



The Village of  
**PORT CLEMENTS**  
*"Gateway to the Wilderness"*

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Regular Meeting of Council Monday March 5, 2012

**AGENDA**

**1. ADOPT AGENDA.**

**2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS.**

**3. MINUTES.**

M-1-Regular meeting of Council Monday, February 20, 2012

M-2-Tourism Committee meeting of February 16, 2012

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

BA-1-NCLGA – Silent Auction Request-NCLGA AGM & Convention

BA-2-NCLGA registration 100 Mile House

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.**

C-1-Nathan Cullen congratulations to Council

C-2-Velo Village Request for Support – Resolution calling for investment in rural cycling infrastructure

C-3-Order of British Columbia – 2012 Call for Nominations

C-4-MIEDS Monthly Economic Development Report

C-5-20 Yakoun Street

C-6-21 Yakoun Street

C-7-Integrity BC

**6. GOVERNMENT.**

**7. FINANCE.**

F-1-Cheque listing February 29, 2012.

**8. NEW BUSINESS.**

NB-1-Report to Council – Derelict/Nuisance Buildings

NB-2-Ministry of Community & Rural Development – Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Overview

NB-3-Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Strategic Community Investment Funds

NB-4-Event Proposals – Port Clements Canada Day Festival

**9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS.**

**10. ACTION ITEMS.**

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS.**

Motion to adjourn to in camera meeting under *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (k).

**ADJOURNMENT.**



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**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Council held Monday February 20, 2012 in the Council Chambers.**

Present:

Mayor Cheer  
Councillor Gaspar  
Councillor Gould  
Councillor Thomas  
Councillor Falconbridge

Clerk/Treasurer Kim Mushynsky

Mayor Cheer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**1. ADOPT AGENDA.**

2012-054 - Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Thomas  
THAT the agenda be adopted with the additions of D-1 Sergeant Blake Ward, BA-1 Rescind Motion 2012-043, C-3 Live Aboard proposal.

**CARRIED**

**2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS.**

Sergeant Blake Ward of the Masset RCMP detachment introduced himself to Council.

**3. MINUTES.**

M-1-Regular meeting of Council February 6, 2012

2012-055 - Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 6, 2012 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

BA-1-Rescind Motion 2012-043 (Support for HG Trader)

2012-056 - Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT we rescind motion 2012-043.

**CARRIED**

2012-057 – Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT we direct staff to see if there is an alternate way to handle the issue from motion 2012-043.

**CARRIED**

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.**

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C-1- NCLGA – Silent Auction item request for May AGM

2012-058 – Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT we table this issue to the March 5, 2012 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

C-2 – Sam Pullano – request to cut alders in Sunset Park

2012-059 – Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Thomas

THAT we direct the Clerk to contact Crown to determine procedure and costs related to tree removal at the Sunset Park.

**CARRIED**

C-3 – Small Craft Harbour – Live Aboard Request – Wayne Nicol

2012-060 - Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gaspar

THAT staff look into what issues have to be addressed to allow this proposal to go forward (moorage space, electrical and water supply).

**CARRIED**

## **6. GOVERNMENT.**

## **7. FINANCE.**

F-1-Cheque listing to February 14, 2012

2012-061 - Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Thomas

THAT the cheque listing of February 14, 2012 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS.**

NB-1 – Village of Port Clements – Gift Giving Policy #5-2012

2012-062 - Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT we adopt the Gift Giving Policy as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS.**

**Councillor Thomas-** a lot of local meetings, reported that Recreational Halibut quota went from 12-15%

**Councillor Gould-** SQCRD had info sessions with Gwaii Tel & Prov. Govt, MIEDS had info session with BC Timber Sales

**Mayor Cheer-** lots of local meetings including first tourism meeting for 2012.

**Councillor Gaspar-** lots of local meetings, looking for volunteers for Canada Day

**Councillor Falconbridge –** band being established in Port Clements, tourism meeting

**Clerk/Treasurer –** update on cemetery, 2012 Anniversary should actually be in 2014, Water Conservation plan underway

## **10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS.**

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

2012-063 – THAT after the budget process is completed we facilitate a meeting between Industrial Road Users and Council to address road repair issues.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gaspar

THAT under Section 90 (a) of the Community Charter we move to an in-camera meeting.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Moved by Councillor Gaspar, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:25pm

**CARRIED**

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Wally Cheer,  
Mayor

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Kim Mushynsky,  
Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE of PORT CLEMENTS**  
**Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2012**

Meeting attended by:

**Matt Gaspar**

Wayne Nicol  
Wally Cheer

Kaz Falconbridge

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Wally Cheer assumed the role of acting chair and gave the floor to Wayne Nicol who made a presentation to the Committee about components of tourism, target markets and marketing our community. After the presentation, there was an informal discussion as to possible initiatives available to residents and investors and the ways and means to implement the initiatives towards making tourism a viable and vibrant industry in Port Clements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. and February 28, 2012 was set for a follow-up meeting.



February 2, 2012

Village of Port Clements  
Box 198  
36 Cedar Avenue West  
Port Clements, BC V0T 1R0

**Re: Silent Auction Request - NCLGA AGM & Convention**

The 57th Annual NCLGA AGM & Convention in 100 Mile House is quickly approaching! We will be co-hosted by the District of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo Regional District from May 2nd - 4th, 2012 in the South Cariboo Recreation Centre.

As with previous years, there will be a Silent Auction as part of the slate of events. The auction has proven to be very popular with our delegates and a part of the Convention they really look forward to.

We would like to request that each of our member communities provide an item suitable for a silent auction prize. Items that really showcase and highlight your community would be particularly appropriate!

Silent Auction prizes may be sent directly to 100 Mile House::

Ms. Donna Bellingham  
Deputy Director Corporate Administration  
**District of 100 Mile House**  
385 South Birch Avenue  
P.O. Box 340  
100 Mile House BC V0K 2E0

Email: [dbellingham@dist100milehouse.bc.ca](mailto:dbellingham@dist100milehouse.bc.ca)  
Telephone: (250) 395-2434

If you have any questions, please call Karen at the NCLGA office (250) 564-6585.

Your support of our 57th Annual General Meeting and Convention is very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Chair Art Kaehn  
NCLGA President

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**NCLGA 2012**  
**100 Mile House, BC May 2 – 4, 2012**

- Three rooms (single) booked; **Confirmation #55835, #55836, #55837 Sharon Ferretti**
- Lodging: Hills Health & Guest Ranch – 108 Mile Ranch 250-791-5225  
~ ~ ~ Ten minute drive to 100 Mile House for Convention
- Check in: Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Check out: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
- \$79.00 + tax per room per night
- Deposit taken: \$100.00 x 3 = \$300.00 (Wally's VOPC visa)
- **Deposit refundable up to 30 days prior to arrival = March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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## *Nathan Cullen*

Member of Parliament  
Skeena-Bulkley Valley

Mayor Wally Cheer and Council  
PO Box 198  
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December 15, 2011

To Mayor Cheer and Councillors Kazamir Falconbridge, Matt Gaspar, Ian Gould, and Urs Thomas:

I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations on your recent success in the municipal elections. As someone who also works in public service, I understand how heartwarming and humbling it is to be chosen by your fellow neighbours as their representative in public office.

I commend your dedication to public service in our rural communities. Your tireless efforts in ensuring your neighbourhood receives the services and programming it needs are highly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any concerns with which I may be of assistance. Together, we can make a Canada that works for our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nth Cullen'.

Nathan Cullen, M.P.  
Skeena-Bulkley Valley



## **Village of Port Clements**

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**From:** "John Rowlandson" <velovillage2012@gmail.com>  
**Date:** February-15-12 3:52 PM  
**To:** <office@portclements.ca>; <w.cheer@portclements.ca>  
**Attach:** Resolution-ruralcyclinginfrastructure-Velo\_Village.pdf  
**Subject:** Provincial Investment in rural cycling infrastructure  
Dear Wally.

As you may know, Island Pathways is pulling out all the stops to make Salt Spring bicycle-heaven-on-earth between June 21st and 23rd.

Velo Village shines a light on rural cycling: its benefits, challenges and requirements. Specifically, we're setting aside a day to focus on cycling as a Rural Mobility Solution.

The conference will bring together about 200 delegates from all over BC to build stronger links between rural and urban cycling networks. Registration opens February 29th.

In advance of the event we're asking all British Columbia municipalities and regional districts to support rural cycling by passing the attached resolution call for investment in rural cycling infrastructure. We're asking that Port Clements support this motion.

I'm happy to chat, should you have comments or questions. Please forward a scanned signed copy of the resolution to: [velovillage2012@gmail.com](mailto:velovillage2012@gmail.com)

Very best,

John Rowlandson, Velo Village Team Lead  
Island Pathways, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada  
Phone: 250 653 4049, Web: <http://www.velovillage.ca>



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## **PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS the Union of British Columbia Municipalities has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for development, improvement and augmentation of cycling infrastructure, including but not limited to:

- frequent sweeping of bike lanes (2011-B19);
- increased width and refurbished road shoulders to accommodate cycling (2010-B16, 2007-B14, 2007-B99);
- a BC Cycling Development Program (2010-B17);
- revenue sharing for cycling infrastructure intersecting provincial highways (2009-B83);
- safer cycling conditions to encourage ridership (2008-B108);
- bicycle lane funding (2007-B100, 2006-B140); and
- infrastructure for non-greenhouse gas emitting transportation (2006-B110);

AND WHEREAS rural cycling infrastructure strengthens communities by:

- increasing the safety of cycling on rural roads;
- supporting the growth of cycle tourism;
- addressing local climate change challenges;
- providing transportation and recreation alternatives;
- establishing links with existing urban and regional cycling networks; and
- enabling small business access to new commercial corridors and markets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that [My Local Government] urges the Province of British Columbia to invest in cycling infrastructure in rural communities, in order to accelerate the availability and broaden the range of cycling opportunities for commuter, recreational and competitive cyclists living in and visiting rural and urban areas.

### **Reference Documents:**

Salish Sea Statements on Cycling & Rural Mobility

[http://www.velovillage.ca/wp-content/uploads/SSSOCandRM\\_English.pdf](http://www.velovillage.ca/wp-content/uploads/SSSOCandRM_English.pdf)

Salish Sea Statements on Cycling & Rural Mobility – Body of Knowledge

[http://www.velovillage.ca/wp-content/uploads/SSSOCandR\\_BOK.pdf](http://www.velovillage.ca/wp-content/uploads/SSSOCandR_BOK.pdf)

Please forward a scanned signed copy of this resolution to:  
[velovillage2012@gmail.com](mailto:velovillage2012@gmail.com)



## Honours and Awards Secretariat

February 20, 2012

His Worship Wally Cheer and Councillors  
Village of Port Clements  
Box 198  
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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

**Re: Order of British Columbia ~ 2012 Call for Nominations**

It is time once again to “call for nominations” for the Order of British Columbia, the Province’s highest award for excellence and outstanding achievement. I seek your assistance in informing your municipality about this opportunity to take part in the public recognition of its outstanding citizens. Could you bring this up at your next council meeting?

An independent Advisory Council chaired by the Chief Justice of British Columbia considers nominations to the Province’s highest award for excellence and outstanding achievement. Three hundred and seventeen distinguished British Columbians have been honoured since 1990.

For your information, a report listing all of the recipients of the Order is available on our website <http://www.orderofbc.gov.bc.ca>. If you would like this report broken down by City/Town, please contact our office.

Nomination forms for the Order are available from the Honours and Awards Secretariat in Victoria, (250) 387-1616, on the website: <http://www.orderofbc.gov.bc.ca> or from the nearest Service BC Centre. Completed nominations must be received by the Secretariat by March 12, 2012 to be considered for an award this year.

Your continuing support of the Order of British Columbia is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Felker  
Coordinator

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February 20, 2012

**Monthly Economic Development Report**

**Prepared for the Board of Directors**

**By: Heather Horno, Economic Development Officer**

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The following report is submitted to the MIEDS Board of Directors as a knowledge sharing document that provides information on the business of MIEDS for the period of February 1, 2012 to February 29, 2012. This document will provide the Board with information that representatives can share with their respective Councils.

**Labour Market Partnership** – The development stage of the LMP project is now complete. The Board has received a final copy of the labour market data and a draft of the Human Resource Strategy. At the final meeting held on February 15, 2012 a few minor changes were made and the final document will be sent out to the committee shortly.

The LMP Steering Committee which is comprised of approximately 18 people, including representatives from each community, will now begin the process of implementing the strategy. Facilitating the continued efforts will be Irene Mills, Project Manager.

**Small Business Support Services** – An island resident was working on developing a business plan. He was struggling with trying to obtain access to support services. He approached one island organization; however, the service was unavailable for over a week. This person tried to get support and assistance with his plan on the mainland, and ran into challenges there as well. As a result of a colleague suggesting that he speak with me, this person contacted MIEDS for assistance. I was able to review his plan, provide him with the information and suggestions which allowed him to get his plan finished and submitted to potential funders.

**Forest License to Cut** – The draft FLTC Agreement was sent to the Board for review and approval. Additionally, the draft FLTC Agreement was sent to BA Blackwell for review and comment. Satisfied with the agreement, staff will be recommending its approval.

**Community Forest Agreement** – Staff has met three times with the Ministry to discuss moving forward with the Community Forest Agreement. Additionally, staff coordinated a meeting with the Ministry, BCTS and the Board to discuss initiating the process of obtaining a CFA.

**Power & Cruise Sector Development** – Experiences BC Development Program supports the development of new tourism sectors with a provincial focus. A group of BC Coastal communities have come together to develop a new tourism sector called the BC Power and Sail Cruise Sector. The development of this sector will be the creation of a steering committee to create a marketing plan that



allows visitors under control of their own vessel to travel from one marina to another touring the coasts of BC. Northern BC has 16 marinas. This is a unique opportunity for Haida Gwaii to get in on the ground floor. I have been asked to sit on the steering committee for this new sector. We have a strategic planning meeting March 7, 2012 in Richmond.

**CBC Interview** – Mark Forsyth with the CBC Almanac show was hosting two shows in Prince Rupert on February 16 and 17. They called and asked me to be part of a panel discussing economic development in the north and the challenges around economic development on the island. Unfortunately I was given less than five minutes at the end of the show to speak on Haida Gwaii.

**Strategic Plan Proposal** – I have spent time over the past few weeks putting together the plan for MIEDS strategic planning process. As this is also a Masters project, I have had to develop a full proposal and ethics application for the University's review.

## Forestry

**FLTC** – The MIEDS Board will meet in February to consider the agreement being offered by the province. Once signed, MIEDS will hold a license without cut permits. A number of additional steps, such as seeking approval to be added to the Forest Stewardship Plan, will need to be addressed in developing the sale. While it has taken longer than we anticipated, we believe that holding the license is a significant step in getting this volume out.

**Community Forest**- Initial discussions regarding the Community Forest Agreement (CFA) have begun between MIEDS, the Ministry and BCTS. MIEDS has been offered, as an agent of the communities, 80,000m3 per year. The CFA will be conditional on a partnership with BCTS allowing government to meet market pricing objectives. This is a condition that is unique to this particular CFA and further clarification is needed; however, all three parties have committed to finding unique solutions to meet the communities objectives. The Board unanimously agreed that once they receive answers to some of the relationship questions, that MIEDS and the Ministry conduct a series of public consultations to ensure that islanders have a voice in how the CFA is developed and eventually managed.

## Tourism

**Social Media** – Mary Lou Schroeder has found her calling as a Social Media guru! The program that she has created is engaging visitors and increasing awareness of our island. It is measurable and is demonstrating true value for the wage dollars being spent. Her tweets are being retweeted by Tourism BC and others allowing our information to reach an additional 124,000 people. The initiative has increased web traffic by 340% and has increased twitter followers by 600%. Pages most viewed in 2010 were the registry (for prizes), photo gallery and 'what to do'. Viewing preferences changed in 2011 with a primary focus on 'where to stay' (accommodations) and 'what to do' (activities, charters etc). This change in preference may indicate a growing interest in planning for travel to Haida Gwaii.

**Power Sail Cruising** - Experiences BC Development Program supports the development of new tourism sectors with a provincial focus. A group of BC Coastal communities have come together to develop a new tourism sector called the BC Power and Sail Cruise Sector. A steering committee has been established to create a sector strategy and marketing plan that will encourage visitors under control of their own vessel to travel from one marina to another touring the coasts of BC. MIEDS Economic Development Officer has been asked to sit on the steering committee. With approximately 16 marinas in northern BC, this is a unique opportunity for Haida Gwaii to get in on the ground floor.

## Labour Market Development

**LMP** - In the fall of 2011, the Skidegate Band Council submitted a proposal to develop a Labour Market Partnership, which would become the first of its kind in BC to be sponsored by a First Nation. MIEDS participated in the project with Mayor Kulesha and many other island organizations. With the project now complete the steering committee has a Haida Gwaii Human Resource Strategy and Action Plan, and a Labour Market Data Report. MIEDS continues to sit on the Steering Committee and work closely with Project Coordinator, Irene Mills, and other partners to begin implementation of the action plan.

**Offering CSTS-09** - MIEDS contacted the BC Construction Association and obtained proctor status so MIEDS is now able to administer the testing for the CSTS-09 certification. Islanders can now take the final testing component of the Construction Safety Certification at a time that works for them without having to leave the island.



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**February 20, 2012**

**Social Media**

**Prepared for the Board of Directors**

**By: Mary Lou Schroeder, Administrative Assistant**

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The objective of the Haida Gwaii promotion is to increase visits to Haida Gwaii anticipating a related positive economic impact upon the local service and tourism industries.

In working with the Visitor Centre and the Tourism Advisory Committee, MIEDS is striving to increase the number of visitors to Haida Gwaii as approximately 21% of the local workforce is related to tourism directly and via the service industry.

At this time, we believe that the Haida Gwaii branding efforts have begun to be recognized. The increased recognition (see social media data below) has not yet resulted in increased visits and the related increased employment in the service and tourism related industries. This is anticipated as the campaign did not commence until late June 2011. The social media efforts have been growing steadily since June.

Google Analytics reported 14,353 visits to gohaidagwaii.ca in 2010. With the assistance of a social media campaign by MIEDS in 2011 (Twitter, Facebook and a Haida Gwaii blogspot), the website traffic has increased to 48,659 visits in 2011. The origin of 2011 'views' includes Canada (39,528); US (4,584), Germany (869) and United Kingdom (625). The distribution is consistent with the Haida Gwaii Tourism Strategic Plan.

Pages most viewed in 2010 were the registry (for prizes), photo gallery and 'what to do'. Viewing preferences changed in 2011 with a primary focus on 'where to stay' (accommodations) and 'what to do' (activities, charters etc). This change in preference may indicate a growing interest in planning for travel to Haida Gwaii.

In correlating visits to Haida Gwaii with increased awareness via the use of social media tools, the QC and Sandspit Visitor Centre statistics for 2011 demonstrate that although 2010 suffered a 26% decrease in visitor traffic from 2009 (also a 5% decrease between 2008 and 2009), the numbers for 2011 indicate very little change from 2010 (a 3% decrease).

With the increased exposure of the public to Haida Gwaii via the use of social media tools in 2011, we anticipate an increase in visitor traffic in 2012. We will be monitoring the Haida Gwaii visitor trends along with our promotional efforts over the next few years.



## Basic Stats:

**January 2010** – [www.gohaidagwaii.ca](http://www.gohaidagwaii.ca) introduced to the public

- Visits to website in 2010 – 14,353

**June 2011** – Social media project introduces Facebook, Twitter, Blogspot

**Nov 20, 2011** –

- Facebook Likes: 37
- Twitter Followers: 43
- Blogspot Views: Had not been tracked

**Dec 31, 2011** –

- Facebook Likes: 86
- Twitter Followers: 175
- Blogspot Views: 77
- Visits to website in 2011 – 48,659 (appx 340% Increase)

**Jan 31, 2012**

- Facebook Likes: 110 (appx 200% Increase)
- Twitter Followers: 254 (appx 600% Increase)
- Blogspot Views: 318 (appx 400% Increase)

**Nov 17 – Jan 31, 2012** -

**Total Estimated public exposure to Haida Gwaii via Twitter Retweets** (followers reposting information to their followers) - **124,027** (topics ranged from kayaking, surfing, beachcombing, charters, arts/culture, museums, photo galleries etc)

Currently Feb 114,000 retweets.



Greg & Betty Stewart  
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February 24, 2012

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via Fax to 250-557-4568

Mayor & Council  
Village of Port Clements

Dear Mayor & Council:

We are writing with respect to the unsightly and hazardous state of the property & structures belonging to Manzanita Snow at 20 Yakoun Street, Port Clements - phone number 250-557-8579. **THE KEY ISSUES ARE UNSIGHTLY PREMISES; POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARD; DANGERS TO CHILDREN IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD; POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE OR INJURIES FROM FLYING DEBRIS; UNINSURED VEHICLE FULL OF DEBRIS PARKED ON VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY; BUILDING MATERIALS & DEBRIS BEING STORED ON VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND IN THE DITCH; CONTRAVENTIONS TO SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE ZONING & BUILDING BY-LAW'S FOR RM-1 ZONING**

Over the last few years, structures on this property have been started and left unfinished. We believe that Ms. Snow is living in a very small travel trailer-like structure (possibly a travel trailer encompassed inside another building) in the middle of this property, away from the view of passersby. The property is pretty-much covered by the skeleton of a large unfinished housing structure, the large greenhouse at the back of the lot and her tiny living quarters that can be identified by the blue tin roof that now covers it. We have concerns that her dwelling is not properly tied into the sewer system, and there is a possibility that Ms. Snow has chosen to use a hole dug in the back yard for waste disposal, which poses a health hazard.

We have grown very frustrated with the fact that the years keep rolling by but the unsightliness of Ms. Snow's property has not changed - in fact, the debris "collection" is constantly growing in size. Ms. Snow also chooses to store some of her "collection" on Village right-of-way, due to what appears to be lack of storage space within her property lines.

Ms. Snow and others moved the building materials from the carport roof that blew off of 21 Yakoun on October 31, 2010 to Ms. Snow's property at 20 Yakoun. Those building materials were stacked up on the Village right-of-way and some of the blue tin off the carport roof appears to have been used on the roof above her travel-trailer dwelling. The building materials have pretty-much stayed where they were put back in early November, 2010, aside from some items that have blown around, and the fact that over the last few days, it appears that someone has been restacking the wood but it still appears to be on Village right-of-way.

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There is so much debris stored under and around the large unfinished housing structure, that it not only poses an unsightly view from our front yard, but it is also dangerous due to the way the debris, etc. is not contained or hidden from the eyes of curious children or animals. The "No Trespassing" sign posted on the unfinished housing structure will not prevent children or small animals from being tempted to explore this area. Any tarps or plastic that have been put up in some areas on the property have been torn to shreds over time by the violent storms we have seen over the last couple of years.

Ms. Snow has made a constant habit of parking her various vehicles over the years on the Village right-of-way and more often than not has stored large quantities of debris inside and on several occasions, it was noted that her vehicle was uninsured. During the snowstorm we had this past January, her car was broken down on the side of the road on Bayview Drive (on the opposite side of the road from the old Neat Things building), and it displayed a license plate on the back of the car with a June 2012 expiry date. This car sat there until the snow pretty-much went away and then the car was once again parked out front Ms. Snow's residence on Village right-of-way, but the license plate had been removed (at the time of writing this letter, the car doesn't have any license plates on it).

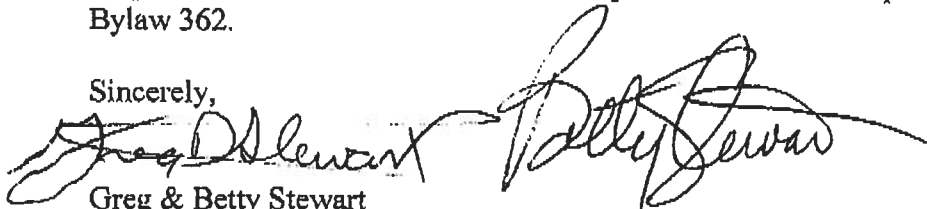
We have first-hand knowledge of Ms. Snow's knack for "collecting" things and housing them under unsightly conditions. When looking back at the photos of our view from our front yard taken a few years ago, then just after Halloween 2010, and now comparing them to the current state of our "view" from the front yard, the unsightliness of Ms. Snow's premises has not improved.

It would appear that all of the structures on Ms. Snow's property combined cover more than 40% of the property, and appears to contravene parts of Section 7 of Zoning Bylaw 184 pertaining to RM-1 Zones.

If all of the debris, materials, etc. were cleaned up, contained and hidden from view by some sort of durable, non-see-through material, this would greatly improve the unsightly state of Ms. Snow's property and improve the view for us and other residents across the street and beside her property. If Ms. Snow's car is not insured, then it shouldn't be on Village right-of-way.

We request that the Village of Port Clements please check into and enforce the applicable By-Laws regarding our concerns about 20 Yakoun Street, and especially checking into Sections 4.6(1)(b) & 4.6(2), 4.12(2) and 7.1.3(D), (F) and (I) of Zoning Bylaw 184 for RM-1 zoned properties, as well as whether Ms. Snow possesses a valid & up-to-date Building Permit under Bylaw 362.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature, on the left, is written in dark ink and appears to be 'Greg Stewart'. The second signature, on the right, is also in dark ink and appears to be 'Betty Stewart'. Both signatures are fluid and cursive.

Greg & Betty Stewart  
250-557-4760

Greg & Betty Stewart  
Box 254, 19 Yakoun Street  
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February 23, 2012

*2 pages total*

via Fax to 250-557-4568

Mayor & Council  
Village of Port Clements

Dear Mayor & Council:

We are writing with respect to the unsightly and hazardous state of the trailer and property at 21 Yakoun Street, Port Clements. **THE KEY ISSUES ARE UNSIGHTLY PREMISES; FERREL CAT ENVIRONMENT; AIRBORNE HEALTH HAZARD; DANGERS TO CHILDREN IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD; POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DAMAGES FROM FLYING DEBRIS; AND UNCONTROLLED ENCROACHING VEGETATION.**

No upkeep whatsoever has been done on this property since former owner, Rolly Bauereiss, moved away in 2008-2009. The trees and brush are overgrown and encroaching into our yard - which makes it very frustrating for us as we have had the brush, etc. cleared off the front of our property on 2 occasions in the last 5 years, but the encroaching brush from 21 Yakoun is promoting the spread of undesirable vegetation onto our property. Last summer, there was a noticeable increase in the wasp population in our area due to the habitat provided by the overgrown & uncontrolled vegetation in the front yard of 21 Yakoun. This is of great concern to us due to Betty's allergy to bees & wasps. This overgrowth has also greatly impacted our view from our front yard looking out towards Sunset Park. The trailer has been slowly shifting over the last couple of years and all of the skirting on the front of the trailer had fallen away. This has left part of the trailer open underneath which poses a potential danger for children playing in the area who may be tempted to explore the building.

On October 31, 2010, during a major storm, the carport that had been built onto this abandoned trailer broke away, flew through the air, first hitting our trailer and ripping out the hydro meter and hydro & telephone lines from our home, snapped our antenna mast, as well as scattering debris on our property and broke fenceposts on our property and along the property line, then sailed through the air, breaking off the hydro pole in front of our house, before hitting the ground and sliding across Yakoun Street to finally rest in the driveway of JP Peerless (and hitting his pick-up truck). Very fortunately, some young children trick or treating down Yakoun Street had just left the impacted part of the street minutes before this event occurred. Suffice it to say, we went without power & telephone for nearly a week.

As mentioned above, Rolly Bauereiss was the former owner of the property and trailer at 21 Yakoun Street, before it went up for tax sale in September, 2010. Craig Beachy was the successful bidder. Rolly was apparently contacted by the Village Office about the damage to his trailer and damages that were subsequently caused by his carport roof, but as he had moved back to Ontario, he had no money and didn't want anything to do with the trailer & property (thus the property had gone for tax sale).

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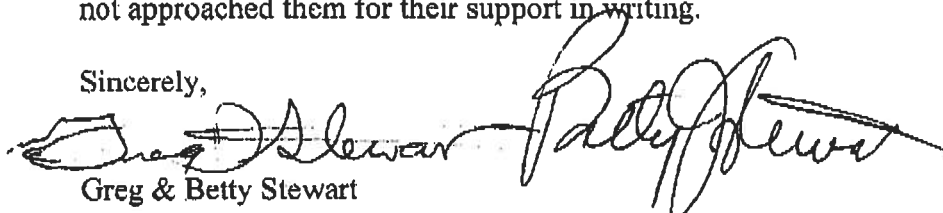
We had been keeping any eye on the trailer & property from early 2009 on for Rolly, as at one point our daughter was going to rent it from Rolly for a while (which never happened). After the storm, we had serious concerns about the rest of the roof blowing off and hitting our trailer and as the tax sale had not quite been completed, Craig Beachy kindly came and threw ropes over the roof to try and cinch it down until the tax sale was completed in 2011 and the trailer & property truly would become his. When Rolly's son arrived to remove some of Rolly's salvageable personal effects & appliances from the trailer, we had the opportunity to have a look inside the trailer and discovered that the floor had caved in by the side door, the floor & carpeting were soaking wet, everything inside was covered in active black mould, there were mushrooms growing inside the trailer - and that was just the beginning of the damage. The panelling on the walls and the ceiling tiles were bulging from water damage and as the windows had all been left open, the smell of cat urine was and is very evident.

In speaking with Craig Beachy, he had indicated that he would do some yard work/clearing and hadn't decided at that point (by the summer of 2011), whether he was going to sell the whole works or try and fix the place up. So far, Craig hasn't done any outside clean-up - he may have hauled some junk away from inside but the yard remains the same. We have had several storms since 2010 and we note that the siding is slowing being torn away on the opposite side of this trailer - the siding is fairly light and can travel quite a distance in a good wind, making this very hazardous. The remaining part of the roof appears to be collapsing down as the ropes don't look quite as tight as they were before and no tarps were ever placed over the roof to protect any remaining salvageable portion of the trailer's roof from the elements. Several cats have been seen going into and coming out from under the trailer as well as going in and out of the trailer through open windows. We are concerned that this is going to turn into yet another "hang-out" for ferrel cats, which has been a problem in Port Clements in the past. It is also unnerving to imagine the mould spores that blow directly into our house from this trailer when the wind is blowing in the right direction. If we were in the city, this site would probably be considered a bio-hazard and would be encapsulated in a containment tent, demolished and hauled away properly.

It has been 16 months since the devastating & disruptive event of Halloween 2010, and nothing has been done to address any of the issues referenced above. We are requesting that Council enforce any applicable by-laws to address these issues and thank Council for their prompt attention to this matter.

We have discussed this matter with other nearby residents who have mutual concerns, but have not approached them for their support in writing.

Sincerely,



Greg & Betty Stewart  
250-557-4760

Hello,

My name is Brad Slade, and I am IntegrityBC's campaign manager. We felt IntegrityBC should contact your Council to enquire whether you would be interested in endorsing our current petition campaign on Electoral Reform in BC. While we understand it may be outside your purview to get actively involved in the campaign, we thought your Council might see fit to endorse the campaign.

In a nutshell, our campaign calls for banning corporate and union donations from provincial political parties, as well as a cap on individual donations. We also call for a binding Citizen's Assembly to deal with the questions that will naturally arise out of such a major change, such as public funding of political parties. Indeed, we are calling for many things provincially that were included in the submissions to the Local Government Elections Task Force for consideration at the municipal level.

Here are some links to help you understand who we are, and what we hope to accomplish in BC:

Our website: [www.integritybc.ca](http://www.integritybc.ca)

download our electoral finance reform backgrounder

If you would like to see the specific wording of the petition, it can be found here: <http://integritybc.ca/petition>

A complete copy of our recent survey is available here:  
<http://www.integritybc.ca/images/pdfs/integritybcoracle2011.pdf>

And a recent Op-Ed by our Executive Director, Dermod Travis, can be found on the Times Colonist website here:  
<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Making+case+electoral+finance+reform/5754419/story.html#ixzz1eYb3MwII>

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to endorse the campaign, or require more information.

Thanks,

Brad Slade

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# VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS

## Cheque Listing For Council With GL Numbers

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<i><b>Cheque</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Expense GL Number</b></i>	<i><b>Invoice</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Invoice Amount</b></i>	<i><b>Cheque Amount</b></i>
20110781	2012-02-20	Alec's Place	10-2-11-10-10	8012012	PAYMENT TRAINING SEMINAR	80.00	80.00
20110782	2012-02-20	Canadian Western Mechanical	30-2-41-10-20	Prog#2	PAYMENT PROGRESS PAYMENT #2 WATER PLAN	342,430.51	359,271.36
20110783	2012-02-20	COASTAL PROPANE	10-2-24-70-10	38182	PAYMENT FIREHALL	1,668.71	1,750.78
20110784	2012-02-20	GAJDACSI, LINDA	10-2-72-91-00	20-02-12	PAYMENT CLEANING ST. MARK'S CHURCH	45.00	45.00
20110785	2012-02-20	MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN	10-2-31-00-10	Feb/Mar	PAYMENT FEB. & MARCH	219.00	219.00
20110794	2012-02-27	MINISTER OF FINANCE	10-2-12-99-08	27-02-2012	PAYMENT CROWN GRANT APPLICATION RE BARG	266.87	280.00
20110786	2012-02-20	Stewart, McDannold, Stuart	10-2-12-10-50	60170	PAYMENT YEAREND AUDIT REVIEW	268.37	813.85
			10-2-12-10-50	60171	BYLAW ENFORCEMENT	507.33	
20110787	2012-02-20	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	10-2-71-21-15	54(2376015	PAYMENT PHONE SERVICE	81.73	171.50
			10-2-71-21-15	55(2375939	SECURITY	81.73	

**Total      362,631.49**

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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

Author: Kim Mushynsky  
Date: February 22, 2012  
Re: **Derelict/Nuisance Buildings**

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### Background:

As a part of strategic planning Council gave a directive to investigate and begin the process for a demolition order on two properties within the Village of Port Clements. The properties identified were #8 Tingley Street and #124 Bayview Drive (pictures attached).

On February 22, 2012 Registered letters were sent to the last known address for both of these properties giving the owner or executors 30 days to demolish the building and have the refuse hauled away to the land fill. If this action is not completed by March 22, 2012, midnight, we will proceed to the next step which will be for Council to make a resolution under Section 74, Division 12, Part 3 of the Community Charter ordering the destruction (remedial action) of the "thing" which is creating the nuisance. This item will be included on the April 2, 2012 Regular Council Agenda.

The approximate timeline for this entire action is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Letter, from Administrator, sent February 22, 2012  
1<sup>st</sup> 30 day deadline expires at midnight March 22, 2012  
Council makes resolution declaring the property a Nuisance April 2, 2012  
2<sup>nd</sup> Letter, from Council, sent to property owner April 3, 2012 giving 30 days for compliance  
Property owner has 14 days from receipt of above letter to request a hearing for reconsideration  
If reconsideration requested it will be heard at the May 7, 2012 Regular Council Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Letter, from Council, sent to owner with decision from May 7, 2012 meeting sent May 8, 2012  
Property owner has 30 days for compliance – giving them until midnight June 6, 2012  
June 7, 2012 Council can direct staff to co-ordinate destruction of building  
Costs are allocated against property taxes.

Respectfully submitted:

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## 1 Program Overview

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### 1.1. Purpose

To assist local governments in developing sustainable infrastructure that will improve public health and safety, protect the natural environment and strengthen local and regional economies.

### 1.2. Amount of Grant

The maximum grant for approved projects is \$10,000 according to the following formula:

Approved Project Costs	Provincial Grant
First \$5,000 or less	100% of approved costs
Next \$10,000 or less	50% of approved costs

## 2 Eligibility

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### 2.1. Eligible Applicants

An eligible applicant is a local government, defined as a municipality or a regional district. Local governments can submit applications on behalf of improvement districts, registered utilities or other small water systems and should include the letter of request from that organization.

### 2.2. Eligible Projects

The Program supports a range of initiatives related to improving water, sewer, drainage and other environmental infrastructure. Eligible projects are those that promote sustainable infrastructure including, but not limited to:

#### Plans

- Liquid Waste Management Plans
- Integrated Stormwater Management Plans
- Community Energy Plans
- Water Conservation Plans
- Water Master Plans
- Asset Management Plans

#### Studies

- Infrastructure condition assessments
- Economic evaluations of universal metering and conservation rate structures
- Water audits and development of water demand management strategies
- Low impact development technologies and green building design evaluations
- Innovative pilot projects and capacity building programs
- Wastewater reclamation and water reuse studies

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Ministry of Community,  
Sport and Cultural  
Development

Local Government  
Infrastructure and Finance  
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## MEMORANDUM

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February 27, 2012

All Municipal and Regional District Financial Administrators

**Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds**

Please find attached an amended letter and agreement with respect to the Strategic Community Investment Funds. The funding amounts have not changed, but additional clauses have been added to the agreement and covering letter to further clarify funding processes and accountabilities.

Please replace the letter and agreement sent on Friday, February 24 with the attached.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

*"Original signed by"*

Talitha Soldera  
Director  
Local Government Finance

Attachments

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February 24, 2012

To: All Municipal and Regional District Financial Administrators

Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds

In this difficult economic time, certainty is critical for the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and for local governments. Restructuring the small community and regional district and traffic fine revenue sharing grants provides this certainty.

Many local governments rely on a steady stream of grant funding to meet operational requirements and there are frequently concerns with respect to the level of grant funding for the future. Undertaking the Strategic Community Investment Fund 2012-2014 program allows the Province of British Columbia (Province) to strengthen its commitment to local governments.

The Strategic Community Investment Fund 2012-2014 program will achieve the objectives of supporting local government efforts to stimulate local economies and will provide local governments with increased financial certainty while continuing to support investments in community safety for which traffic fine revenue sharing grants are intended. Providing more funding sooner allows local governments to make strategic spending decisions, stimulating local economies and creating local jobs. By detailing the level of funding in the Funds Agreement for each of the next three years, both the Province and local governments are provided with budget certainty for the future. As in past years, the grant amounts will be recalculated as new data is received.

Under the Funds Agreement, the Province agrees to pay local governments \$308.6 million by June 30, 2014. Payments will be made in five instalments. These will include an immediate one-time grant, along with a second installment in June 2012. Installments will occur as listed in the agreement, up to and including June 2014.

Funding will be provided in a flexible, objective-based approach, enabling the money to flow quickly to communities while ensuring a strong accountability framework. Local governments receiving funds will continue to develop a plan that sets out the intended uses and performance targets for those funds and will report publicly on their plan and progress towards achieving performance targets by June 30 in each following year.

In order to access the Funds, please sign the attached Funds Agreement to indicate your acceptance of the terms and conditions within and return to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development as soon as possible, and **no later than March 23, 2012.**

**The Province cannot ensure payment of Funds to local governments submitting signed Funds Agreements after March 23, 2012.**

In recognition of the short timeframe to sign and deliver the Funds Agreements, local governments are encouraged to email an electronic version of their signed Agreement.

Electronic copies of a signed Funds Agreement may be emailed to:  
**Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca.**

Hard copy original signed Funds Agreements, along with the Council/Board resolution authorizing entering into the Agreement, may be sent to:

**Mailing Address**

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch  
PO Box 9838 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9T1

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Richardson at 250-356-9609 or by email at: Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca.

## **STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS AGREEMENT**

This Agreement made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012,

### **BETWEEN:**

Village of Port Clements (Local Government)

### **AND:**

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA represented by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (Province).

### **WHEREAS:**

- A. The Province acknowledges that in this difficult economic time, financial certainty is critical for the Province and for local governments.
- B. The Province intends to strengthen its commitment to local governments by providing Strategic Community Investment Funds (Funds) over the next three years (2012 – 2014). This is also intended to provide bridge financing until local and provincial economies improve.
- C. By clarifying funding levels for the next three years, local governments are provided with the fiscal certainty required to make spending decisions, stimulate local economies and create jobs.
- D. The Province and the Local Government acknowledge the importance of reporting to residents on how the Funds are used. Transfers will be authorized using a flexible, purpose and objective-based approach to enable the Funds to flow quickly to communities, while ensuring a strong accountability and reporting framework.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the Local Government and the Province agree as follows:

Provided the Local Government complies with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, transfers will be authorized in the following amounts, for the purposes identified, on or before the date indicated.

<b>Assured Funds</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Small Community Grants	local government services	March 31, 2012	\$215,317
		June 30, 2012	\$323,692
		March 31, 2013	\$71,772
		June 30, 2013	\$180,148
		June 30, 2014	\$251,920
Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grants	defray the cost of local police enforcement	March 31, 2012	
		June 30, 2012	
		March 31, 2013	
		June 30, 2013	
		June 30, 2014	

### **1. CONDITIONS RELATING TO PAYMENTS BY THE PROVINCE**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the payment of money, or incurrence of an obligation or commitment, by the Province pursuant to this Agreement, is subject to:

- (a) there being sufficient monies available in an appropriation, as defined in the *Financial Administration Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 138) (the "FAA"), to enable British Columbia in any fiscal year or part thereof when any such payment may be required, to make that payment;
- (b) Treasury Board, as defined in the FAA, not having controlled or limited, pursuant to the FAA, expenditure under any appropriation referred to in section 1(a); and
- (c) a report received from the local government that funds received to date have or are being used for the intended purposes and that public disclosure has or is being complied with in accordance with section 2 of this Agreement prior to funds being transferred.

### **2. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING TO RESIDENTS**

- (a) Local governments receiving Funds will develop a plan that sets out the intended uses and performance targets for the Funds received from the Province.
- (b) By June 30<sup>th</sup> and in each following year, the Local Government will report publicly on the plan under section 2(a), and progress made toward achieving performance targets for the Funds in accordance with those plans.

### **3. TERM**

This Agreement shall commence on the date that it is fully executed by both of the Parties and shall expire on June 30, 2015.

#### **4. USES OF FUNDS**

If any of these funds are not required for their intended use, the Province reserves the right to redirect the funds for other purposes.

#### **SIGNATURES**

This Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Local Government by the duly authorized Corporate Officer pursuant to a resolution of the Council or Board, and on behalf of the Province, by the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Village of Port Clements

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA as represented by  
the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of  
Community, Sport and Cultural  
Development

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Corporate Officer

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Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Community, Sport  
and Cultural Development



## EVENT PROPOSAL FOR PORT CLEMENTS CANADA DAY FESTIVAL

REPORT SUBMITTED TO: Port Clements Village Council

SUBMITTED BY: Mayor Wally Cheer

DATE: February 27, 2012

PROPOSAL ITEM: Bird House Competition

**BACKGROUND:** When Glen Beachy was mayor, he erected a unique snag at the entrance to the Rainbow Wharf. He thought at the time, if a number of residents would contribute, several birdhouses mounted on the snag would enhance the entrance to the wharf. I believe the idea has a lot of merit. The concept died because there was very little promotion.

**PROPOSAL:** The community initiate a competition for birdhouses to be mounted on the snag. The competition should be community promoted but open Island-wide and would offer cash prizes for winners of two or three categories. For the competition to work, it would have to be announced and in place by, at the very latest, April 30 to give participants enough time to submit their entries sometime late in June. A judging committee would need to be created to award prizes.

**BENEFIT:**

- The competition is something everyone could get involved in from youngsters to seniors, it is not exclusive.
- The snag adorned by birdhouses would enhance the entrance to the wharf and could become an attraction for tourists.
- Obviously, birds would benefit
- No ongoing maintenance cost

**RECOMMENDATION:** If Council believes the idea is viable and worthwhile to go ahead with, the proposal should be referred to the tourism committee for refinement.

## EVENT PROPOSAL FOR PORT CLEMENTS CANADA DAY FESTIVAL

REPORT SUBMITTED TO: Port Clements Village Council

SUBMITTED BY: Mayor Wally Cheer

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DATE: February 27, 2012

PROPOSAL ITEM: Invitation to the Dept. of National Defence to Conduct Job Fair In Port Clements

PROPOSAL: Island youth should be made aware of opportunities for them in our armed forces. I propose we contact Dept. of National Defence to see if there is a possibility of sending one of their ships to Port Clements for Canada Day weekend. While they are tied up at our dock they could conduct seminars for youth to explain what opportunities are available to them and what requirements they require for service in the armed forces. At the same time they could play baseball or softball with a local team and take part in the festivities.

### BENEFIT:

- Island youth being exposed to opportunities in the armed forces.
- Having an attraction at the Rainbow Wharf which would draw Islanders from all parts of Haida Gwaii.
- Our locals would have a worthy opponent to play ball with
- It would make our Canada Day weekend much more vibrant.

RECOMMENDATION: If Council believes the idea is worthwhile investigating, refer the proposal to the tourism committee to see if it is feasible.

## EVENT PROPOSAL FOR PORT CLEMENTS CANADA DAY FESTIVAL

REPORT SUBMITTED TO: Port Clements Village Council

SUBMITTED BY: Mayor Wally Cheer

DATE: February 27, 2012

PROPOSAL ITEM: Kayak/Canoe Race

**BACKGROUND:** Our Canada Day weekend has lost some attraction to residents and other Islanders and our community is challenged to re-vitalize the festival.

**PROPOSAL:** I believe we need to integrate our local waters to the festival and a marine race of some sort would accent the weekend considerably. A kayak or canoe, or combination of both, race from the Kumdis slough to the small craft harbour would be short enough not to be exclusive but enough of a challenge to attract enthusiasts. Initially, the race would not be a large attraction but with exposure and promotion it would grow year after year.

**BENEFIT:**

- This race would appeal to the younger people who are always chasing challenges. If promoted, I believe we could attract off-island people to our community to compete in the event and stay for the whole festival in future years.
- We have the opportunity at the beginning to start small, learn and understand the organizational challenges for the event to ensure it is conducted safely and efficiently.
- Minimal cost to the community and/or organizational committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:** If Council believes the idea is viable and worthwhile to go ahead with, the proposal should be referred to the tourism committee for refinement.