

## **THE VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS**

Regular Meeting of Council, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

### **AGENDA**

1. ADOPT AGENDA.
2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS  
D-1-Terrie Dionne-Update on National Marine Conservation Area, Gwaii Haanas.  
D-2-RCMP Masset Detachment introduction of new members – discussion of annual performance plan.  
D-3-Dave Unsworth-History on the Port Clements Wharf.  
D-4-Response to newsletter.  
D-5 Opening of Salvage Bid for Village Office  
D-6 Expression of interest Community Hall
3. MINUTES  
M-1-Minutes February 2nd, 2009  
M-2-Port Clements Tourism Committee minutes February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.  
BA-1-NCMA Resolution Submission Deadline March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
BA-2-Minister Krueger's letter re: Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program, letter of support Darrel Wong President United Steelworkers, Local 1-2171, Coast Forest Products Association, Town of View Royal, Victoria, Ministry of Forests and Range.  
BA-3-Utility Billings Complaints.
5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE  
C-1-South End Pool Committee - Letter of Support to Gwaii Trust for a feasibility study for a south end swimming pool.  
C-2-NCMA Silent Auction request for Convention.  
C-3-BC Recreation & Parks Association - Active Communities Grant approval \$5000.00.  
C-4-Lee White - Community Development Leader - Policy recommendations for preventative health in BC via video conference March 12. Council participants.  
C-5-BC Housing. Making rent more affordable for families in your community, Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferralment Program Tax Collectors update.  
C-6-Village of Queen Charlotte - Gwaii Trust letter of support-Legacy Program for staff training -\$4294.75.  
C-6-Village of Queen Charlotte – Gwaii Trust letter of support -Public Works training-\$4159.50.  
C-7-Public Works Association of BC - National Public Works week, May 17-23, 2009. "Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew".  
C-8-Health Services - March, Community Social Services Awareness Month.  
C-9-Winterlights Celebration Symposium - Prince George Feb 19-21, 2009.  
C-10-BC Province Healthlinks BC - New service for healthcare resources-Dial 811.  
C-11-Measure Up The North-Conference Prince George, April 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

- C-12-Northern Health response to Complaint regarding preserved wood in Port Clements.
- C-13-Sandspit resident-Joni Fraser, letter to Prime Minister Harper re: Dying towns on the Queen Charlotte Islands.
- C-14-Renewable Energy Luncheon and Seminar-Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>, Cecilia's in Tlell.
- C-15-Service Canada-Skills link for youth employment strategy program.
- C-16-MLA Gary Coons-letter to Mr. Penner re: Highway 16 pavement project.
- C-17-Village of Masset, Volunteer Fire Department-Letter of support Legacy Program \$2500.00 50%, for upgrade to the radios used by the fire department.
- C-18-Canadian Wildlife Service-Invitation to comment on the proposed addition of species to the *Species at Risk Act*.
6. GOVERNMENT
- G-1-Bylaw # 368, 2008 Establish fees and regulations for the use of the Port Clements Wharf, Third Reading
- G-2-Bylaw #369, 2009, Multi Purpose Building Rental Rates, Third Reading.

7. FINANCE

- F-1-Cheque list February 13th, 2009.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS
- R-1-Action Plan

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURNMENT

In camera meeting to follow under Community Charter section 90-1-c.

**Subject:** Fw: Info pkg for Feb 16th  
**From:** joanne.collinson@pc.gc.ca  
**Date:** Thu, 15 Jan 2009 11:47:08 -0800  
**To:** office@portclements.com

Hi,  
Here is the info pkg for the NMCA presentation by Terrie Dionne on Feb 16th @ 7:30 PM...

Howa  
Joanne

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## TIDEY BIT



Photo by Graham Osborne for Parks Canada

Sheltered, high current area — a rare coastal habitat of remarkable biological productivity. The combination of high current, high salinity and low wave exposure creates an ecological cocktail supporting some of the highest numbers of invertebrates recorded anywhere in the world.

### HOW MANY OF THESE AREAS EXIST WITHIN GWAIL HAANAS MARINE?

Answer: Three. Kihi (Burnaby Narrows), Murchison-Faraday Passage, Houston — Stewart Channel — account for less than 1% of the coastline in Gwaii Haanas Marine

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For more information visit page 21 of *The Story of Gwaii Haanas Marine*.

If you don't have a copy, contact us at [gwaiihaanasmarine@pc.gc.ca](mailto:gwaiihaanasmarine@pc.gc.ca) and we'll send you one.

## Learn more - information to explore

*The Unnatural History of the Sea* — Callum Roberts

Excerpt from the book...page 356-57 - transformation in St. Lucia, one of the windward isles in the Caribbean....

*"Problems erupted in the early 1990s when fishers came to blows with the growing tourist industry. Increasingly, boatloads of divers interrupted their fishing and fishers blamed them for the failing catches"*

*"...they hatched a plan to create a management area that encompassed 11 kilometers (7 miles) of coast around Soufrière. A network of four reserve zones protected from fishing but permitting scuba diving, lay at the heart of this plan. They included 35% of the area of coral reefs of this coast" ....*

*"...Five years into the study, by which time populations had increased threefold in reserves and doubled in fishing grounds we examined fish catches to see if they had improved"*

*....Despite giving up a third of their fishing grounds as marine reserves, the trap fishery prospered...fishers caught more for less time spent fishing. They also caught bigger and better fish."*

Callum Roberts is a professor of marine conservation at the University of York in England.

*Google launches new tool*

Google Inc. has launched a new tool as part of Google Earth that lets people view protected marine areas with the click of a mouse — a bid to harness the Internet's top search engine to raise awareness of endangered ocean habitats. A click on them brings up photos and/or video of the sites and marine life there, as well as text explaining the sites, how they are managed and local maritime lore

<http://earth.google.com/>

*National Geographic*

National Geographic has launched a live, continuous underwater video feed of a coral reef, off Belize in Central America, WildCam Belize Reef.

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/wildcambelize/>

## GETTING TO KNOW US



LEWIS BUBLÉ

*"Fishing has always been good to me and my family so I dedicate time and energy to promoting and implementing responsible marine resource use and care. I pride myself in the knowledge that I continually work towards ensuring the future health of the resource ultimately for those who depend and rely on it."*

Lewis Bublé is a third generation commercial fisherman who has been fishing since childhood. This past summer, the family fishing tradition continued as Lewis took his six year old grandson out for his (already) second summer at sea. Lewis has been a vessel owner/operator since 1976 and continues to fish salmon in areas C & D on his "Wining Edge".

Lewis is a longtime Director for the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company and is a Director and Vice President of the Gulf & Fraser Financial Group. Lewis is also an appointee to the Pacific Region Regional Advisory Council on Marine Oil Spill Response & Prevention. He is the former Chairman of the BC Salmon Marketing Council, an advisor to Fisheries and Oceans Canada on the Central Coast Salmon Advisory Board and was a table member representing commercial fishermen for the Central Coast Land and Coastal Resources Management Plan.

The Gwaii Haanas Marine Project team benefits from Lewis's extensive industry involvement and the broad perspective he brings to the table.

## Fisheries on Board

The team working towards the establishment of the Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve is large and diverse. It is comprised of staff from federal and provincial governments, the Council of the Haida Nation and several independent advisors. A number of smaller "sub teams" are working internally on specific matters including science, zoning, communications and consultation. The Fisheries and Oceans Canada sub-team recently came on board.

Marilyn Joyce, National Marine Conservation Area Coordinator is the lead person for the contingent of Fisheries and Oceans Canada team members working on this project. Marilyn transitioned from her previous role within Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Marine Mammal Coordinator) to this new role during the summer of 2008. She spent the summer connecting with a wide range of people at various levels within the organization and recruiting their involvement and support for this initiative. On September 23, over twenty people were briefed about the project – what's been done, what's happening right now and what still needs to be completed. Marilyn pointed out that, Gwaii Haanas Marine represents an opportunity for both Parks Canada and Fisheries & Oceans Canada to collaborate towards achieving Canada's Marine Protected Area strategy. "It is exciting but daunting at the same time, with so many fisheries to consider as well as a multitude of fisheries advisory processes to engage. Fortunately, we have a great team on the task" she states.

During the summer of 2008 the Parks Canada science team compiled available fisheries information for the Gwaii Haanas marine area. This information was presented to the Fisheries and Oceans team for their input and improvement. Fisheries and Oceans and Parks Canada staff have been working closely to ensure that all fisheries data is accurate and as comprehensive as possible. This information will serve as the starting point for discussions with fisheries sectors beginning this fall.



Something fishy, this way comes  
January 20 & 24, 2009

## GAAYSIIGANG - AN OCEAN FORUM FOR HAIDA GWAII

The Gwaii Haanas Marine project team is a proud sponsor of this forum and an active participant in the planning and preparation for this first time event being organized by Haida Fisheries.

## Details about the Project



Photo: Nick Trevis

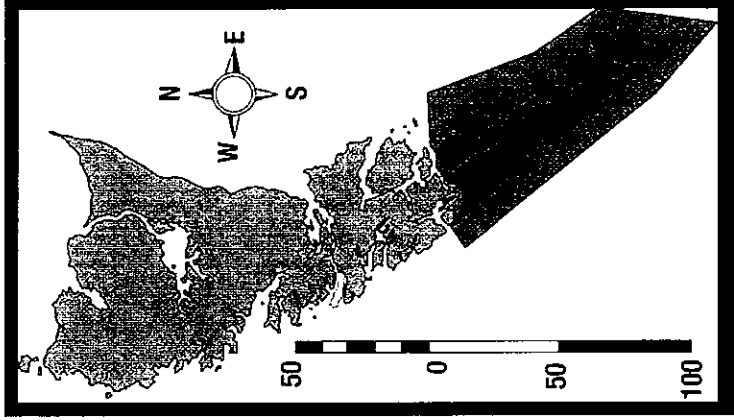
Parks Canada has identified the waters around Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site as a potential national marine conservation area reserve, a type of marine protected area that balances protection and ecologically sustainable use. This is one of a number of marine environments across Canada selected to be part of a network of marine conservation areas. For the Haida, the marine and terrestrial environments are inseparable, and in the marine wilderness known as Gwaii Haanas, it's clear why this is the case. The boundary between earth and ocean exists only on a map and the cycle of life in the diverse marine ecosystems of Gwaii Haanas encircles land and sea. Once the national marine conservation area reserve is established, nearly 5000 km<sup>2</sup> of ocean and land will be protected. This will be one of the only places in the world protected from mountaintop to seafloor.

### What's included in the proposed Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve?

The proposed Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve will extend approximately 10 km offshore from Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. It will encompass approximately 3,400 km<sup>2</sup> of the Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Shelf marine regions.

The maritime world of Gwaii Haanas is rich and diverse. Under the waters of Hecate Strait lie the contours of a former tundra-like plain, with meandering rivers, lakes and beach terraces - a landscape that was drowned when sea levels rose after the last ice age. Off the west coast of Gwaii Haanas, the Queen Charlotte Shelf drops away abruptly to about 2,500 metres. This is an area of many transitions; between ocean abyss, continental slope, shallow shelf and the dramatically upthrust landmass of the islands. These "ecological edges" make for great biological richness.

Clean, nutrient-rich water supports productive kelp forest communities and some of the most abundant, diverse and colourful intertidal communities found in temperate waters anywhere in the world.



Map of the proposed Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve

### What's happened so far?

Plans to protect the waters around Gwaii Haanas have been in place since the 1980s and a number of important steps have been completed.

In 1985, the Council of the Haida Nation designated the marine area as part of the Haida Heritage Site. Then in 1988, the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia committed to protecting the marine environment in the *South Moresby Agreement*. This was followed in 1993 by the *Gwaii Haanas Agreement*, in which the Council of the Haida Nation and the Government of Canada agreed to negotiate a new agreement for the planning, management and operation of the marine area.

A mineral and energy assessment conducted in the area showed that the potential for oil and gas development was low and the boundary for the area was established based on this assessment. As a result, in 1997, four oil and gas companies voluntarily transferred their leases within the



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Haida



Photo: Tufted Puffin / Debby Gauthier / 2008

## Did you know?

More than 370,000 pairs of seabirds including tufted puffins, rhinoceros auklets, and ancient and marbled murrelets nest in Gwaii Haanas. Twenty species of whales and dolphins including orcas, humpbacks and grey whales can be seen.

The waters of the proposed marine conservation area reserve support the Haida's traditional harvest of marine resources, as well as commercial fisheries including herring roe-on-kelp (K'aaw), salmon, halibut, rockfish, geoduck clams and red sea urchin.

The sea otter population in Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) was decimated during the fur trade in the 1700s and 1800s. As a result, the near-shore environment of the islands has been profoundly changed. Sea otters prey on sea urchins who graze intensely on seaweed. In areas where the sea otters have disappeared, the sea urchin populations have increased and kelp forests have declined.

A large sea lion rookery is located at the southern tip of Gwaii Haanas at Cape St. James. In the 1960s, both seals and sea lions were hunted in Gwaii Haanas. Sea lions have been protected since 1970, but the population at Cape St. James is still at only one third of its historic level.

boundary to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, who in turn relinquished them to the Government of Canada. The last step was the transfer of seabed interests from the Province of British Columbia to the Government of Canada in 2001.

We have also been preparing for the establishment of the national marine conservation area reserve through science and cultural resource research programs. This work will be critical to the ongoing planning and management of the area. Some of the lead work includes creation of baseline inventories of marine plants, invertebrates, seabirds, marine mammals and a comprehensive report on the coastal environment. Other projects include eelgrass research, underwater archaeology and the gathering of Haida place names.

## What are the next steps?

We still have important work to do before Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve can be established. This includes sharing information and consulting with the public and stakeholders. We also need to negotiate an agreement between the Government of Canada

Photo: Thomas Tomascik



and the Council of the Haida Nation to determine how the marine area will be managed. Parallel to this, we are working with partners, local communities, islanders, commercial fishermen and others to develop an interim management plan and zoning plan.

After the national marine conservation area is established, we will continue to work with partners and stakeholders to further advance zoning and management priorities over the initial five-year period-culminating with the development of a comprehensive management plan. As part of this process, an advisory committee will be established to advise on both the development and implementation of the management plan.

The marine conservation area reserve will be cooperatively managed by the Government of Canada and the Council of the Haida Nation.

## fact sheets in this series

- Details about the Project
- National Marine Conservation Areas
- Representing Marine Diversity

- Zoning
- Commercial Fishing
- The Science Network

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## Marine Conservation Areas

Photo: Mark Hilder

Working with scientists familiar with Canada's oceans and Great Lakes, Parks Canada has developed a framework of 29 marine regions, each a distinct combination of physical and biological characteristics. By its very nature, the marine environment tends to challenge our notion of easily identifiable boundaries. Because water is the primary element in a marine environment, the factors which separate one region from another are not immediately obvious from the surface and are based primarily on characteristics such as temperature, salinity, currents, depth profiles and species distributions.

### National Marine Conservation Areas of Canada Program

#### Who?

Parks Canada is responsible for national parks and national historic sites. It is also charged with setting up a national network of marine protected areas, known as national marine conservation areas, to represent the full range of marine ecosystems found in Canada's Atlantic, Arctic and Pacific Oceans, and the Great Lakes.

#### Where?

Currently, there are two operating sites within the National Marine Conservation Area Program: Fathom Five National Marine Park in Georgian Bay, Ontario, and Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park in Quebec. Four other projects are underway, Gwaii Haanas marine and Southern Strait of Georgia in BC, Western Lake Superior in Ontario and Îles de la Madeleine in Quebec.

#### What?

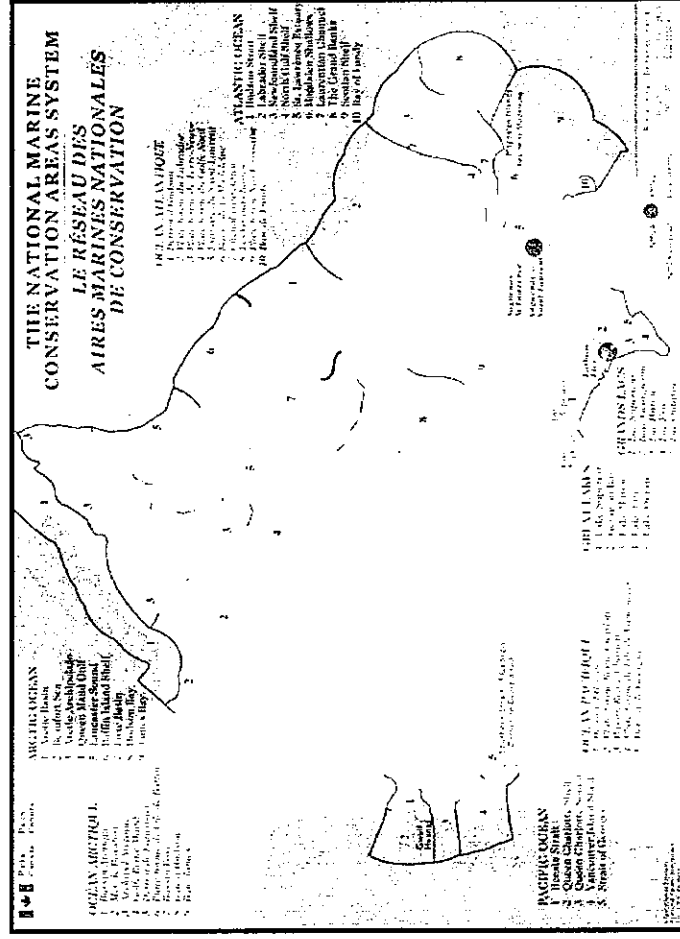
A national marine conservation area is a type of marine protected area managed for ecologically sustainable use and contain zones of high protection. They include the seabed and the water above it. They may also include wetlands, estuaries,

islands and other coastal lands.

National marine conservation areas are protected from such activities as ocean dumping, undersea mining, and oil and gas exploration and development. Commercial and recreational fishing and other activities are permitted, but those activities must be managed with the primary goal of conserving these precious ecosystems. National marine conservation areas are

established to represent a marine region and to demonstrate how protection and conservation practices can be harmonized with resource use in marine ecosystems. Their management requires the development of partnerships with regional stakeholders, coastal communities, Aboriginal peoples, provincial or territorial governments and other federal departments and agencies.

### CANADA'S NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREAS SYSTEM PLAN



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Haida





Photo: Mark Hibbert

The program is designed to:

- represent the diversity of Canada's oceanic and Great Lakes environments
- maintain ecological processes and life support systems
- provide a model for sustainable use of marine species and ecosystems
- encourage marine research and ecological monitoring
- protect depleted, vulnerable, threatened or endangered marine species and their habitats
- provide for marine interpretation and visitor experiences
- contribute to a growing worldwide network of marine protected areas

#### How?

Parks Canada's goal is to eventually represent each of the 29 marine regions.

#### Why?

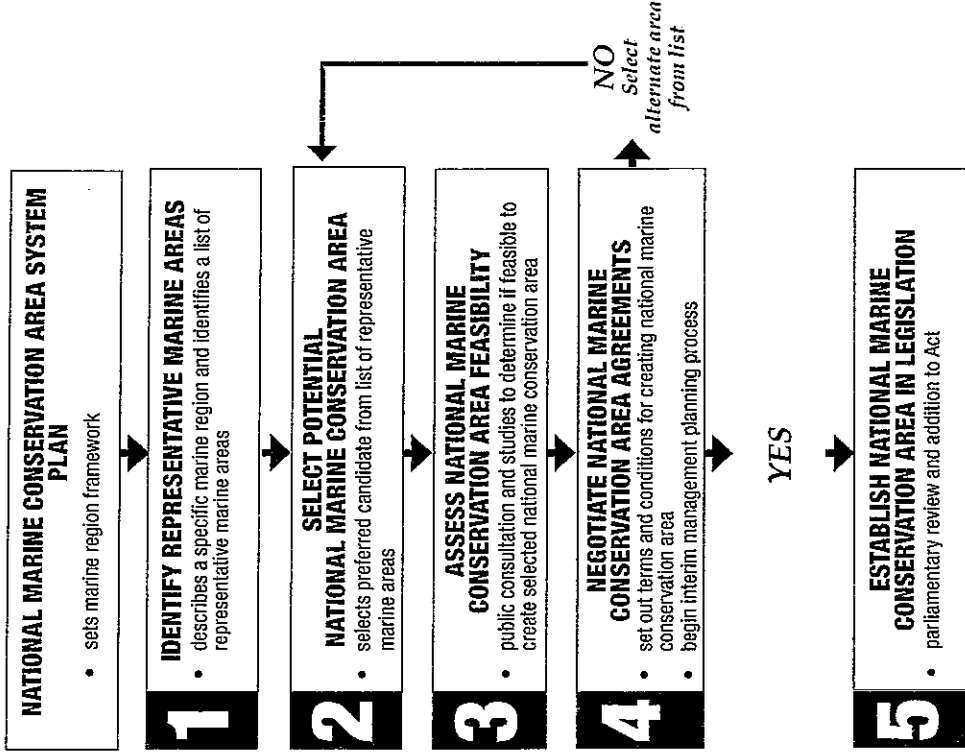
Canada has the longest coastline in the world — over 243,000 km of coastline along three oceans and another 9500 km along the Great Lakes. The vast marine ecosystems off these coasts are varied, productive and precious. We have a responsibility, both at the national and international levels, to protect examples of this marine heritage for present and future generations.

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## Steps normally followed to establish a new national marine conservation area



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**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Council held Monday  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 in the Council Chambers**

Present  
Mayor Delves  
Councillor Cheer  
Councillor Hughes-McMullon  
Councillor Stewart  
Councillor Traplin

Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Press/Public

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**1. ADOPT AGENDA.**

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

D-1-Sgt. Grant McDonald, Masset Detachment RCMP.  
Sergeant McDonald handed out the annual performance plan 2008/2009, for setting priorities for the coming year.

Sergeant McDonald also reported that there were no casualties over the Christmas season in regards to drinking and driving.

There are now nine members of the detachment and two cadets.

**4. MINUTES**

M-1-Minutes January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to accept the minutes of January 19, 2009.

**CARRIED**

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

BA-1-NCMA Resolution Submission Deadline March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to table this until next meeting

**CARRIED**

BA-2-Highway Paving

Councillor Stewart reported that Highways has cancelled paving for this year.

Get support from other municipalities, plant currently on island with adventure paving they will be removing their plant.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Cheer to form a letter to the Ministry of Transportation stating Council's concerns about the decision to not complete paving in 2009.

**CARRIED**

M-1

BA-3-Community Mail out/Tim Fennell concerns  
It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to mail out the community letter as written.

**CARRIED**

6. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1-2009 BC Tourism Industry Conference February 11-13<sup>th</sup>, Vancouver.  
It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to forward the 2009 BC Tourism Industry Conference February 11-13<sup>th</sup>, Vancouver information to the tourism committee.

**CARRIED**

C-2-NCMA Executive nominations.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to receive and file for information.

**CARRIED**

C-3-Village of Masset-Gwaii Trust letter of support-\$7372.07 to finish off Tourism Building.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Cheer to support the Village of Masset's request for funding to the Gwaii Trust under the culture as it relates to tourism for the second phase of their tourism information centre.

**CARRIED**

C-4-Gordon McIntosh-Organizational Workshop Services-Evening session April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to approach Masset and Charlotte Council to see if there is any interest in the Village of Masset and Queen Charlotte to have Port Clements host this work shop.

**CARRIED**

C-5-Northern Health-Port Clements Nursing Services.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to receive and file for information

**CARRIED**

C-6-UBCM-Infrastructure funding information

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to have Sam Nath research the UBCM-Infrastructure funding information for the availability to Port Clements.

**CARRIED**

C-7-UBCM Federal Budget 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to receive and file for information.

**CARRIED**

C-8-Order of BC-2009 Call for Nominations.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Cheer to receive and file for information.

**CARRIED**

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1-Bursary Application Policy #2.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to accept the Bursary Application policy.

**CARRIED**

G-2-Bylaw # 368, 2008 Establish fees and regulations for the use of the Port Clements Wharf, Second Reading  
It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to read bylaw No.368 Establish fees and regulations for the use of the Port Clements Wharf a second time.

**CARRIED**

G-3-Bylaw #369, 2009, Multi Purpose Building Rental Rates, Second Reading.  
It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to read bylaw No. 369 Multi Purpose Building Rental Rates a second time.

**CARRIED**

8. FINANCE

F-1-Cheque list January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Traplin to accept the cheque listing of January 30, 2009.

**CARRIED**

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

R-1-Action Plan

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to receive and file for information.

**CARRIED**

R-2-Report to Council-Public Works re:Lagoon Fence.

It was moved by Councillor Traplin, seconded by Councillor Stewart to have Public Works Superintendent look into the cost for Cedar posts for the sewage lagoon and report back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Stewart-** Nothing to report

**Councillor Traplin** – Attended the Community Hall meeting at Patio Zone.

**Councillor Hughes-McMullon-** attended the VIRL board meeting. There was a resolution to propose changes to the library act. It was also brought forward to have further discussion in the future with joint partnerships.

**Councillor Cheer-** Will be attending the Tourism committee meeting on Thursday

**Mayor Delves-** Will be going away for a couple of days.

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 and go in camera under Community Charter section 90-1-c.

**CARRIED**

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Cory Delves,  
Mayor

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Heather Nelson-Smith,  
Clerk/Treasurer

I HAVE A BIT MORE  
HISTORY OF THE DOCK  
REP A/R'S

I ALSO HAVE A CEMENTIST  
~~A CEMENTIST~~ ACQUAINTANCE  
+ DOING SOME NEUTRAL  
RESEARCH ON TREATING

D. Wright

D-3

## THE PORT CLEMENTS DOCK

As a resident of Port Clements, I would prefer that the Big Dock be refurbished with untreated wood products. (No Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate.) I support this stand because I desire to live and work in a healthy community that supports a healthy ecosystem for all.

Thank you!



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Harmonie Blais  
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(Telle)

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Brian Furl

## THE PORT CLEMENTS DOCK

As a resident of Port Clements, I would prefer that the Big Dock be refurbished with untreated wood products. (No Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate.) I support this stand because I desire to live and work in a healthy community that supports a healthy ecosystem for all.

Thank you!

DAVID UNSWORTH

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Evelyn Robinson

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Port Clements Village Council  
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Mayor and Council:

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Disappointed again

  
Ron Haralson

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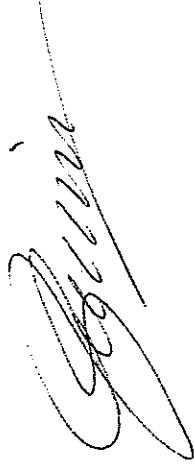
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SWENNYTH QUINN (A.K.A WENDY)



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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is about the pressure treated lumber that is going on the wharf. I attended the village meeting the night the decision was made. I was there for the opening of proposals for the installation of the lumber on the end of the wharf.

The bids for the remaining lumber came in at mid \$80,000 for Eaglecrest and approximately \$61,000 for the treated off island fir. At this time the council discussed that the treated fir was a better product for the application and at \$25,000 less would be the way to go.

My personal opinion on the dangers of pressure treated lumber is neutral. I see it on all kinds of playgrounds, decks, wharfs and residential and commercial structures. The Masset Marina has a pressure treated fence around the entire area, which is surrounded by water and the water that feeds into the bird sanctuary. It is used in all applications from residential, commercial, industrial and health buildings.

There is no doubt that it would have been great for the money to be kept here for our local economy. I have a hard time believing that an off island mill can beat the local mills by +\$20,000. With this information on this issue I support the local council's decision to purchase the pressure treated lumber.

Yours truly,  
Aaron Hallberg  
Blackwater Excavation

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**Subject:** FeedbackOnTimbersForTheWharf.  
**From:** Arnold Miyagawa <hosso@felus.net>  
**Date:** Fri, 13 Feb 2009 04:24:22 -0800  
**To:** office@portclements.com

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To The Mayor And Council, Greetings,

....re. the feedback on the treated timbers issue for the Port wharf...having done (in the very short time since picking up the undated circular on Wednesday) some of my own investigation into the matter of the toxicity of ACZC from wood treated with such, I have come to the clear conclusion that before Council decides to actually purchase and then use such timbers as planned, Council should wait until the public, not only in Port, but on the islands as a whole (because the environment is not just Port's environment) have a chance to have the issue laid out properly before them and have it discussed thoroughly by all interested and concerned parties (perhaps at an open meeting). This proviso is very important, obviously, owing to where the world is now at with regard to pollution-related problems and how they have been / are actually impacting our lives.

So, my position is that for now, as things stand, I am 'OPPOSED' to the use of ACZC-impregnated timbers for the wharf repair. (Btw, I did hear or read somewhere that local contractors could come down on their price for the local alternative -- namely, Cedar timbers, as they are also concerned re. the environment.)

Nevertheless, I hope, in the end, the project is concluded successfully to the benefit of all the people on the islands, and others who come to use it.

Yours respectfully, ....Arnold Miyagawa

Port Clements, BC

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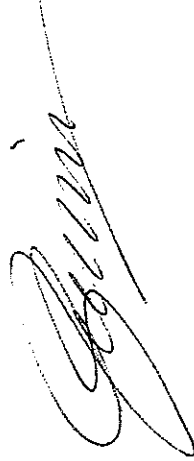
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## PORT CLEMENTS TOURISM COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Urs Thomas	Ian Gould
	Wally Cheer	Lana Wilhelm
	David Ferretti	

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 and the agenda was adopted as circulated.

A motion was made by Urs Thomas to postpone committee elections until later in the meeting to allow for arrival of others who might be arriving late. The motion was seconded by Ian Gould and passed.

**BA-1: Tourism Development Action Plan Priorities:** The Committee discussed some of the Action, Priorities and Responsibilities in the Tourism Development Action Plan. Trails dominated the discussion particularly ‘In Town’ trails, extension of Sunset Trail and the Golden Spruce Trail.

A motion was made by Urs Thomas to have Council consider setting aside funds to hire two people for one week for maintenance and repair of Sunset Trail and Park. Motion was seconded by David Ferretti and passed.

David Ferretti made a motion to ask Council for their support for the Committee to proceed with maintenance of the Golden Spruce Trail. The Committee is hoping to be able to get a donation of crushed rock and, with volunteer labour, repair the trail and put in guard rails where needed. The motion was seconded by Urs Thomas and passed.

It was thought there may be a plan for a trail on the backside of the Village which would connect with the Sunset Trail. Village office will be approached to see if there is a Plan or a map for this. Also, the Village office will be asked if they have any plans or maps available for proposed ‘in town’ trails. Pierre Pelletier will be asked if he would be available to offer expertise to create maps for possible ‘in town’ trails.

After discussing the need for a more informative webpage for the Village, a motion was made by Urs Thomas to ask Council for permission to explore lay-outs, costs and content for this. The motion was seconded by Wally Cheer and passed. It was asked if the Village webcam could be utilized and placed on the government dock and included on the webpage.

**C – 1 – ‘ATV Friendly’ designation for area around Port Clements.** This will be considered further down the action list.

**C – 2 – ‘Storm Watching’:** This will be considered further down the action list.

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**C – 3 – Community Tourism Program Phase 2:** The Program was briefly discussed so new members were up to speed on it.

**C – 4 – Guide to the QCI 2009 Port Clements advertisement.** Urs Thomas made a motion to approve the ad as is. This was seconded by Ian Gould and passed.

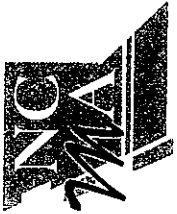
**C – 5 – Terry Vulcano Tourism Idea for Islands.** Wally Cheer motioned for this to be received and filed. Seconded by Lana Wilhelm and passed.

**C – 6 – BC Tourism Industry Conference:** Urs Thomas motioned for this to be received and filed. Seconded by David Ferretti and passed.

**NB-1** – The Committee was asked, if other communities form dragon boat teams, would Port Clements have enough interest to form a team. It was thought that there might be enough interest to field a team and Lana will stay abreast of island developments in this.

**Committee Elections:** Wally Cheer nominated Urs Thomas as chairman and he was acclaimed. Wally Cheer was nominated as minute taker by Ian Gould and was acclaimed. Council will be asked to make these appointments as well as confirming David Ferretti, Ian Gould, Lana Wilhelm and Naureen Hughes-McMullon as committee members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.



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December 19, 2008

Village of Port Clements  
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**Re: Resolution Submission Deadline: March 6th, 2009**

Dear Mayor Delves and Councillors,

The North Central Municipal Association's 54th Annual General Meeting and Convention is coming up May 6th - 8th, 2009 in Dawson Creek. The Executive of the NCMA encourages you to submit your resolutions on issues of concern for debate at the Convention. These resolutions are vital to the Association, as the issues identified and endorsed at this meeting help to focus the work plan for the Executive and staff during the year ahead.

We strongly encourage you to draft and submit your resolutions early. Resolutions must be submitted to the NCMA office prior to the deadline of **Friday, March 6th, 2009**. We work with a tight schedule to allow enough time for the resolutions to be forwarded to UBCM for comment and then returned to us for printing prior to the convention. All five Area Associations submit resolutions to UBCM during the same time period, which creates challenges for the UBCM staff.

Enclosed please find:

- A sample resolution with preparation guidelines.
- Criteria for the Best Crafted Resolution Gold Star Award and Honourable Mention winners.

If you require assistance or advice with the drafting of your resolutions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or staff at the NCMA office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Frazier', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

Mayor Mike Frazier  
Resolutions Chair, NCMA

Encl.

BA-1

**Subject:** RE: Letter to Honorable Kevin Krueger re: Community Development Trust  
**From:** "Darrel Wong" <dwong@steelworkers1-2171.ca>  
**Date:** Thu, 29 Jan 2009 12:13:11 -0800  
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January 27, 2009

Honourable Kevin Krueger  
Minister of Community Development  
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Victoria, BC  
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**Re: Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program**

Dear Minister,

Western Forest Product's recent decisions to curtail their harvesting operations indefinitely; in the Port Alberni Valley, on the Mainland Mid Coast and on the Queen Charlotte Islands, has dealt a devastating blow to the several hundred forest workers affected.

Some of the older workers, who are now without employment, may have past up the opportunity to participate in the Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program this past August, in favour of another year of employment. And now they face an uncertain future. I personally know of a number of local forest workers in this predicament.

For example in Port Clements, Edwards and Associates (Bill 13 Contractor for Western Forest Products) is one of our major employers. Twenty-two percent of Edwards work force (as of January 1, 2009), were eligible for the Transitional Assistance Program at the August deadline. For a variety of reasons, these individuals chose not to apply. This is understandable after just recovering from a lengthy strike in 2007 and a sporadic work year of 2008. However, the lack of employment opportunities that these individuals face now is like nothing they have experience in their careers.

By assisting our older forest workers with retirement through programs like the Transitional Assistance Program, opportunities for the younger forest workers are created. To ensure the survival of our Coastal Communities and our Coastal Forest Industry we need to retain and stabilize the job opportunities for our skilled young work force.

The Coastal Forest Workers have in the past, played a major role in making British Columbia the “best place on earth” and now they need the Province’s help. The Council of the Village of Port Clements respectfully request that the Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program be, re-opened for workers impacted by Western Forest Products untimely harvesting and manufacturing curtailments.

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February 9, 2009

ORIGINAL SENT VIA EMAIL

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Office of the Minister Human Resources  
& Skills Development Canada  
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Minister of Community Development  
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Attention: Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada  
Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of Community Development

Dear Honourable Ministers:

Re: Community Adjustment Fund

In 2008 the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia successfully collaborated on the funding and implementation of the \$129 million Community Development Trust (CDT). One of the main programs of the CDT was the \$87 million Transitional Assistance Program. The goal of the program was to provide older workers in the forest sector, who wished to retire, with financial assistance to facilitate the transition to retirement. In doing so the program created opportunities for younger workers to remain in the forest industry.

In the fall of 2008 the Province received approximately 2,200 applications for transitional assistance. The first window for application to the program closed in September of 2008 and applicants are now being processed and finalized. Total estimated uptake of the first round of the program is between \$70 - 72 million.

The economic conditions in the forest sector have worsened substantially since the fall of 2008 and there have been a significant number of new indefinite and permanent closures of manufacturing facilities and logging operations. In addition the prospects for recovery in forest products markets and for the industry itself are not expected until 2010. These factors have created a dilemma for the Province, the forest industry and their workers – the CDT has a remaining \$15-17 million available for transitional assistance but this funding is not likely sufficient to meet the needs of the second tranche of older workers that wish to exit the industry, or whom may reach the age of retirement before the industry recovers from the current collapse of markets and housing crisis. Without the ability to ensure adequate funding it is difficult to open the window for new applications to the program.

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The Government of Canada realized the plight of Canadian workers and provided significant new funding in the January 27, 2009 Budget. We applaud the Conservative government in taking these necessary actions.

In particular the Community Adjustment funding of \$1 billion, the increased funding of \$1 billion for training delivered through the Employment Insurance program, the \$500 million in Strategic Training and Transition fund and the \$60 million Targeted Initiative for Older Workers will be of great benefit for forest workers in British Columbia.

Coast Forest Products Association represents 90% of the forest products manufacturing capacity and 60% of the logging and forest management on the Coast of British Columbia. We employ over 12,000 people. On behalf of the coastal forest industry, our workers and the communities in which we work, we request that the Government of Canada work closely with the Province of British Columbia to ensure that the new worker and community funding initiatives, contained in the 2009 Federal Budget, are made available to adequately fund the Transition Assistance Program of the CDT to facilitate the exit of older workers in our industry in a fair and honourable manner while creating sustainable and stable employment for younger workers who wish to remain in the forest industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We look forward to your reply and commit to working with your respective governments on this important issue.

Yours truly,



R.M. (Rick) Jeffery  
President and CEO

c.c. Hon. L. Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources  
Hon. C. Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development  
Hon. J. Hill, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons  
Hon. S. Day, Minister of International Trade  
Hon. J. Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages  
Hon. P. Bell, Minister of Forests and Range  
Mr. J. Duncan, Member of Parliament North Island  
Mr. J. Dyble, Deputy Minister of Forests and Range  
Mr. D. Wall, Deputy Minister of Community Development  
Ms. Janice Charette, Deputy Minister of Human Resources & Skills Development  
Mr. Mike Fraser, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of Human Resources & Skills Development  
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February 4, 2009

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**Attention:** Mayor Cory Delves

Dear Mayor Delves:

**Re: Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program**

At the Council meeting held February 3, 2009 the following resolution was passed by View Royal Council:

*"THAT the letter received January 29, 2009 from C. Delves, Mayor, Village of Port Clements, Re: Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program be received."*

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

**TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL**

Elena Bolster  
Assistant Clerk



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Darrel Wong, President  
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dwong@steelworkersl-2171.ca  
Dear Mr. Wong:

Thank you for your email of January 29, 2009, to the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range, regarding the Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program.

I understand that Mayor Delves' letter has also been sent to the attention of the Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of Community Development. As these are matters that fall within the purview of the Ministry of Community Development, they will be responding to you directly.

Thank you again for writing and sharing your concerns.

Ministry of Forests and Range  
Correspondence Services Section  
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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

Author: Heather Nelson-Smith  
Date: January 10, 2009  
Re: Utility Billing Complaints

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### Background:

Council requested that staff look into water meters for the businesses in the community.

I have searched bylaws regarding the charging of these meters and with the new water conservation efforts existing properties are provided with water meters and new buildings are required to pay for the meter prior to construction.

At this time with the initial costs for 5 properties being in excess of \$15000.00 it would be beneficial for Council to consider option 2 until funding can be obtained to provide for these meters, and done through grant funds.

### #1. Reducing charges for Commercial and multiple family residences establishments with the absence of water metering.

Water meters when last researched in 2007 were up to \$800 per unit plus the cost of the metering device to bill which at that time was \$11,000. Most municipalities charge the rate payer for these costs and given that we have 2 businesses that have multiple businesses within one entity it is not feasible that they are willing to pay for these costs. Administration has been researching grants for the entire community to have water meters.

### #2. Charging per occupancy

This has been researched in the past and it has been found that in the past owners have not informed the Village of the increased usage. This results in owners having a reduced bill for single occupancy and not paying for what is being used.

A property owner who has multiple billings with one shut off could be charged an administration fee to reduce the costs being billed and as with regular water shut offs could be only viable to have a "shut off" as long as the property is vacant for a 3 month period. As it is understood that no physical shut off valve is accessed the charges could be reduced for this on secondary units. Say \$30.00 administration charge (example)

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For the Golden Spruce Motel this reduction to his billing would be a \$30.00 charge and the billing going forward would be:

Per Quarter	Currently	New
Motel 6 with kitchen	157.50	78.75
Laundry Mat	96.00	48.00
Café up to 20 seats (we currently do not have a half rate for this)	135.00	135.00
Savings of \$126.75 per quarter		

As stated in previous correspondence it would be the property owners responsibility to inform of change in occupancy and if not done penalties should be considered.

*Resolution*

**Provide property owners the ability to reduce rates for a minimum of three months, where there is only one water shut off valve present at a charge of \$30.00 per change per property. It is the responsibility of the property owner to inform the village immediately of changes, failure to provide the administration with occupancy change information will result in penalties in the amount of \$30.00 per month plus back dated charges.**

Respectfully submitted



January 28, 2009

South End Pool Committee  
Box 284  
Queen Charlotte, BC  
V0T 1S0

Drue Kendrick  
Phone: 250 559-8063  
Fax: 250 559-8103  
E-mail: maildrue@gmail.com

Dear *Village of Port Clements,*

The South End Pool Committee is looking into the possibility of building a "swimming pool" for the south end communities.

We need your help in order to make our plans a reality. There are three ways you can get involved:

- Attend our next meeting which will be on Wednesday, February 4th, 2009 at the School District Board Office in Queen Charlotte at 7:00pm.
- Through a **cash donation** towards a feasibility study. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 before the end of February. *(A tax receipt will be provided through our charitable organization.)*
- A letter of support for our application to the Gwaii Trust for a feasibility study.

If you decide to contribute through a cash donation, please make cheques payable to "**School District #50**" and state on the cheque that it is for a swimming pool feasibility study. The cheques and/or letters should be mailed to:

South End Pool Committee  
Attention: Drue Kendrick  
Box 284  
Queen Charlotte, BC  
V0T 1S0

Your business will benefit from your donation in several ways through free advertising and exposure to new customers. You will be recognized in the Queen Charlotte Observer, in our upcoming public correspondence and through children's posters displayed throughout the communities.

We look forward to hearing from you!

With sincere appreciation,

Hyland Fraser and Trevor Valentinsen  
South End Pool Committee Chairpersons



**Swim Haida Gwaii**

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## NORTH CENTRAL MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

206 - 155 George Street, Prince George, B.C. V2L 1P8  
Telephone: 250.564.6585 • Facsimile: 250.564.6514  
Website: <http://ncma.enorthernbc.com> • Email: [nrlfcent@telus.net](mailto:nrlfcent@telus.net)

January 28, 2009

Village of Port Clements  
Box 198  
Port Clements, BC V0T 1R0

### Re: Silent Auction Request - NCMA AGM & Convention

NCMA's 54th AGM & Convention is quickly approaching! We are very pleased to be hosted by the City of Dawson Creek on May 6th - 8th, 2009. Our theme this year will be "The Winds of Change."

In 2004 at our 50th Anniversary Convention we held our very first Silent Auction. It has grown every year since, and has proven to be extremely successful. It is very popular with the delegates who enjoy the friendly competition with each other, and also between their communities in terms of who can donate the most popular item.

We would once again like to request that each of our NCMA members provide an item suitable for a Silent Auction prize. Items that showcase and highlight your unique community or area would be particularly appropriate!

Some guidelines to keep in mind:

- \*Items should be of a size that will allow delegates to transport them home with relative ease.
- \*Local gift certificates are not as suitable, many delegates are from other areas.

Silent auction items may be sent directly to the host City of Dawson Creek:

c/o Elaine Peterson  
City of Dawson Creek  
10105-12A Street, Box 150  
Dawson Creek BC V1G 4G4

Telephone: (250) (250) 784-3655

Your support of our 54th Annual General Meeting and Convention is very much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

President Murry Krause  
NCMA

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February 5, 2009

Sambhu Nath  
PO Box 287  
Port Clements BC V0T 1R0

Dear Sambhu,

Re: Active Communities Initiative (ACI) Grant Program – November 2008 cycle

The ACI Grant Selection Committee has conducted and reviewed all of the Active Communities grants submissions and recipients have been selected. On behalf of the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA), we would like to congratulate your Active Communities Team on being selected as a recipient of an Active Communities grant in the sum of \$5,000.

Within the next two weeks, you will receive a hard copy of your approval in the mail, along with feedback from the Grant Selection Committee, a Letter of Agreement to be signed and returned, and a final grant report template. Those recipients who have been awarded grant funding with conditions will find them outlined in the Letter of Agreement.

Upon receipt of the Letter of Agreement, please read and sign this document and return it to Active Communities c/o British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association to the attention of Kelly White. When we have received your signed letter, the first instalment (80%) of the grant funds will be issued to you.

Thank you for taking the time to submit an Active Communities grant application. We appreciate your commitment to increasing the physical activity levels of your community. If you have any questions or concerns relating to grant please contact Kelly White, Active Communities Program Coordinator, at 604-629-0965 ext. 238 or [kwhite@bcrpa.bc.ca](mailto:kwhite@bcrpa.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Jessica Chant  
Manager, Active Communities  
BC Recreation and Parks Association

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**Subject:** FW: March 12 Policy Advisory Meeting  
**From:** "Mayor Carol Kulesha" <kulesha@qcislands.net>  
**Date:** Thu, 5 Feb 2009 15:41:31 -0800  
**To:** "Debbie Delves" <debbie@portclements.com>, <masset@island.net>, "Brad Setso" <brad.setso@gmail.com>, "Travis Glasman" <bigfoot@qcislands.net>

Good day

I received this email a while back and submitted names from the QC area. I am sorry if this is a repeat but I don't remember forwarding it to you for your suggestions to Mr. White.

Thank you

Carol

**From:** Lee White [mailto:lee@leewhite.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 5:31 PM  
**To:** Mayor Carol Kulesha  
**Subject:** March 12 Policy Advisory Meeting

Hi Carol,

I am formulating a list of invitees for a policy forum via video conference in both Masset and Queen Charlotte on March 12 (in line with the process I brought up when we met), and I'm wondering who on the Islands you would recommend attend. The focus is on policy recommendations for preventative health in BC.

Kind regards,

Lee

**Lee White**  
Community Development Leader, Northwest BC  
Community Capacity Building Strategy  
An initiative of the BC Healthy Living Alliance [www.bchealthyliving.ca](http://www.bchealthyliving.ca),  
led by the Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca).

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## **Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program Tax Collectors Update**

### **Ministry Update**

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue was dissolved, and most of the programs, including those the Property Taxation Branch is responsible for, transferred to the Ministry of Finance. For municipalities and the public, this change should be mostly transparent, as we continue to have the same mailing address and phone numbers. Currently, the final location of our website is being determined. Existing links and searches on Property Taxation Branch subjects continue to work, but anyone looking for the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue on the government website may have trouble finding our information. The link to the new program Q & A continues to be: [http://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)

### **Legislation**

The Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program (FHPTDP) legislation has been passed – see [http://www.leg.bc.ca/38th4th/3rd\\_read/gov45-3.htm](http://www.leg.bc.ca/38th4th/3rd_read/gov45-3.htm) for legislation details.

### **Brief Program Recap**

To reiterate the differences from the regular deferment program:

- applicants must indicate on the application form that they have experienced financial hardship due to economic conditions (instead of age/widow/disability status),
- minimum equity required is 15 per cent instead of 25 per cent,
- interest rate will be at prime instead of prime minus 2 per cent, and
- no administration fees.

The program is designed to assist homeowners experiencing financial difficulties and assist municipalities by reducing the level of unpaid property taxes they will face in 2009 and 2010 only. Repayment of the FHPTDP loan will not be required until the owner transfers his interest in the property.

### **Potential FHPTDP Uptake**

I do not have a sense of the public interest in the program, or how many applications will be submitted. I am using 60,000 applications in 2009 as the basis for system and staffing estimates. The present tax deferment program volume is 6,500 new applications each year.

The 60,000 estimate is mainly based on knowing that 1,036,000 home owner grants were given in 2007, and that about 6 per cent of owners receiving the additional home owner grant also defer taxes under the present deferment program. I believe that current enquiry levels are not an accurate indicator of potential uptake as homeowners are not thinking about the program until they get their property tax notices starting in May, and program publicity will likely increase at property tax time.

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# BC Housing

BC Housing  
601 - 4555 Kingsway  
Burnaby BC V5H 4V8  
Phone: 604-439-4738  
Fax: 604 439-4722  
Web: [www.bchousing.org](http://www.bchousing.org)

February 6, 2009

Attention: Mayors and Councillors

**Re: Make rent more affordable for families in your communities**

We would like to partner with you to help us reach out to low-income, working families in your community to help them better afford their rent. The Rental Assistance Program provides cash assistance for eligible families renting in the private market. For families who have a total household income of \$35,000 or less, this assistance can make a significant difference in their ability to better afford rent, buy food, medicine and other necessities.

To qualify for the program, families must have a gross household income of \$35,000 or less, have at least one dependent child, have lived in B.C. for the past 12 months and have spent part of last year or this year working.

Many families could be helped through your assistance. **Please help us spread the word about the Rental Assistance Program to eligible families by:**

- displaying free brochures, posters, and flyers on your bulletin boards and in public areas
- placing the information on your employee intranet, and in staff newsletters
- placing a link on your webpage to the Rental Assistance program website:  
<https://www.bchousing.org/programs/RAP>
- encouraging eligible families to call and apply at 604-433-2218, or 1-800-257-7756 outside the Lower Mainland

We appreciate your efforts to promote the Rental Assistance Program. If you have any suggestions for us about how to get the information out to families in your area, please do not hesitate to email us at [communications@bchousing.org](mailto:communications@bchousing.org) or to call us at 604-454-5443.

Sincerely,

Alicia Brady  
Communications Officer  
BC Housing

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February 6, 2009

Village of Port Clements  
PO Box 198  
Port Clements, BC  
VoT 1Ro

**Re: Letter of Support Request - Gwaii Trust Legacy Program**

The Village of Queen Charlotte will be submitting an application for funding training programs for the February 27, 2009 Gwaii Trust Legacy Program.

The staff training courses include:

1. Government Financial Officers Association Conference
2. Clerks and Corporate Officers Conference

These two courses are important to keep up to date on issues affecting municipalities throughout the Province. Informed speakers offer the latest information on programs, Provincial requirements and best practices.

3. Mati 2 – Leadership Training

The Mati courses are well known for their practical approach to upgrading the skills every municipality needs in their staff to build a strong organization to serve their communities.

4. Municipal Mapping

We have started our mapping program and are very excited to continue to expand this essential tool for our community.

The 4 workshops/conferences will cost a total of \$8,589.50 and we are requesting \$4,294.75.00 from Gwaii Trust.

The Village of Queen Charlotte would be grateful if you could provide us with a letter of support to allow us to proceed with our Gwaii Trust application.

If you require additional information please contact me at 559-4765.  
Yours truly,

Carol Kulesha  
Mayor

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PO Box 580, 903A Oceanview Drive, Queen Charlotte, BC VoT 1So  
Telephone: 250-559-4765 • Facsimile: 250-559-4742 • Email: [office@queencharlotte.ca](mailto:office@queencharlotte.ca)

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February 6, 2009

Village of Port Clements  
PO Box 198  
Port Clements, BC  
VoT 1Ro

**Re: Letter of Support Gwaii Trust Funding – Legacy Program**

The Village of Queen Charlotte will be submitting an application for training programs for the February 27, 2009 deadline to Gwaii Trust under the Legacy Program to send our Supervisor of Public Works to the Water & Waste Water Operations course and to the Water Treatment 2 course with Water Treatment 3 exam through the BC Water and Waste Association and Environmental Operators Certification Program.

We will also send our Utility Operator to a Waste Water Collection 1 course in the spring and he will also attend the Water Distribution 1 course.

The 4 workshops/conferences will cost a total of \$10,319.00 and we are requesting \$5,159.50 from Gwaii Trust.

These courses are necessary upgrades for Public Works staff. All information learned and acquired will be available to the Island community.

The Village of Queen Charlotte would be grateful if you could provide us with a letter of support to allow us to proceed with our Gwaii Trust application.

If you require additional information please contact me at 559-4765.

Yours Truly,

Carol Kulesha

Mayor

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**PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
CHAPTER OF CANADIAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION  
32985 Bruce Avenue, Mission B.C. V2V 2R1  
<http://pwabc.cpwa.net>



January 19, 2009

**Attention: Honourable Mayors,  
Members of Council and  
Chief Administrative Officers**

**Re: National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2009 – "Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew"**

The Public Works Association of British Columbia (PWABC) is seeking your support to recognize and promote National Public Works Week (NPWW) by acknowledging May 17 – 23, 2009 as National Public Works Week in your community. This year's theme is called "Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew".

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May and was instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960. NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life and seeks to acknowledge the efforts of tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain civil infrastructure and services. NPWW also allows Councils the opportunity to remind the public of the 24/7 services that they are responsible for and are proud of, and many make this an annual celebration in their communities.

The APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to celebrate the week by parades, displays of public works equipment, high school essay contests, open houses, programs for civic organizations and media events. The occasion is marked each year with scores of resolutions and proclamations from mayors and governors and raises the public's awareness of public works issues and increases confidence in public works agencies like yours who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

For your convenience, I have attached a sample Council proclamation that you may consider using. You may wish to go to [www.apwa.net/AboutNPWW](http://www.apwa.net/AboutNPWW) for information about this year's theme and resources on making your Public Works Week a success. If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [vshopland@fortsjohn.ca](mailto:vshopland@fortsjohn.ca) or by phone at 250-787-8150. Thank you for making a difference.

Yours truly,

Victor Shopland  
PWABC  
Public Works Week Committee Chair

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**PROCLAMATION  
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK  
MAY 17 - 23, 2009**

**WHEREAS:**

public works infrastructure, facilities and services are vital to the health, safety and well-being of the residents of (Enter your city/municipality/town/etc name); and

**WHEREAS:**

such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers and administrator who are responsible for building, operating and maintaining the public works systems that serve our citizens; and

**WHEREAS:**

the Public Works Association instituted Public Works Week as a public education campaign "to inform communities and their leaders on the importance of our nation's public infrastructure and public works services; and

**WHEREAS:**

it is in the public interest of citizens and civic leaders to gain knowledge of the public works needs and programs of their respective communities;

**WHEREAS:**

Public Works Week also recognizes the contributions of public works professionals.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

I, (Enter Mayor's Name), Mayor of the (Enter your city/municipality/town/etc name), do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 - 23, 2009, as Public Works Week in (Enter your city/municipality/town/etc name.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2009

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter Mayor's Name), Mayor



January 30, 2009

Mayor and Councillors  
Village of Port Clements  
Box 198  
Port Clements, BC VOT 1R0

Dear Mayor and Council

We are writing to seek your council's endorsement of March as **Community Social Services Awareness Month**. In 2008, more than 20 councils across B.C. joined us in this important campaign to raise awareness of important community-based social services. This initiative is being undertaken by British Columbia's community social services workers.

Every community in our province is affected by these important services, yet they are often invisible and not well understood. Community social services include:

- child care
- employment and housing support for people with developmental disabilities
- specialized services for immigrant families
- services for First Nations families
- support for women dealing with violence, substance abuse and addiction-related services
- a wide range of assistance to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds ... and much more.

Throughout the month of March, community social services workers, along with others in your community, will be engaging in a variety of activities to raise awareness. Some of these activities may be planned in your community such as information booths and displays in public locations. A key step will be to have your council endorse March as Community Social Services Awareness month.

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## **March is Community Social Services Awareness Month** **Resolution to Municipal Council**

**Whereas** community social services are vital to the quality of life of all British Columbians; *and*

**Whereas** community social services in British Columbia include services to families and children; people with disabilities; people and families dealing with substance abuse; people in community justice services, including correction services and victim assistance programs; women and their families in transition houses or sexual assault centres; aboriginal peoples; individuals involved in community projects and employment training programs; as well as child care, multicultural, settlement and immigrant services; *and more; and*

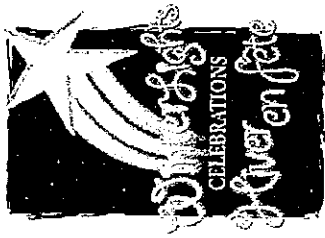
**Whereas** the availability of these supportive services helps improve the quality of life for everyone, while making our communities stronger and more stable; *and*

**Whereas** greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these services play in our communities is needed to ensure their continued availability and improvement; *and*

**Whereas** awareness and support for these services begins at the local level;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that this council proclaim *March as Community Social Services Awareness Month.*





2008 - 2009  
WinterLights Celebrations  
Symposium and Awards



CITY OF  
PRINCE GEORGE

City of Prince George, BC

Feb. 19 – 21, 2009

Join us as we honour the 2008/2009 WinterLights Celebrations  
participants in Prince George, British Columbia – a Truly Dynamic Winter City!

THURSDAY - February 19

12 Noon Registration Desk Opens/Set up Community Displays

6:30 pm Welcome Reception – Railway and Forestry Museum  
Hosted by the City of Prince George

*Enjoy an evening of exquisite appetizers from local  
entrepreneurs who pride themselves in local, organic foods.  
Socialize in the cozy comfort of a heritage train station and enjoy  
the outdoor fun of a Mini-Train ride around the grounds of this unique  
museum. This promises to be a fun, social evening with a chance to catch  
up with old friends and discover some new ones!*

Throughout the event

Community Exhibits  
After-dinner Sales  
Silent Auction

FRIDAY - February 20

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Welcome – Mayor of Prince George

9:15 am Living the Dream – Our Olympic Experience  
*Hear from key members of the Prince George Spirit of BC Committee as well as a Paralympic  
athlete on how the upcoming Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games have and will continue to  
fulfill the dreams of many.*

10:00 am

Thriving in the Winter City  
*A Winter City is one which has embraced winter in its planning, in its cultural offerings,  
and in its attitude. This presentation explores the link between WinterLights Celebrations  
and the community in winter.*

10:45 am

Mentoring for success in the CiB/WLC programs  
*Hear success stories on mentoring and networking in the Communities in Bloom programs  
from a variety of perspectives.*

11:15 am

Reinventing the Winter Promotion  
*Join fellow delegates as we explore the latest and greatest in winter promotion ideas  
and execution – Group Breakout sessions.*

12:15 pm

LUNCH, presented by the City of Charlottetown, PEI  
Host of the 2010 Symposium and Awards.

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2008 - 2009  
Winterlights Celebrations  
Symposium and Awards



City of Prince George, BC

Feb. 19 – 21, 2009

CITY OF  
PRINCE GEORGE

Please note that each participant must register separately; please remember to register your guest or spouse.  
Please complete and return this form by mail or fax at 514-694-3725.

REGISTER NOW!

Full Name:				Title / Position:	
Community / Organization:					
Address:				City & Province / State:	
Postal / Zip Code:		Tel.: ( )		Fax: ( )	
E-mail:				Special Meal Requirements / Dietary Restrictions:	

PLEASE CHECK ☒ APPROPRIATE CHOICES

A ☐ FULL PACKAGE

Includes 4 meals and activities as follows:

Thursday Feb. 19  
Friday Feb. 20  
Saturday Feb. 21

Welcome Reception, Hosted by the City of Prince George  
Breakfast, Symposium Sessions, Lunch, Afternoon Technical Visits and Activities  
Breakfast, Town Hall Meeting, Workshop on Winter Gardening,  
Banquet Dinner and Awards Ceremony

\$240 + 5% GST

OR

B "À LA CARTE" REGISTRATION

☐ Friday Feb. 20 only  
☐ Saturday Feb. 21 only

Includes meals and events mentioned above for Friday

\$120 + 5% GST

Includes meals and events mentioned above for Saturday

\$135 + 5% GST

C COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

Thursday from noon to 5:00, Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm & Saturday from 9:00 am to noon.

☐ 6' Table = \$50 + 5% GST

☐ Free standing display (no table) = \$30 + 5% GST

Please indicate

☐ With Power

☐ Without Power

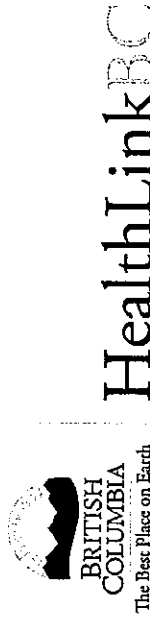
SUB-TOTAL + 5% GST

= GRAND TOTAL

METHOD OF PAYMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque
Credit Card	Requested prior to the event; please make cheque payable to <i>Communities in Bloom</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	112 Terry Fox Kirkland QC H4H 4M3
Card Number	514-694-8871 • Fax 514-694-3725
Card Holder	For information: Ann Carrière <a href="mailto:anncarriere@cib-cel.com">anncarriere@cib-cel.com</a>

REFUND POLICY

Please note that there will be no refund for cancellations after Jan. 30, 2009 or for "no show" delegates; name changes are accepted. GST # 896126570



January 25<sup>th</sup> 2009,

Mayor Cory Delves  
Box 198  
Port Clements BC V0T 1R0

Dear Mayor Delves,

As you know, on November 21, 2008, the Government of BC launched HealthLink BC. (A copy of the News Release is attached for your reference.)

This new service combines a number of proven health resources -- like BCNurseLine, Pharmacist-After-Hours, Dial-A-Dietitian and BCHealthGuide -- and makes them even easier to access now through the new 8-1-1 phone line for non-emergency health issues.

More than that, HealthLink BC provides an expanded health navigation system for both the public and healthcare professionals. With over 2500 health services and an integrated search and mapping function, our website is the most comprehensive list of healthcare resources in the province. We believe this new service will transform how British Columbians get health information and take charge of their health.

This letter is a follow up to the launch of HealthLink BC. We hope that your entire staff will be able to increase public awareness of the program by displaying posters and brochures in your public areas. The buttons will be for health professionals and associated staff to wear.

Also attached, you will find sample brochures, posters, buttons and fridge magnets, along with an Order Form for you to fill out and send back to us to let us know your requirements. Just let us know what you need and in what quantity.

If you have any questions, please let me know via phone or email. Your assistance in getting information about the service to staff and into the hands of the public will be appreciated.

Many thanks,

Kate Jobling  
Manager, Marketing & Communications  
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Burnaby, BC V5C 6C6

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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
2008HSERV0104-001782  
Nov. 21, 2008

Ministry of Health Services

### 8-1-1 SERVICE MAKES ACCESSING HEALTH ADVICE EASIER

BURNABY – Starting today, British Columbians can simply dial 8-1-1 to get 24/7 health information, medical advice and help navigating B.C.'s health-care system, announced Health Services Minister George Abbott.

“8-1-1 is the gateway to an expanded tele-health service called HealthLink BC,” said Abbott. “We’re meeting our throne speech commitment to ensure greater choice and access for patients, and building on several of our very successful services, such as BC NurseLine and Dial-A-Dietitian, to create the most comprehensive non-emergency health information service in Canada.”

The HealthLink BC service includes a new health system navigation service that is accessible via telephone or the Internet. The navigation system assists the public and health professionals in finding and accessing appropriate health resources in, or close, to their home communities.

“As part of the enhanced phone and web services, each health authority has designated individuals responsible for ensuring that HealthLink BC has the most up-to-date information on health resources for each region of the province,” added Abbott. “For example, our enhanced services will make it much simpler for a pregnant mother to determine the closest prenatal program to her home, or for a senior living in a rural community to locate an influenza immunization clinic.”

A trained health service representative will answer all 8-1-1 telephone calls, and where appropriate, calls will be transferred to a registered nurse, pharmacist or dietitian for further information and advice. The 8-1-1 service can provide assistance with answers to questions about a variety of health topics, help in identifying symptoms and advice on when to seek medical treatment.

8-1-1 has translation services available in over 130 languages and is one of several non-emergency services operated under the umbrella of HealthLink BC. Other HealthLink BC services include BC HealthGuide handbooks, BC HealthFiles, Dial-A-Dietitian, bcbedline and an interactive website, [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca).

The HealthLink BC website provides information on over 4,000 health topics, symptoms, and over-the-counter and prescription drugs and offers tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The site also offers an integrated search and mapping function to over 2,500 health services to help British Columbians find health services close to their home communities.

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Promotional Materials Order Form

ORGANIZATION NAME	
CONTACT PERSON	
MAILING ADDRESS	
CITY	
POSTAL CODE	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL	

Material	Stock Number	Quantity
Small Poster (English)	7550003435	
Vertical Medium Poster (English-Nurse)	7550003433	
Vertical Medium Poster (English-Pharmacist)	7550003434	
Vertical Medium Poster (English-Dietician)	7550003457	
Vertical Medium Poster (Simple Chinese-Nurse)	7550003464	
Vertical Medium Poster (Simple Chinese-Dietician)	7550003463	
Vertical Medium Poster (Simple Chinese-Pharmacist)	7550003465	
Vertical Medium Poster (Punjabi-Nurse)	7550003437	
Vertical Medium Poster (Punjabi-Pharmacist)	7550003462	
Vertical Medium Poster (Punjabi-Dietician)	7550003461	
Horizontal Medium Poster (English-Pharmacist)	7550003460	
Horizontal Medium Poster (English-Nurse)	7550003458	
Horizontal Medium Poster (English-Dietician)	7550003459	
Large Poster (English)	7550003436	
Brochures (English)	7550003438	
Brochures (Japanese)	7550003444	
Brochures (Simple Chinese)	7550003443	
Brochures (Punjabi)	7550003439	
Small Button (English)	7550003441	
Large Buttons (English)	7550003442	
Magnets (English)	7550003445	
Stickers (English)	7550003466	

Please mail this completed form to HealthLink BC at the address below, fax to 250-952-6509 or email the information above to [hlbc.orders@gov.bc.ca](mailto:hlbc.orders@gov.bc.ca). There will be no charge for materials or shipping.

HealthLinkBC  
Attn: Communications Dept  
PO Box 9600, Stn Prov Government  
Victoria BC, V8W 9P1





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February 2nd, 2009

**Village of Port Clements**  
Box 198  
Port Clements, BC V0T 1R0

**Re: Measuring Up The North - Year Two**

Dear Mayor Delves and Council,

As you know, the Measuring Up The North (MUTN) Initiative has been a great success in its first year. This has been accomplished through the hard work of NCMA elected officials and staff in partnership with business and community members. This project is unique in British Columbia and in North America because of the partnership between the NCMA and the BC Paraplegic Association, as well as the supporting partners:

- 2010 Legacies Now
- BC Healthy Communities
- Northern Health: Healthy Communities Program and Age Friendly Communities
- Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport

The Measuring Up The North project was created by the NCMA and the BC Paraplegic Association in the north, and for the north! We could not have had this overwhelming success without the strong commitment from the NCMA members themselves. There are many success stories of elected officials and staff who are committed and making community changes as a result of this project.

Some communities have already begun incorporating MUTN principles into their official community plans. Some have changed the way that they build structures, as well as how they interact with persons with disabilities and older adults.

Many of the communities are benefiting broadly through their participation as they have found funding for overall infrastructure projects and the inclusion of disability-friendly, age-friendly perspectives has assisted them in receiving these broader grants. The future economic benefits of this investment are also being recognized.

I am also pleased to tell you that we will be hosting a very informative conference "Creating Universally Designed Healthy Sustainable Communities" in Prince George, April 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This conference will bring together well-known international experts in the field of universally designed and inclusive environments. We think you will find the depth of content and scope of the conference very worthwhile, and we encourage you to consider sending staff from your communities, including facility managers, building and home inspectors as well as safety personnel. More details and registration for this unique conference can be found at: [www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Conference/muthspring2009.asp](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Conference/muthspring2009.asp)

Measuring Up The North  
777 Kinsmen Place, Prince George, BC, V2M 6Y7  
Tel. (250) 563-6942, Fax. (250) 563-6992  
<http://www.measureupthenorth.com>

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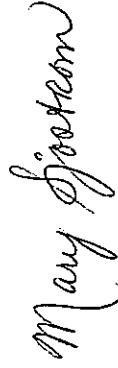
As we move into the second year of the project, we are once again seeking a commitment from the NCMA members, and are asking for your endorsement of the initiative. To clarify, the purpose of this commitment is for the members of Councils or Boards from the NCMA Communities to indicate:

- That they are on-board with the project and willing to commit their community as a MUTN Participating Community.
- That they support the goals and principles of MUTN and want to make their communities livable, age-friendly, disability-friendly, universally-designed, inclusive communities for all residents and visitors.
- That they are willing to continue to provide an NCMA Liaison to the project and support them in their efforts.
- That they support the working partnership between the NCMA Liaison and the Community Liaison (s).
- That they support the establishment and work of the MUTN Committee as one of their Local Government committees.
- That they will consider voluntarily setting aside funds/resources that will assist the work and activities of the MUTN Liaisons, the MUTN Committee and relevant staff and departments in their community.
- That the MUTN Liaisons will work in partnership with the MUTN Project Director and Team. That they understand that this Liaison is responsible for on-going communication and reporting to the MUTN Project Director.

In Year Two, rather than requesting a financial contribution to the MUTN project as a whole, we are asking your Council or Board to consider this alternative. We are suggesting that the NCMA Members consider setting aside an amount that they themselves determine appropriate, to be put toward the work of MUTN Committee, Liaisons, specific projects or department **within your own community**.

In closing we are looking for your endorsement of this Year Two Commitment agreement with the MUTN Initiative. This commitment will ultimately make the project stronger and more successful. If you have MUTN Liaisons and a Committee in place, they are anxious to keep moving forward. For those of you that have not begun the process yet, this letter will help to establish a relationship with our Project Director and assist you in becoming a participating community. Please send back the enclosed form along with your letter of commitment. We look forward to hearing of your decision after your next Council or Board meeting.

Sincerely,



Mayor Mary Sjöström  
Chair, Measuring Up The North Steering Committee

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February 10, 2009

Tim Fennell  
Port Clements, British Columbia

**RE: Complaint regarding preserved wood in Port Clements**

Dear Mr. Fennell:

Thank you for bringing your concerns related to the use and disposal of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) preserved wood in the community of Port Clements to the attention of Northern Health's Public Health Protection Program. I understand your specific concerns pertain to the use of CCA preserved wood in the upcoming renovation of the wharf and to the disposal fate of the weathered preserved wood to be removed from the wharf.

The 2003 preserved wood industry voluntary deregistration of CCA preserved wood for use in most residential applications does not apply to this project. CCA wood has as a Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) registered use:

wood for marine construction (salt and brackish water immersion) and structures above the water level (including cross bracing of 50 mm x 200 mm (2" x 8") and /or 75 mm x 150 mm (3" x 6") and larger nominal dimensions) subject to frequent salt water splash from wave action and degradation by marine organisms.

In September of 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in collaboration with Health Canada's PMRA released the "Reregistration Eligibility Decision for Chromated Arsenicals". The primary outcome of this extensive review process was to allow the continued registration of CCA preserved wood for non-residential uses.

Upon reviewing the human health information presented in recent documents published by PMRA and the USEPA, I find that the proposed use of CCA preserved wood in the Port Clements wharf renovation project **does not** constitute a "health hazard" as defined in the British Columbia Health Act.

Regarding your concerns over the disposal of CCA preserved wood products; I have forwarded your information to the Conservation Officer Service of the B.C. Ministry of Environment for follow-up related to the Environmental Management Act.

Sincerely,

Colin Merz CPHI(C) RPBio  
Environmental Health Officer

1. Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency Registered Products Database, registration #27368, label #2008-3826 October 20, 2008.

Cc: Village of Port Clements  
Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District  
Ministry of Environment  
NWHSDA Medical Health Officer

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Box 454,  
Sandspit, B.C.  
V0T 1T0

March 28, 2006

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Langevin Block,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

**My town is dying.** I am writing you to draw attention to this fact. Other towns in the Queen Charlotte Islands/HaidaGwaii are also at risk. In fact, many communities on the coast of BC that depend on natural resources are in the same boat – sinking....

My community of Sandspit is dying because we have run out of time. For over a year, the Haida and the Provincial Government have been negotiating behind closed doors, shrouded in secrecy; “Government to Government” except for one thing – nobody is representing the residents of this great province who are non-native. Our future here is very unsure, few of us still have jobs in our town, and the uncertainty over any eventual employment is killing us. Writing this I know I have two major strikes against me. I am questioning decisions regarding First Nations issues, and I work in the logging industry. It would probably be difficult to find two more politically incorrect platforms than this.

We are the underdog – a political pawn to be sacrificed – a proud little community of hard working loggers, the kind of people who helped build this province and this country. We are people who would bend over backwards to help someone else in need, and yet be very reluctant, even embarrassed to ask for or accept handouts ourselves; people used to the ups and downs of life and accepting it all without complaint. We have little voice - no political connection or finesse, no lobby groups to support our cause, no stylish websites or funding sources, no high priced consultants, and usually no press coverage unless it is something negative about our industry. We are simple, hard working people who trust that our governments in Victoria and Ottawa will represent all of us equally and fairly. Unfortunately, we are about to become extinct by political decisions completely out of our control and understanding.

This is not part of my vision of British Columbia, nor of Canada. I have been raised to believe, and have raised my children to believe in a vision of Canada as one of inclusion. We are all equal in this great democracy. Generations of Canadians including my father, grandfather, and great-grandfather have fought in wars not of their making; defending this democratic institution for the benefit of all Canadians now and in the future. Canada has a proud history of welcoming people from all corners of the earth regardless of creed

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or colour; the downtrodden, the persecuted, holocaust and genocide survivors, political refugees, labourers; many, many people less fortunate than those of us born to this nation. We are a superbly interesting multi-racial society, each of us with our own proud family and cultural history.

My own personal family history dates back to the mid 1700's in Lower Canada (Quebec); I am a United Empire Loyalist, a fact of which I am immensely proud; and yet if asked, I am a Canadian. I understand that I am no more, no less Canadian than anyone else. My Great-Great Grandfather Dr. R.F. Hamilton, who lived in the Eastern Townships of Lower Canada in the mid 1800's once said 'Pride of race, family or society are as nothing, or are worse than nothing, unless they inspire one to live up to the highest ideals of one's race, family and society, and to endeavour, as far as in them lies, to be worthy of one's name.'

As Canadians, we have a strong sense of these ideals my great-great grandfather spoke of - strong values - justice, honesty, integrity, fairness, trust, compassion, belief, love, lack of class distinction and lack of racial discrimination. In the eyes of the world we are caring, socially responsible, and empathetic. We trust and have faith in our elected government officials, our police force, and our legal system. The UN ranks us #1 in the world for quality of life. ....and yet, how can the people of Sandspit be completely left out of the loop and be sacrificed like this in such a great nation?

Sandspit people need to get back to work. We need our Federal and Provincial Governments to settle land claims now. Regardless of the outcome and consequences for our town; good or bad; the people of Sandspit have the right to know what is going to happen. We are paralyzed in this town with such a huge outstanding issue unresolved. Many Sandspit residents are barely hanging on financially, hoping against hope to be able to start working again after almost a year of being unemployed. Credit is maxed out, savings are non-existent, medical and dental benefits have expired, EI has run out...the people here are desperate. The social fabric is decaying.

There is a very direct relationship between the loss of the ability to find valued employment and the progression of a host of mental health and social issues; a stressed family life, loss of self esteem, substance abuse (drugs and alcohol), depression/mental breakdown, divorce, family violence, theft, attempted suicide....and so on. I am not only a single parent and a grandparent but have also been a foster mother for 10 years to native and non-native children. I am aware of this type of impact in communities.

Many long term residents have already moved away and our once thriving town is dying. Small business owners, the school, and even our major employer (BC owned and operated) are caught up in this grave situation. We are not being consulted nor considered by our government. We non-natives have no voice. Our local MLA is trying to draw Victoria's attention to this matter, as is the United Steelworkers, Local 1-2171 President, and even the Vancouver Sun with the publication of their recent story about Sandspit. I urge you – our elected representatives in Victoria and Ottawa - to come to Sandspit to talk to the people and see first hand the consequences of your drawn out

negotiation and political decision making. I urge other Canadians who may feel this way to write their MLA's and MP's about their particular situation. At the very least consider us too, the non-natives, as we are also BC Residents and Canadian Citizens, proud to fly the flags of both BC and Canada.

Let us continue our Canadian legacy of never turning our backs on anyone, especially our fellow countrymen... ever.... for the sake of any political, social, financial or career gain. Think about who and what makes this country great, the best country in the world in which to live. The air of uncertainty surrounding our future has to be lifted. I implore you, for the sake of all British Columbians and all Canadians - land claims need to be settled quickly and must result in a society where all citizens are equal. The day must come when we are all simply Canadians, nothing more, nothing less.

Yours truly,

Joni Fraser

cc: Nathan Cullen, MP – Skeena - Bulkley Valley

I am addressing a duplicate letter to Premier Gordon Campbell and BC MLA's

**From:** julie froekjaer <juliefroekjaer@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Tue, 10 Feb 2009 12:48:51 -0800 (PST)  
**To:** observer@qcislands.net

Dear Community Member,

Please, come and join us for a **Renewable Energy Luncheon and Seminar**, hosted by the Hecate Energy Institute, followed by HEI's AGM, Sunday February 15th, at Cacula's in Tlell. Please, see attached invite for details.

Come meet our **local experts on renewable energy solutions** and installations and learn how to get started - both as an individual and as a community. Come receive information on the upcoming **All-Island Sustainable Living's Fair**, on HEI in general, and on how to get involved.

Also, stayed tuned to this week's Observer article on HEI, as well as information on **free transportation to the Luncheon Seminar** in Tlell, from both the Masset-area, Port Clements, and from Queen Charlotte/Skidegate.

We look forward the seeing you there,

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Julie Froekjaer-Jensen, HEI Director  
Tel: 250 626 5452  
Mail: Julie.Jensen@hecateenergy.ca

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Skills Link



Under the Youth Employment Strategy program, the **Skills Link** program helps youth facing barriers to employment - such as single parents, Aboriginal youth, young persons with disabilities, recent immigrants, youth living in rural and remote areas and high school dropouts - obtain the knowledge and develop the broad range of skills and work experience they need to participate in the job market.

**Skills Link** offers a range of programs and services that can be tailored to meet individual needs and provide more intensive assistance over longer periods of time.

**Skills Link** provides a client-centred approach based on an assessment of the specific needs of individual youth. The program supports youth in developing basic and advanced employment skills. Participants benefit from a coordinated approach, providing longer term supports and services that can help them find and keep a job.

Eligible Participants

To participate in Skills Link projects, youth must be:

- between the ages of 15 and 30 (inclusive) at time of intake/selection;
- in need of assistance to overcome employment barriers;
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or persons on whom refugee protection has been conferred;
- out of school;
- legally entitled to work according to relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations; and
- not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits.

Who Can Be A Recipient

- Businesses
- Crown corporations
- organizations (including not-for-profit, professional, employer and labour associations)
- public health and educational institutions
- band/tribal councils and
- municipal governments.

How To Apply

Interested **employers** should contact their local Service Canada Centre and consult the Youth Employment Strategy Guide for Applicants. The guide helps applicants develop proposals for federal funding offered by Service Canada under the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy. It also sets out the specific roles and responsibilities that must be met in projects approved for funding.

The guide provides information about the three programs under the Youth Employment Strategy:

- Skills Link (this page)
- Career Focus

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<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/skillslink.shtml>

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- Summer Work Experience

Interested **youth** should contact their local Service Canada Centre for more information and to find out how to apply.

**How Are Projects Selected?**

Project selection is based on local community needs, innovative approaches, targeted participant selection, relevant skills enhancement and work experience, possibility of long-term employment, contributions of sponsors/partners and funding availability.

**More information**

To obtain further information about Service Canada and its programs, please contact your local Service Canada Centre.

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**Other Federal Government Departments Delivering Skills Link**

- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

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**More information for employers and youth**

- Applicant Guide for Skills Link and Career Focus programs
- Canada Student Loans Program
- Career Exploration Resources
- Essential Skills
- HRSD Youth Employment Strategy programs
- Other government YES programs
- Youth Awareness
- Youth Employment Information Products and Services
- Youth.gc.ca

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**About the Youth Employment Strategy**

Eleven Government of Canada departments and agencies work in partnership with business, labour, industry, not-for-profit and voluntary organizations, rural and remote communities and all levels of government to help young people get the information and develop the skills and work experience they need to prepare for and participate in the world of work. Read more about this initiative or call the Youth Info Line at 1 800 935-5555.

Date Modified: 2009-01-05

**Subject:** FW: Letter Re: Highway 16 QCI  
**From:** "Coons, Gary" <G.Coons@leg.bc.ca>  
**Date:** Tue, 10 Feb 2009 16:06:34 -0800  
**To:** "Observer" <observer@qcislands.net>  
**CC:** <dm\_vp@haidanation.ca>, "Mayor Port Clements" <portclem@qcislands.net>, <bpages@mhtv.ca>

Fyi...will see what I get back!

**From:** Coons, Gary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2009 4:05 PM  
**To:** Penner, Randy D TRAN:EX  
**Cc:** Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX; Falcon, Kevin TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Letter Re: Highway 16 QCI

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Toll Free: 1-866-624-7734  
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Email: [gary.coons.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:gary.coons.mla@leg.bc.ca)

February 9, 2009

Mr. Randy Penner

RE: Highway Conditions – Highway 16 Masset to Port Clements

Dear Mr Penner:

It has been brought to my attention that plans to pave Highway 16, between Port Clements and Masset have been shelved for 2009.

This road is the only road between these two towns. Its condition is paramount to the safety of many in this area.

I would like to be able to tell my constituents something concrete about this issue.

When in 2009 is this scheduled for?

This stretch of highway is looking very aged. Do you know when it was last paved?

You told the Observer that this was high on your priority list. Can tell me exactly were it lies on this list?

We are all concerned for the traveling public's safety and hope that there are some answers to these important questions.

I look forward to your response.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Gary Coons, MLA  
North Coast

Cc: Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation  
Don Ramsay, District Manager, Ministry of Transportation, Terrace, B.C.



VILLAGE OF MASSET

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOX 321

MASSET, QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS, B.C. VOT 1M0

PHONE: 626-3334 FAX: 626-3968

February 11, 2009

Village of Port Clements

PO Box 198

Queen Charlotte, B.C.

VOT 1R0

### Re: Letter of Support Request – Gwaii Trust Legacy Program

The Village of Massey Volunteer Fire Department will be submitting an application for 50% of the funding, approximately \$2,500.00, for the February 27, 2009 deadline to Gwaii Trust under the Legacy Program to upgrade the radios used by the volunteer firemen.

The Massey Volunteer Fire Department is responsible for responding to all emergencies within our jurisdiction and the radios will provide better coverage and communication for our department to better effectively handle emergencies in our community.

The Massey Volunteer Fire Department would be grateful if you could provide us with a letter of support towards this proposal.

Sincerely,

Trevor Jarvis,  
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMBER NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION :

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**Heather Nelson-Smith**

**From:** c.delves@portclements.com  
**Sent:** February 12, 2009 2:21 PM  
**To:** heather@portclements.com  
**Subject:** Fw: An invitation to comment on the proposed addition of species to the Species at Risk Act

Canadian Wildlife Service  
Environment Canada  
5421 Robertson Road, RR#1  
Delta, BC V4K 3N2

February 12th, 2009

**An invitation to comment on the proposed addition of species to the *Species at Risk Act***

Greetings,

Environment Canada is currently seeking comments from the public on the proposed addition of species to the Federal Government's *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). In an attempt to arrive at the best possible decision, the Government of Canada welcomes your observations and comments on the listing of species under the SARA.

Every year, the status of many species in Canada is assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), an independent scientific committee. COSEWIC is responsible for recommending to Environment Canada those species that they feel need further protection, for potential inclusion in the *Species at Risk Act*. Subsequent to COSEWIC's recommendation, the Minister of the Environment decides whether to provide legal protection to each of these species, by adding it to Schedule 1 of the SARA, the official list of species at risk. The Minister accomplishes this task with the help of the public, through collecting and reviewing comments made during the consultation process. Your comments, questions or concerns are therefore welcomed as part of the consultation process, and we invite you to contact Environment Canada directly through our website and/or staff contacts, which are listed below. Your comments should be received by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in order to be considered by the Minister. The final decision to add these species to Schedule 1 is expected to be made in December 2009.

Once a species has been added to the *Species at Risk Act*, the federal government's intent is to ensure its protection and recovery, consistent with the *Act*. The primary goal is to improve the species' numbers, and remove or mitigate threats, such that the species is no longer at risk. Endangered and threatened species will be automatically protected on federally owned lands, and a process will be set in motion to plan for the recovery of these species throughout their range. Ultimately, Critical Habitat will be determined for each listed species, which is the habitat needed for the species' survival and recovery, and appropriate protection measures will be established.

Of the 32 terrestrial species that the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada has recommended for inclusion on the *Species at Risk Act* this year, most would be new to Schedule 1, while a few are proposed for a change to their current status. Nine of these terrestrial species recommended by COSEWIC are known to occur in British Columbia.

The table below provides the list of species in BC assessed by COSEWIC, their recommended status as endangered, threatened, or special concern, and their general location within the province. COSEWIC assessments and status reports, and the Minister of the Environment's statement on how he intends to respond to the assessments, are available on the SARA Public Registry, listed below. The SARA Public Registry is a website designed to provide both information to the public about the *Species at Risk Act*, and a means for communication and consultations.

Detailed information on the listing process is presented in "*Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the Species at Risk Act – Terrestrial Species*," which is available on the SARA Public Registry at:

[https://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=1749](https://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=1749)

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**You will also find, at this web address, an electronic form for submitting your comments regarding the possible addition of these species to the SARA.**

Please review the list of COSEWIC recommended species below, and provide your comments through the SARA Public Registry. All comments and suggestions will be carefully considered. Should you have any questions related to the listing and consultation process, the species being recommended, or recovery planning, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

Kira Furman  
Consultation Analyst  
Canadian Wildlife Service  
(604) 940-4700  
[Kira.furman@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Kira.furman@ec.gc.ca)

or

Coral deShield  
A/ Head, Program and Planning Coordination  
Canadian Wildlife Service  
(604) 940-4700  
[Coral.desfield@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Coral.desfield@ec.gc.ca)

***Please note that to inform the Minister's listing decision, we need to receive your comments by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.*** Please be assured that all comments received by the submission deadline, will be considered before the Federal Government makes a final decision on whether or not to list each of these species.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to review the recommended species, seek information from our staff, and offer your input on potential impacts related to the listing or recovery of these species. We very much appreciate your participation in this process. It is with your help that Environment Canada can arrive at the best possible solution for the protection of species at risk in Canada.

Yours Sincerely,

Coral deShield  
A/ Head, Program and Planning Coordination  
Canadian Wildlife Service  
Environment Canada, Pacific and Yukon

#### COSEWIC Recommended Species in BC – Listing Consultations

(Ending March 20<sup>th</sup> 2009)

Common Name	Species Description	COSEWIC Status	General location in BC
Seaside Bone	Lichen	Threatened*	Southern Vancouver Island
Yellow Montane Violet	praemorsa subspecies	Vascular Plant	Endangered** Southern Vancouver Island
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Bird	Threatened	Wide-spread throughout B.C.
Muhlenberg's Centaury	Vascular Plant	Endangered	Southern Vancouver Island
Rayless Goldfields	Vascular Plant	Endangered	Lower Mainland and southern Gulf Islands
Canada Warbler	Bird	Threatened	Northeastern B.C.
Fragrant Popcornflower	Vascular Plant	Endangered	Southern Vancouver Island
Foothill Sedge	Vascular Plant	Endangered	Southern Vancouver Island
Lindley's False Silverpuffs	Vascular Plant	Endangered	Southern Vancouver Island

\* Seaside Bone is currently listed on Schedule 3 as Special Concern, but it is now proposed to be listed in Schedule 1 as Special Concern.

\*\*The Yellow Montane Violet praemorsa subspecies is currently listed on Schedule 1 as Threatened, but it is now proposed

VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS  
BY LAW #368, 2009

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH FEES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF  
THE PORT CLEMENTS WHARF

A bylaw to establish fees, rates, charges and regulations for use of the Port Clements Wharf

WHEREAS the Village of Port Clements is permitted by the *Local Government Act of British Columbia* to establish fees, rates and charges for providing the use of the Port Clements Wharf.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Port Clements in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "Port Clements Wharf Fees for Use Bylaw No. 368, 2009"

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 19 DAY OF Jan, 2009  
READ A SECOND TIME THIS 2 DAY OF Feb, 2009  
READ A THIRD TIME THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_, 2009  
RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_, 2009

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cory Delves,  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Nelson-Smith,  
Clerk/Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Certified to be a true copy of Bylaw  
No. 368

Appendix "A"  
Attached to By Law No. 368, 2009  
FEES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF  
THE PORT CLEMENTS WHARF

Berthage Fees for Barges:

Rates are based on area- Length x Width = Square area

Daily - \$.60 per Square Meter

Note: Barges loading and offloading must advise the Village office Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm 48 hours in advance of their intent to use the wharf for these purposes.

A charge of \$150.00 will be levied upon the user for weekend call outs.

Vessels

Monthly- \$12.20 per meter

Daily- \$2.20 per meter

Hydro for all vessels

110V 15/20 A Service

220V 20A Service

Daily

\$3.00

\$5.00

Monthly

\$38.00

\$60.00



VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS  
BY LAW #369, 2009

MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING RENTAL RATES

A bylaw to establish fees, rates and charges for Municipal Building/Property

WHEREAS the Village of Port Clements is permitted by the *Local Government Act of British Columbia* to establish fees, rates and charges for providing the rental of buildings.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Port Clements in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "Multi Purpose Building Rental Rates Schedule 'A'

READ A FIRST TIME THIS                      19 DAY OF Jan ., 2009  
READ A SECOND TIME THIS                      2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF Feb ., 2009  
READ A THIRD TIME THIS                      \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_ , 2009

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_ , 2009

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cory Delves,  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Nelson-Smith,  
Clerk/Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Certified to be a true copy of Bylaw  
No. 369

SCHEDULE “A”

Attached to a forming Bylaw No. 369  
MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING RENTAL RATES

Building Rates to be charges from time of exclusive use to checkout.

Damage Deposit may be requested at the discretion of the Village Office Staff.  
Damage deposit will be returned upon approval of Village Staff and return of building key(s) by renter.

The following municipal building rental rates apply:

SENIORS ROOM, PLAYSCHOOL ROOM OR COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
For all functions

- \$25.00 per hour up to 6 hours
- \$150.00 Full Day 6 hours and beyond
- \$100.00 Damage Deposit

It is understood that the Village of Port Clements Council will not impose a charge to the Port Clements Tiny Tots Society, the Port Clements Seniors Association or School District 50 with the understanding between all parties that when there is a potential for revenue that preference will be given to paying groups.

For the following groups using the SENIORS ROOM, PLAYSCHOOL ROOM OR COUNCIL CHAMBERS the following rental rates will be in effect at the Village Staff's Discretion:

- Registered Charities (with proof of registration)
- Youth Groups
- Groups Conducting family orientated functions open to all age groups

- \$20.00 Per Hour up to 3 hours
- \$75.00 Full day 3 hours and beyond
- \$100.00 Damage Deposit

Community Kitchen rates

- Flat rate charge \$75.00 per day
- Damage Deposit \$100.00

VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS  
Cheque Listing For Council With GL Numbers

Cheque	Date	Name	Expense GL Number	Invoice	Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
20090073	2009-02-02	BRITISH COLUMBIA LIFE & CASUALTY C	10-4-27-00-30	02-01-09	PAYMENT LIFE INSURANCE FOR FEBRUARY	102.77	102.77
20090074	2009-02-02	CORPORATE EXPRESS			PAYMENT		184.10
			10-2-12-11-00	21804397	SUPPLIES FOR OFFICE AND INK CARTR	32.27	
			10-3-22-00-00	21804397	SUPPLIES FOR OFFICE AND INK CARTR	1.52	
			10-4-12-90-00	21804397	SUPPLIES FOR OFFICE AND INK CARTR	21.16	
			10-4-12-90-00	21804397	SUPPLIES FOR OFFICE AND INK CARTR	129.15	
20090075	2009-02-02	North Arms Transportation Ltd.			PAYMENT		37.59
			10-2-71-21-01	SI009259	COMMUNITY HALL FURNACE OIL	35.92	
			10-3-22-00-00	SI009259	COMMUNITY HALL FURNACE OIL	1.67	
20090076	2009-02-02	QC REPEATER			PAYMENT		731.75
			10-2-24-80-00	5835	TRUCK RADIO	233.02	
			10-3-22-00-00	5835	TRUCK RADIO	32.67	
			30-2-41-30-40	5835	TRUCK RADIO	233.03	
			40-2-42-90-70	5835	TRUCK RADIO	233.03	
20090077	2009-02-02	Board of School Trustees			PAYMENT		299,712.12
			10-2-12-72-05	01-31-09	MULTI PURPOSE EXPENSES	285,800.68	
			10-3-22-00-00	01-31-09	MULTI PURPOSE EXPENSES	13,911.44	
20090078	2009-02-05	AARON-MARK SERVICES LTD.			PAYMENT		2,539.83
			10-2-34-00-20	2012199	SPIRAL NAILS FOR WHARF	2,539.83	
20090079	2009-02-05	BIG RED			PAYMENT		371.31
			10-2-34-00-70	10108	GARBAGE PICK UP	138.00	
			10-2-71-21-15	10108	GARBAGE PICK UP	215.63	
			10-3-22-00-00	10108	GARBAGE PICK UP	17.68	
20090080	2009-02-05	BLACKWATER EXCAVATION			PAYMENT		252.00
			10-3-22-00-00	2009-03	WATER MAINTENANCE WITH KUBOTA	12.00	
			30-2-41-40-00	2009-03	WATER MAINTENANCE WITH KUBOTA	240.00	
20090081	2009-02-05	C. AND C. BEACHY CONTRACTING LTD			PAYMENT		2,415.00
			10-2-32-31-00	05H	SNOW PLOWING OF STREETS	945.00	
			10-2-32-31-00	09H	SNOWING PLOWING OF STREETS	315.00	
			10-2-32-31-00	10H	SNOW PLOWING OF ROADS	420.00	
			10-2-32-31-00	12H	SNOW PLOWING OF STREETS	420.00	
			10-2-32-31-00	16H	SNOWING PLOWING OF STREETS	315.00	
20090082	2009-02-05	CUMMING, JOHN			PAYMENT		242.00
			30-2-41-40-00	2009-001	MAINTENANCE ON WATER SYSTEM VA	242.00	
20090083	2009-02-05	ROCKY MOUNTAIN Phoenix			PAYMENT		306.80
			10-2-24-80-00	IN40966	PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES FOR	292.30	
			10-3-22-00-00	IN40966	PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES FOR	14.50	
20090084	2009-02-05	SPEEDEE			PAYMENT		17,418.13
			10-2-12-99-05	890618-0	FURNITURE FOR OFFICE AND COUNCIL	17,418.13	
20090085	2009-02-05	Fish, Daryl			PAYMENT		40.00
			10-2-31-00-00	02-02-09	FURNITURE SET UP	40.00	
20090086	2009-02-05	Hornidge, Scott			PAYMENT		40.00
			10-2-31-00-00	02-02-2009	FURNITURE SET UP	40.00	
20090087	2009-02-05	GOLDEN SPRUCE MOTEL			PAYMENT		40.00
			10-2-12-99-30	12-31-08	PORT BUCKS	40.00	
20090096	2009-02-09	ROOTHAM SERVICES GROUP INC.			PAYMENT		441.00
			10-2-72-91-00	332	LABOUR AND MATERIAL FOR ST MARK'	441.00	
20090097	2009-02-12	COASTAL PROPANE			PAYMENT		1,383.86

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20090097	2009-02-12	COASTAL PROPANE	10-2-24-80-10	40507	FD FURNACE FUEL	1,383.86	1,383.86
20090098	2009-02-12	D & E TOWING & SALVAGE LTD.	10-2-34-00-20	02465	PAYMENT HARDWARE FOR WHARF	1,044.28	1,044.28
20090099	2009-02-12	MINISTER OF FINANCE, ENVIRONMENT	40-2-42-10-10	EMI6002	PAYMENT SEWER PERMIT FEE	457.62	457.62
20090100	2009-02-12	MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN	10-2-12-11-20	20081079	PAYMENT JANUARY 2009 SUPPORT	278.52	278.52
20090101	2009-02-12	OMEGA COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	10-2-24-70-00	205701	PAYMENT REPAIR ON FD RADIOS	16.80	16.80
20090102	2009-02-12	PACIFIC COASTAL AIRLINES	30-2-41-20-00	178741	PAYMENT WATER SAMPLES	36.00	36.00
20090103	2009-02-12	VIP COURIER CORPORATION	30-2-41-20-00	155421	PAYMENT WATER SAMPLES DELIVERING	27.33	27.33
20090104	2009-02-12	PENSION CORPORATION	10-4-27-00-20	01-09	PAYMENT JANUARY PENSION	2,143.40	2,143.40
20090105	2009-02-12	RECEIVER GENERAL - CCRA	10-4-27-00-60	01-09	PAYMENT THIRD PARTY REMITTANCE JANUARY	856.82	7,662.36
			10-4-27-00-10	12-09-08	JANUARY PAYROLL REMITTANCE	6,805.54	
20090106	2009-02-12	CORPORATE EXPRESS	10-3-22-00-00	21381743	PAYMENT PRINTER INK	6.66	154.14
			30-2-41-40-00	21381743	PRINTER INK	71.24	
			40-2-42-90-50	21381743	PRINTER INK	71.24	
			10-2-12-11-00	21416872	ENVIRO FEE ON RETURNED CALENDAR	5.00	
20090107	2009-02-12	DELMAS CO-OP	10-3-22-00-00	63921E	PAYMENT SEWER ELBOWS AND TAPE DUCT	2.89	60.72
			40-2-42-90-50	63921E	SEWER ELBOWS AND TAPE DUCT	57.83	
20090108	2009-02-12	MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN	10-2-12-11-20	20080688	PAYMENT OCTOBER 2008 SUPPORT	269.10	269.10

Total 343,655.05

Council Action Plan				
Date	Action	Completed	Comment	
18-Aug	add the logo as an action item to be looked at a later date.	✓	Email to Greg,	
05-Jan	refer writing the 1/8 page ad to the Tourism Committee with recommendations being brought forth to Council and pre pay the Observer for the booking.	✓	Tourism agenda Feb 5th and Paid for	
	C-19-NCMA-2009 Resolution submission Deadline, March 6th, 2009. It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to table to the first meeting in February for Council consideration	✓	Feb 16 agenda	
	table to the review of business water and sewer rates pending further information from staff on water metering	16-Feb	It is becoming very clear that with the costs of the materials that the price may be too high for businesses to absorb. It would be beneficial to apply for grants to install. Should consider at next meeting charging an admin for reducing charges until grants can be awarded.	
19-Jan	To send all Council members to the NCMA Convention May 6th-8th, 2009			
	apply to UBCM for the School Community Connections Program for materials needed for the community kitchen		In progress	
02-Feb	letter to the Ministry of Transportation stating Council's concerns about the decision to not complete paving in 2009.			
	to mail out the community letter as written.	✓		
	forward the 2009 BC Tourism Industry Conference February 11-13th, Vancouver information to the tourism committee.	✓		
	support the Village of Masset's request for funding to the Gwaii Trust under the culture as it relates to tourism for the second phase of their tourism information centre.	✓		
	approach Masset and Charlotte Council to see if there is any interest in the Village of Masset and Queen Charlotte to have Port Clements host this work shop.		awaiting response	
	Nath research the UBCM-Infrastructure funding information for the availability to Port Clements.		Sam has made some calls so far, the details of the funding are not set	
	have Public Works Superintendent look into the cost for Cedar posts for the sewage lagoon and report back to Council.			

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