

Village of Port Clements

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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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Port Clements Remote Banking Services

Location: MPBC – Council Chambers

Hours of Operation: 2–6 PM

Friday February 10th & 24th, 2017

LANDFILL HOURS

Monday -Friday 11am-3pm
Will be open the 1st Saturday ONLY of every month 11am-3pm

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council meetings are the first and third Monday of each month & Tues if the Monday is a Statutory Holiday.

February 6 & 20, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 18, May 1 & 15, June 5 & 19, July 5 & 19, August 8 & 21, September 5 & 18, October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18

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 by 1 pm on the Wednesday prior to the scheduled meeting.



Committees of Council include:

- Tourism Committee
- Emergency Planning Committee
- Recreation Commission
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Emergency Planning Committee Update

The Port Clements Emergency Planning Committee, in conjunction with other island entities, held a training session in Port Clements on January 21 & 22 in regards to Planning for Community Disaster Recovery. 11 people from Port Clements and other communities had an opportunity to meet, train and brain storm around Emergency Management on Haida Gwaii and Disaster Recovery in particular.

Community Disaster Recovery has many different connotations. It is often viewed as the method by which a community is returned to normal - or the new normal as things may never actually get back to the way they were prior to the emergency (only 70% of people evacuated from New Orleans in 2005 have returned as of 2015). Canadian Standards Association defines it as *activities and programs designed to return conditions to a level that is acceptable to the community following an emergency or other event*. Emergency Management BC defines it as *community actions to limit losses, reduce suffering, and restore the psychosocial and economic viability of the community*. Recovery actions can extend for years after the incident itself.

One important element to instill in the Disaster Recovery plan is to ensure that if you have to replace things that have been lost due to an event that you think in a holistic manner. This ensures that what you replace is designed in such a manner as to lessen the impact should a similar emergency happen again in the future - rebuild better so that you are building resilience as well as replacing a piece of infrastructure.

Short term recovery typically involves activities such as assessing damage, establishing a public information system, providing temporary housing and securing safe food, water and sanitation. Long term recovery is marked by a gradual return to normal routines and restoration of the community's social fabric along with the structural repairs of infrastructure damaged or lost. Long term recovery should include improvements that promote sustainability and resilience for the community.

As a result of this course Port Clements will be updating our Emergency Plan to create a more robust section covering the recovery portion of Emergency Management. The updates will be incorporated into the plan for our November 2017 annual review of our policy.

Our Emergency Management committee generally meets quarterly. Port Clements is also part of the All Island Emergency Committee which meets twice per year. Anyone interested in learning more about the Village's Emergency Planning Committee is welcome to call, drop by or email us with questions or to request to be notified when the next meeting will take place.

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EVENTS

- Family Day
- Senior's Group Tuesdays 1-4 pm in MPBC Senior's room.
- Acrobatic dance ,Tuesdays at the gym Gr. K-4 3:00—4:00 pm Gr. 5-7 5:00—6:30 pm
- Badminton Wednesdays 5 -6:30 pm at the gym
- Total Body Conditioning Tues & Thurs 7-8 pm in the gym
- International Folk Dancing Wednesdays 7-9 pm in the gym.
- Monday February 6th 7:00-9pm Book Club in the MPBC Senior's Room

Village of Port Clements

THE LEADER

2017 By-Election

THE VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS 2017 BY-ELECTION



NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public notice is given to the electors of the Village of Port Clements that nomination for the office of:

**MAYOR- ONE (1) TO BE ELECTED
COUNCILLOR- TWO (2) TO BE ELECTED**

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

At the Village of Port Clements office located at 36 Cedar Avenue West, mailed to PO Box 198 Port Clements, BC V0T 1R0, faxed to 250-557-4568 or emailed to cao@portclements.ca from February 7, 2017 and received by 1 pm on February 17, 2017 excluding statutory holidays and weekends. Originals of faxed or emailed documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer or designated person by 1pm February 24, 2017.

Nomination documents are available at the Port Clements Village Office during regular office hours (9am to 1pm Monday – Friday) until the close of nominations on February 17, 2017.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian Citizen;
- 18 years of age or older;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified by the Local Government act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office, or otherwise disqualified by law.

FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:
Kim Mushynsky, Chief Election Officer 250-557-4295
Ruby Decock, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-557-4295

**Family Day Breakfast
Monday, February 13th
Watch for Posters for more
information on the free event.**



We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia

New Dog Bylaws

As of January 1, 2017, Dog Bylaws No. 434 & 435 come into effect. All Port Clements residents will be required to license their dogs. A one-time fee of \$15 which will include a tag number being assigned to the dog. After initial licensing, owners can purchase a replacement tag for \$5. The following fines will be issued for the following:

Offence	Amount of Fine
No Licence	\$25
Dog at large (1st offence in a year)	\$50
Dog at large (2nd offence in a year)	\$75
Dog at large (more than 2 offences)	\$100

Visit our website at to register your dog(s) and to pay online registration fees or come into the office .

Request for Community Input on Potential Bylaw for Management & Protection of Trees Within the Village of Port Clements

This potential bylaw will impact ALL TREES within the municipal boundaries of Port Clements. Currently there is no bylaw that addresses managing trees within the municipal boundaries. Therefore, this bylaw could be used to identify and manage Heritage Trees as defined by the bylaw. Trees identified will be provided protection measures and limited alteration measures dependent on the permission granted through the VOPC. The potential bylaw would also be enforced through fines.

Please let us know what you think about the possibility of protecting trees within our municipal boundaries. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated. Please call, write, email, or

Pet Owners Responsibilities & the Law

Our office has been receiving several complaints about pets wandering the community. Other than receiving fines enforced through our new Bylaws 434 & 435, pet owners should be aware that there could be civil and criminal liabilities associated with their pets.

A **CIVIL LIABILITY** occurs when the pet, when not under control of the owner, causes damages to another person or a person's property. Such damages could be from a vehicle striking the pet on the road/highway, a pet attacking someone else's pet, a pet attacking a person or a pet destroying property.

A **CRIMINAL LIABILITY** occurs when a pet has killed or injured a person. If a pet owner allows their pet to wander in the community the pet owner, if convicted, could face a jail term of up to life imprisonment. In a case where a pet has injured a person the pet owner, if convicted, could face a jail term of up to 10 years in prison.

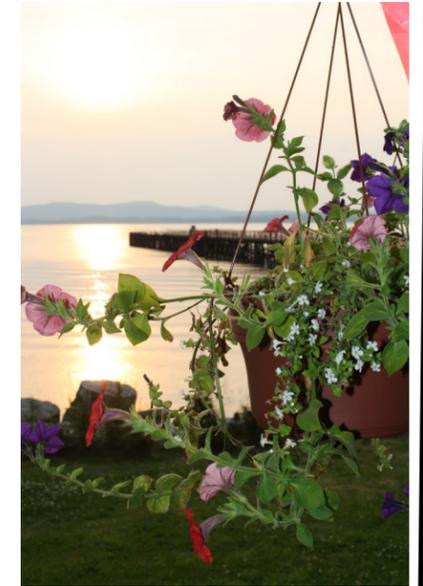
Utility and Property tax balances

Please be advised that any outstanding amounts on your utility account as of December 31, 2016 have been transferred to your property taxes as arrears and began accumulating interest as of January 1, 2017.

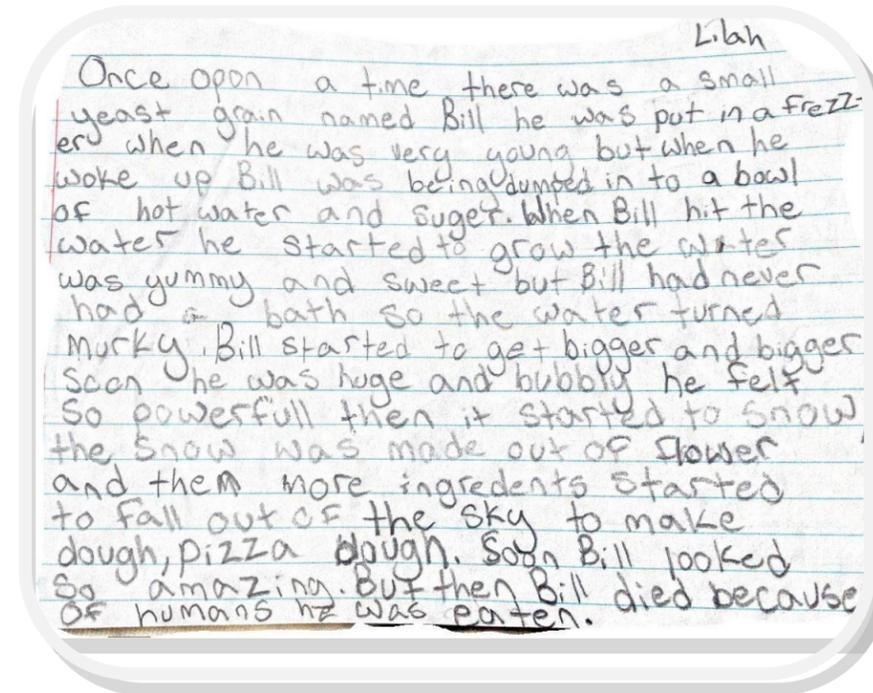
2016 Property tax amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2016 have been transferred to arrears and began accumulating interest as of January 1, 2017.

Any balances that were in arrears as of December 31, 2016 have been transferred to delinquent.

Property tax accounts which have a delinquent balance as of September 1, 2017 will be advertised in the Observer for the 2017 tax sale which will be taking place on Monday September 25, 2017. Please drop by the office if you have any ques-



Port Clements Elementary School Contribution



Community Tourism Themes

We currently have a community slogan identifying our town as the Gateway to the Wilderness, Centrally Located & Community Proud. However we'd also like a type of branding theme which will leave a lasting impression on those that visit Port Clements. Themes can be anything such as nautical, forestry, wildlife, etc. A good example of community theming is Chetwynd. It is known for its chainsaw sculptures. Another is the town of Chemainus which is known for its murals. We would like to hear from the public if you'd like to create a branding theme and if so, please contact our office with your ideas.



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE 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. 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 and should you include personal information about someone, ensure you have their permission. Our newsletter is mailed out with Utility bills quarterly in February, May, August and November and articles need to be received by the last Wednesday of the previous month in order to be included.