.

Property tax accounts which have a delinquent balance as of September 13, 2013 will be advertised in the Observer for the 2013 tax sale which will be taking place on Monday September 30, 2013 this year.

regulations for property taxation. The amount of money to be raised through taxation is set by Council through the budget process. Other aspects of the taxation process, such as the due date for taxes and the penalty on late taxes, are regulated by the *Community Charter*. Council does not have the authority to adjust the taxes on individual properties. The taxes are set by the tax rate which applies to that class of property. For instance, if the tax rate for residential property is 4, then all residential properties must be charged this rate.

**What is included on my annual Tax Notice?** Tax Notice includes ALL property taxes - those imposed by the District and those imposed by other governing jurisdictions. School Tax, Hospital, Regional District, BC assessment,



## 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.

MFA and VIRC (Library) are collected by the Village and then remitted to the appropriate authority.

These tax levies are not set by the Village of Port Clements but are collected by the Village on behalf of those governing jurisdictions. This is more efficient and economical than each of these tax authorities sending individual tax notices. Port Clements Council sets the rates for District taxes only.

The annual Tax Notice has the Home Owner Grant Application form attached. This form must be completed EACH YEAR to claim the grant, if eligible.

If you are 55 or older you may qualify to have your property taxes deferred or if you are unable to pay your taxes you may qualify for the Hardship Property deferral program. Drop in or call the Office for more information.

Please join us in welcoming Judy Hadley to the Admin office as a casual staff member. Judy will provide Admin support for the office 12 hours per month and assist when either the Deputy or Administrator are away such as vacation and training.