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ePACT Registration:

1. Go to epactnetwork.com/haidagwaiialerts
2. Fill in your name, email and select the community/communities you would like to receive alerts for in the future.
3. you will be sent an email to create an ePACT account and verify your contact details.
4. Follow the instructions to create your account

What's new in Emergency Management for Haida Gwaii?

The Port Clements and Island Emergency Management Committees continue to train and review services to better serve our residents.

Recently all the communities on Island have adopted and are implementing the committee's recommendation of an island wide use of a mass communication system powered by the ePACT network, which has been dubbed 'Haida Gwaii Alerts'. It is based on resident "opt-in" at no cost to residents. Residents create an on-line profile which can include medical issues and/or special needs.

It is a system based on redundancy in case one method fails. Therefore alerts to residents come in the form of emails, texts and phone messages.

It meets or exceeds Federal and Provincial privacy legislation and all data is backed up in Canada.

We recently tested this system with the Provincial "Shake Out" exercise in October this year. The results were overall good, but we would love to hear more feedback so that we can work out any glitches or issues in the system!

We strongly encourage residents to register with ePACT!

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The Leader

Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Port Clements,

As most of you are aware we had a by-election in March 2017 where I got elected as your new Mayor after our previous Mayor and two Councillors quit.

A by-election is never an easy task and hard on staff and the remaining councillors also taking into account the financial burden to the taxpayer.

Well staff and Councillor Charleen O'Brien Anderson, Doug Daugert did a great job to get us over the hump and with the addition of the two new Councillors Elizabeth Stewart and Brigid Cumming we are fully set to carry on the Village's business.

As a pretty new council we started having different infrastructure tours together with office staff and public works.

The purpose of the infrastructure tours was to familiarize us with the conditions of our Assets and Liabilities prior to sit down and go into the strategic planning process. This was a great exercise for staff and council and it supported council in the decision making on the strategic plan that is attached below.

The 4 Top Priorities which will be focused on in 2017 are:

- #1 Water System
- #2 Boat Launch & Parking Lot
- #3 Cell phone service for Port Clements
- #4 Sewer Infrastructure

The remaining priorities are dealt with on a case by case situation and will also be considered in 2018 and beyond.

Council and some staff also participated at the UBCM Convention in hope to move some of our priorities ahead but the lack of commitment from the new coalition Government left us with some disappointment. We are still committed to move those priorities ahead and we will be in contact with our Provincial partners shortly.

Our CAO Kim Mushinsky left us as of October 31, due to several circumstances. Her official retirement was planned for December 2018 but Kim will be available on a contract base to support the final training of Ruby Decock as a CAO.

I would like to thank Kim for all her hard work and dedication for our community over the last few years!

Going forward needs a strong commitment from all of us including council, staff, public works and our well appreciated volunteers!

We are a small community with a lot of challenges but I'm sure by working together we can make it work to be successful.

Sincerely
Urs Thomas

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Important Reminder!

At the end of December 31st, 2017 all unpaid taxes will roll over into the new year, 2018, and be charged interest daily. All unpaid current taxes for 2017 become arrears taxes for 2018. All unpaid arrears taxes become delinquent taxes. All unpaid delinquent taxes risk a tax sale in September if not paid in full before the tax sale deadline.

Terry Fox Run **RECAP**

School District #50 had their annual Terry Fox race on September 21st at 10 am this year. You may have seen them on their route!

Also, congratulations to Port Clements Elementary for its fundraising history! From the statistics released on June 15, 2017, PCES has held the most runs in the Haida Gwaii School District #50. PCES has participated in 15 runs (not including this year) and has fundraised the most between the schools on island!

 THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION LA FONDATION TERRY FOX Haida Gwaii School District (50) Donation and Registration Summary Report (Statistics as of June 16, 2017)					
School Name	City	Donations 2016	Total Fundraising to Date	Number of Terry Fox Runs to Date	Registered for 2017 Terry Fox Run
Agnes L. Mathers Elementary Secondary	Sandspit	No Run	\$102.00	4	NO
GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary	Queen Charlotte	No Run	\$80.75	1	NO
Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary	Masset	No Run	\$0	0	YES
Port Clements Elementary	Port Clements	\$846.70	\$7,180.25	15	NO
Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary	Skidegate	No Run	\$1,918.27	9	YES
Tahyaghen Elementary	Masset	No Run	\$232.02	2	YES
Totals		\$846.70	\$9,513.29		

Questions about Ditches & Culverts

Although we are accustomed to receiving a lot of rain, this last October has seen so much that there was flooding throughout the islands. There was so much rain that several properties in Port Clements experienced flooding. Concerns have been raised about the ditching in response to this recent rain event.

Who is responsible for what?

Property Owner – can opt to mow grass or remove vegetation along ditch line for aesthetics. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that any infrastructure aimed at dealing with water runoff from their property is installed correctly. Obstructions in drainage structures on private properties which tie into Municipal ditches are not the responsibility of the Village. A drain pipe which ties into the ditch lower than the ditch's water level will still drain if the pipe is not obstructed.

Village of Port Clements – Owns the ditches and is responsible for their maintenance – mowing is an aesthetic issue and generally not a flow issue. It is the Village's responsibility to ensure that ditches are graded and maintained in a manner that allows for proper flow. It is also the Village's responsibility to ensure that trees do not become excessive in ditches both from a flow and a visibility standpoint.

Who is responsible for Cleaning Culverts?

Property Owner – If you have a culvert in your drive way, you are responsible for cleaning your culvert. Maintenance of personal driveways is the property owner's responsibility.

Village of Port Clements – Ensures that all culverts under streets are cleaned (except Highways right of ways).

Don't Forget! Mark Your Calendars!



The Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th is being held in the Millenium Park at St. Mark's Church. The ceremony will start with a procession from the Museum at 10:35 a.m

Breakfast with Santa is being held in the Senior's Room of the Multi-Purpose Building from 8am to 1pm on Saturday, December 16th.



Port Clements Christmas Swap 'n Shop

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2017
Place: Port Clements Community Hall
Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Clothing, Jewellery & Stocking Stuffers; Homemade Treats & Christmas Goodies
 New & Gently Used Goods; Loonie Auction
Tables \$15.00 - To Reserve a Table or to Donate new and/or gently used items to the Loonie Auction, please call 250-557-4760 or e-mail keepstang@hotmail.com
 Port Bucks will also be accepted for Purchases (some conditions will apply).