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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

We're on the Web
www.portclements.ca

LANDFILL HOURS

Monday -Friday 10am-3pm
And they will be open
the 1st Saturday ONLY of every
month 11am-3pm

We have recently been told that the line painting done on the roads in Port Clements this past September were in part a donation by O'Brien's Road & Bridge. We would like to thank them for making our community safer.



PORT CLEMENTS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP)

We held the first meeting to begin the process of updating our Official Community Plan on Monday October 29th at 7pm in the Senior's Room. Although the turn out wasn't excessive we did spend a couple of hours going over the first draft and discussing why we were bothering to go through this whole process. In spite of the turn out we have still given away several copies of the draft through the office over the past month so I am hoping that people are reviewing it and thinking about what their vision is for their community.

In addition to it being mandatory to have an Official Community Plan, one of the reasons discussed for moving this project forward was the fact that both Provincial and Federal funding agencies often asked for a copy as part of the documentation for grants.

We sent participants home with two tasks and I encourage everyone reading this to also give some thought to these tasks. Section 5 of the Official Community Plan deals with the vision we have for Port Clements. This section was deliberately left blank as I didn't want to prejudice the process by filling in my thoughts. So the first task is to come up with one, two or twenty sentences that capture your vision for your community. One of the phrases mentioned at the meeting was "island hub". Is this how you see us? Where do you hope we will be in 5, 10, 20 years from now? What steps do you see as necessary to get us there? The second task is in relation to land use. A part of the Official Community Plan process is to look at how our town is laid out, both currently and how we see it expanding in the future. Are there any areas you would like to see changed—do you have thoughts around the expansion or contraction of Commercial areas, park areas, Mobile Home parks?

Sharpen your pencils, put on your thinking caps and come on out to the next Official Community Plan meeting so your thoughts are heard. Or drop us an email with your thoughts to cao@portclements.ca.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH AT 7PM IN THE SENIORS ROOM.



Thank you to the many volunteers in Port Clements who helped to make this year's Remembrance Day Service such a great success. Also Thank you to the Museum for providing coffee and a warm place to meet prior to the service and the Seniors for coffee and snacks after the service.

The Port Clements Community Hall Society has partnered with the Grade 7 Grads to put on a Christmas Craft Fair in Port Clements on **Saturday December 8th from 11am to 3pm at the Community Hall.**

This will help raise funds for the 2013 Grad trip to Victoria.

There will be a Loonie/Twoonie Auction, Cake Walk, Gift Basket Raffle, Concession and Kids Fish Pond.

Please call Jessie Fletcher 250-557-4519 to reserve a table (\$15.00) or make a donation to the cake walk or kids fish pond and Betty Stewart at 250-557-4760 to make donations for the loonie/twoonie auction.

And remember, Port Bucks will be accepted at this year's Christmas Craft Fair. Come on out and support our community!!

THE LEADER

PORT BUCKS 2012

There has been some discussions around the best use of this year's Gwaii Trust Christmas Allocation. Port Bucks are a tried and true method that have been used in Port Clements for many years now.

Concern was raised by a couple of community members that we should be looking at alternatives to this approach. Councilman Thomas was wondering if we should open up the eligible vendors to include out of town vendors to give Port Clements' residents more op-

tions.

The question was posted on facebook in mid-October and resulted in several comments and was read by over 50 people.

Council reviewed the idea at the November 5th regular Council meeting and the decision was made to continue with Port Bucks for another year. One addition is that Port Bucks will be accepted at this year's Christmas Craft Fair.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17th 8AM-8PM AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE FOR THE GRAHAM ISLAND CENTRAL GWAII TRUST DIRECTOR.

YOUR CANDIDATES ARE:

**JIM ABBOTT
BARRY WIJDEVEN**



USE WATER WISELY

Reduce, Repair, Retrofit

By following the three golden rules for the wise use of water you can cut your water use nearly in half!!

REDUCE: By making small changes to water use habits and by installing water saving devices you can significantly reduce the amount of water you use.

REPAIR: Regularly check toilets, pipes and faucets for leaks and repair immediately. One small leak can waste thousands of litres of water per year. This also means ensuring that all taps are turned off and not running when not in use.

RETROFIT: Retrofit means adopting or replacing an older, less water efficient fixture or appliance with one of the many water saving devices now on the market.

~information from Environment Canada~

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EVENTS IN THE GYM:

- Teen Circuit Wednesdays 7:15-8:15pm
- Free Gym Grades 4-7 Mondays 6-7pm
- Wado Kai Youth Karate Mondays 3:15-4:15pm
- Adult Karate Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm
- Teen Gym Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm
- Adult Basketball Mondays 7:00-9:00pm
- Badminton Grades 8 and up Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

The Village office maintains a list of phone numbers for every property so that when we experience issues with water, sewer or anything else we have the ability to quickly call and communicate the issue to those affected.

Recently we have found that we don't have contact information for some residents in the community so we are unable to connect with them. Please make sure that we know you are here, we promise we will not sell or give out your information and it will only be

used for situations regarding the services we provide to you.

In addition, when you are away, please make sure that you have someone tending to your property who has access. It is very unfortunate when situations arise and we have no way of contacting property owners to notify of potential dangers or damage. Remember that winter is now upon us and freezing waterlines can extensive damage to a home.

The Village Public Works staff

will turn off your water if you are planning to be away for an extended period of time. Remember, if your water is shut off, to turn off the power to your water heater, and, if you are not heating your property ensure that your lines are drained and toilet tanks and hot water heaters drained to prevent unnecessary damage.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email to let us know when your situation changes.

Thank you

Goodbye and Hello!!

The Village of Port Clements extends our best wishes to Cheri Brooks on her retirement after 24 years of very dedicated service and says hello to Cheryl Bennett who has taken on the cleaning contract.

SHAKE OUT BC 2012 RECAP

On October 18, 2012 598,000 registered participants took part in the province wide "drop, Cover and Hold" drill. Internationally over 14 million people participated in this emergency preparedness event!!

We hope that you and your family participated.

To help you be prepared go to www.shakeoutbc.ca for infor-



NORTHERN HEALTH SERVICES

Here is a handy little tip that you may not have been aware of. Northern Health provides taxi service to residents Monday to Friday between Port Clements and Masset.

The cab comes to Port Clements at approximately 12:30pm and arrives at the hospital at 1:15pm. You are then able to attend an appointment for the doctor or do lab, x-ray or ultrasound appointments. The cab leaves Masset again around 2pm and arrives back in Port Clements around 2:45pm. These times are approximate due to road and weather conditions.

To take advantage of this service you simply call Eagle Cabs the day before your appointment at 250-559-4461 and let them know your house address. They will pick you up and drop you back off at your house for no charge.



Parking at the Multi Purpose Building

Please refrain from pulling into and parking in the only disabled parking space located at the Multi purpose building. It has become an issue with people using it as a drop off spot for visiting the library and the school. There is plenty of parking available and this spot should not be abused. This spot is also governed by the RCMP and carries a \$109.00 dollar fine for improper use.

In addition this space should also not be blocked.

Want to Contribute?

The Village of Port Clements is looking for contributions to our Newsletter. We want to hear from people in town. If you have a good story you want to share please email them to cao@portclements.ca. Articles or columns can be between 150 and 225 words on topics of interest coming up. Please refrain from Slanderous comments and should you include personal information about someone, ensure you have their permission.

SHOOTING IN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

Concerned citizens have advised the Village Office about the discharge of weapons within Municipal Boundaries, specifically about shooting shotguns near the bird tower in Sunset Park.

Please be advised that in addition to Criminal code offenses that may apply to the discharge of firearms within 100 meters of dwellings, there is also a Municipal Bylaw that prohibits the discharging of firearms within the Municipal Boundaries.

These laws are in place to protect citizens against bullets going astray. Please ensure that you are outside Municipal boundaries when hunting game or fowl.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE REC COMMISSION IS PUTTING ON BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY DECEMBER 15TH AT THE MULTIPLEX BUILDING. WATCH FOR POSTERS WITH MORE INFORMATION OUT SOON.