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"Gateway to the
Wilderness"



Village Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
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YEAR END TAXES

Reminder that all unpaid taxes and utility bills will roll into arrears on January 1, 2017. If you have existing tax arrears, these will roll into a delinquent accounts. Please note that there are options to pay your taxes and/or utilities monthly.

\$ PORTBUCKS \$

Port Bucks have been included in your utility bill envelope. They can be spent at local businesses in Port Clements or applied against VOPC utilities or taxes before December 31, 2016.

We're on the Web
www.portclements.ca

Your Emergency Preparedness Kit

Everyone should make themselves an emergency kit and store it in a tote or backpack that is easy to access in case you need to leave your home in a hurry. Here are the recommended items to include:

- A basic First Aid Kit
- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help

At least 3 days supply of non-perishable food, manual can opener and four litres per person per day of drinking water, Garbage bags, moist towelettes, seasonal clothing and footwear for several days
BE SAFE—BE PREPARED!!



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THE LEADER

Community Park Playground

The new playground equipment has been received and is currently being installed. Some items are being partially replaced or repainted, such as swings and tire swing. A few new additions include Calvin the Caterpillar and the Matterhorn rock climb structure. The updating of the playground was made possible by contributions made by Gwaii Trust, LNR Excavating, Bayview Market, Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department, Port Clements Recreation Commission and the Village of Port Clements.



Northern Savings Credit Union Services in Port Clements

Northern Savings is offering banking services in Port Clements on a trial basis at the Multiplex building.

Services offered include:

- Account opening (by appointment)
- Full remote service banking
- Cash services
- Lending

Next scheduled openings are:

- Thursday, November 10th 10AM—2PM
- Friday, November 25th, 2—6 PM.
- Friday, December 9th, 2—6 PM
- Friday, December 22nd, 10AM—2PM

Contact 250-626-5231 to book an appointment or for more information about the Port Clements banking services.

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EVENTS:

- 1-4pm Tuesdays Seniors Social
- Free Weight Room Orientation November 17th @ 7pm
- Remembrance Day
- Breakfast with Santa Dec. 10th
- Lantern Making Workshop Mon & Fri's 3—4:30 PM
- Lantern Display Nov. 26th
- Acrobatic Dance Tuesdays. Gr. K-4 3-4PM, Gr. 5-7 5-6:30PM
- Youth Badminton Wednesday's 5-6:30 PM
- Fitness Circuit Class Tus & Thurs 7-8 PM
- Senior's Yoga Tues. 1-2 PM
- Indoor Soccer Thursdays 8-10 PM
- Flu Clinic—Nov 22nd

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

In 2012, the Village of Port Clements (VOPC) was successful in a funding application to the Union of BC Municipalities Strategic Priorities Fund for a project to replace the street lights with LED streetlights island wide. The project had to be amended once it was determined that the communities did not own the lights and in 2015 was approved to amend the project to install solar panels on Public Buildings.

The project also included a battery backup system for the solar panels to supply backup power during power outages. As a result of installing the solar panels and the backup battery system, the system will save approximately 45% of the annual electricity costs for the Multiplex Building. The project was completed by Terratek

NEW STAFF

Say hello to our two newest Village staff members. Ruby Decock is from Tlell and a former resident of Port Clements. Ruby is the new Deputy Clerk. Second is Jay (Jiro) Ooishi our Public Works Assistant. Jay is a resident of Port Clements and comes to us with extensive experience in construction and mechanical trades. We are happy to have two such cheery additions to our staff!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE REC COMMISSION IS HOLDING THE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH AT THE MULTIPLEX BUILDING. WATCH FOR POSTERS WITH MORE INFORMATION.

New Dog Bylaws

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

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

Letters will be sent to all residents the first week of January with more details about the new dog bylaws.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Please join us for the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11th. The ceremony begins at 10:35 AM at St. Mark's Church



Upcoming Lantern Display

The Recreation Commission is working on an interpretive trail which displays lanterns. The event is set to take place at the Millennial Park and will include hot dogs, hot chocolate, and live music. Watch for posters regarding when this event will occur. Weather permitting, tentative display to start November 26th- Please contact Jay at 557-4660 to volunteer your musical talents.

Tips on How to Deal with Garbage Critters.

There's nothing like putting out your garbage for the garbage man and going to retrieve your garbage can, but only to find a big mess. Thanks to those pesky animals some of your garbage has been strewn across your yard and the garbage man has already done his rounds.

Pesky animals range from dogs, bears, raccoons, birds and rats. These animals will not only wreak havoc on your garbage, but some of these can take up residence in your residence.

1. **Don't throw fish guts, deer hides, deer butcher waste in your garbage.** These are animal attractants and once an animal becomes accustomed to a good food source it may move into your neighbourhood or worse into your house.
2. **Don't put garbage out the night before garbage pickup.** This gives an extended amount of time for animals to catch scent of your garbage.
3. **Don't make your garbage can top heavy.** A top heavy garbage can is easier to tip over for small critters. Birds will jostle the garbage until it finally tips over.
4. **Put your garbage in a secure garbage container that has a lid.** Garbage placed on the curb in plastic garbage bags or boxes is an easy target for animals to access your garbage.

FLU CLINIC

November 22, 2016 at the Port Clements Health Clinic between 4:30—6:30 PM.