

## Village of Port Clements

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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

We're on the Web  
[www.portclements.ca](http://www.portclements.ca)



### Port Clements Remote Banking Services

Location: MPBC — Council Chambers

Hours of Operation: 2—6 PM  
Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 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,**

May 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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Want to join a committee and make recommendations to Council? Then come out to a meeting and get added to the email notification list!



## Emergency Management—who is responsible for what

Emergency Management is a joint effort. Below is an abbreviated explanation of the various responsibilities:

**Federal Government**—responsible for national emergencies including internal and external threats to security. Provides assistance to Provincial Government on request.

**Provincial Government**—establishes roles and responsibilities for provincial government and local authorities (municipalities, regional districts and treaty First Nations). Provides extra-ordinary powers to the provincial government and/or local authorities where required. Provides Disaster Financial Assistance under specific circumstances. Exempts emergency service workers from civil liability.

**Local Authority**—must establish and maintain an emergency organization including creating and updating local emergency plans. May delegate some of their powers to individuals and committees as required.

**Businesses**—WorksafeBC requires that employers establish emergency preparedness and response procedures, equipment and training specific for their workplace.

**Individuals**—At a MINIMUM individuals need to strive for 3 full days of food, water and supplies for your household. This should be kept somewhere convenient and ready to go in case the emergency requires immediate evacuation. The 3 day recommendation is only an estimate so it may be longer—are you prepared? Please check out the website below for information on how to get your household prepared:

[http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc\\_household\\_preparedness\\_guide\\_web\\_final\\_2015.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc_household_preparedness_guide_web_final_2015.pdf)



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# THE LEADER

## 2017 BY-ELECTION RESULTS

A By-Election was required due to the Mayor and 2 councillors resigning their positions. Nominations were submitted in February. There were 2 nominations for Mayor and 2 nominations for Councillor. Both Elizabeth "Betty" Stewart and Brigid Cumming were made Councillors by Acclamation. Urs Thomas and Chris Bellamy had been nominated for Mayor. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the By-Election polls closed with 127 ballots cast. Urs Thomas received 68 votes, Chris Bellamy received 58 votes and there was one spoilt ballot. Please welcome the new Mayor Urs Thomas and Councillors Brigid Cumming & Betty Stewart. Their term will run until the 2018 regular elections next fall.

## AFTER HOURS PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY CONTACT (250) 557-4272

What is a public works emergency?

A public works emergency is a situation where personal and property safety is at risk. Such instances include significant road damage, water and sewer service issues

What is not a public works emergency? For example: Cat stuck in a tree or car in the ditch, etc.

For non-emergency public works issues, call 557-4295 during business hours.

For all Fire, Police, or medical emergencies — Call the emergency numbers below:

FIRE: (250) 557-4355

AMBULANCE: 1-800-561-9911

POLICE: (250) 626-3991

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#### EVENTS

- Sunset Park Clean UP  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
10 am—3 pm
- Town Clean Up  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
10 am — 2 pm.
- Senior's Group  
Tuesdays 1—4 PM in the Multiplex Building
- SD#50 Budget Meeting  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
at the PC Elementary School

**REMEMBER— Upcoming CANADA DAYS this July 1st, 2017. Watch for posters.**



## 2017 Property Taxes . HOG and TAX Deferment Program

### 2017 Taxes & Home Owner's Grant

Taxes for the 2017 year will be coming through the mail before the end of the month. Please note: if you are eligible for the Home Owner Grant you need to fill it out and return it to the office no later than **July 3rd at 4:00 pm.** To avoid interest penalties (10% of taxes), pay your taxes before this date.

Please note that you must complete your Home Owner's Grant application annually and it is only available for your primary residence. Also, if you are paying your property taxes through your mortgage or financial institute, you must still fill out the form and submit it to receive the grant.

### TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM

If you require assistance with paying your taxes, the Provincial Government has a few property tax deferment programs that may fit your needs.

- 55 and older
- Hardship
- Families with Children

All of this information can be obtained by visiting [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Property\\_Taxes/Property\\_Tax\\_Deferment/ptd.htm](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Property_Taxes/Property_Tax_Deferment/ptd.htm)

or come into the office and we will provide you with all the information you need.



### 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](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 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.

### Did You Forget to Claim Your 2016 Home Owner's Grant?

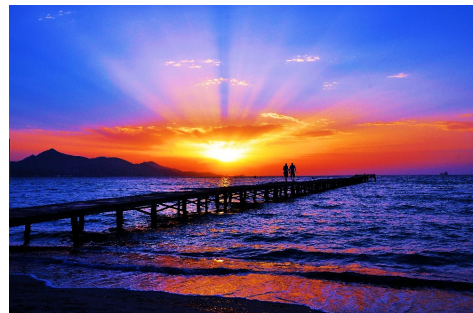
Did you know that you can still claim your Home Owner's Grant (HOG) for 2016? There is still time to apply for the 2016 HOG. You can submit a retro-active claim for 2016 along with a copy of a 2016 bill issued under your name and mailing address before December 31, 2017. For more information, please contact the Village of Port Clements Office at (250) 557-4295 or email us at [deputy@portclements.ca](mailto:deputy@portclements.ca).

### Sunset Park Clean Up

Saturday, May 13th

Volunteers Needed. Please meet at the tent Site Parking Area at 10 AM for direction. Clean up will run from 10 AM—3 PM. A picnic style lunch will be offered to volunteers.

Join us to make Port Clements beautiful.



## Store it don't Pour it!

Did you know that Village of Port Clements Public Works monitors public sewer and drinking water every day? Checks are being made throughout our utilities infrastructure to maintain and observe potential issues. Sometimes what we find is unsettling such as a glass eye in a sewer lift station. Lately, however, nothing quite so strange was discovered. VoPC public works staff has noticed an increased volume of fat type deposits in the public sewer system. The public works department would like all of the villagers to be mindful of what goes down the drain. We can all benefit from ensuring our public sewer system is healthy. Fat from cooking is the leading cause of plumbing problems in your home and in the public system. Especially bad are lard, tallow, and deer fat. Pouring fats down your sink is like throwing money down the drain! Fats, oils, and grease can cause sewer backups by blocking the main sewer lines as well as those on private property, causing expensive property damage. The public cost of repairing a damaged sewer can be astronomical. The Village is



asking everyone to "store it, don't pour it". Residents are asked to store fats and grease in disposable containers with lids. This simple act is the best preventative maintenance we can all participate in. The containers can then be placed in the garbage. Thanks for participating!

### "Myth Busters"

Please do not pour grease then chase with lots of soap and hot water. This is ineffective in the long term and quite environmentally harmful.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME  
ELIZABETH CUMMING AS OUR  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
MANAGEMENT INTERN!

THE INTERNSHIP IS PARTIALLY FUNDED THROUGH THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST. SHE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THE VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS. THE PROGRAM GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE EXPOSED TO KEY ASPECTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION SO AS TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS. THE INTERNSHIP WILL EXTEND FROM MAY 2017—MAY 2018.



## TOWN CLEAN UP!!!

The Village of Port Clements Town Clean Up day will be on **SUNDAY, JUNE 4th.**

Bins will be placed at the corner of Dyson and Bayview. You may take your garbage for deposit between 10 AM and 2 PM. There will be limited door to door pick up this year. If you need assistance please call the Village Office to arrange for a volunteer to come to your home and pick up your waste. Please call us at (250) 557-4295 before 1 PM on Friday June 2, 2017 to arrange for pick up. Garbage must be on the curb prior to 9:00 AM.

We are also looking for volunteers. If you have a couple of hours to assist, please let us know. Your help is greatly appreciated!

