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**"Gateway to the  
Wilderness"**



**LANDFILL  
HOURS**

Monday -Friday 11am-3pm  
open the 1st Saturday ONLY  
of  
every



**Thank you to all the volunteers that keep our gardens looking so great.**

Some unsung Port Clements volunteers— the gardens bloom beautifully every year thanks to Anne Wells, Florida Froese , Linda Gajdasci, Pat Johnson, Evelyn Robinson, Edward Lowrie Jr. and Stanley Thomas and thanks to Doug Decock for keeping the hanging baskets at St. Mark's church looking so beautiful.

**Another Excellent Canada  
Days under our Belts**

The Grinders won the Baseball tournament while Port Clements won the Soccer tournament.

Winners of Bird House competition—1st place the Hein-Delzell-Orr-Bailey-Bliss entry, 2nd prize was Wally Cheer and 3rd prize was Evelyn Robinson.

Blooming in Port Clements winners—1st place Anne Wells, 2nd place Evelyn Robinson and 3rd place Anne Wells.

On the Mud Bog scene, Chris Nemanishen won 1st place, Dave Froese Jr. won 2nd place and Marion Gaspar won 3rd place.

The parade prizes were as follows:

Best Theme and Best Commercial Float—O'Brien's

Best Non-commercial Float—The Historical Society

Most Humorous—The Sea Hags

Best ATV—Bunny & Dez Decembrini

Best Dressed Animal—Lula Issa

7 & Under—Yusef Issa & Jadlyn Dennis

7-11—Hanna Bell-McKay

12 & over—Kiya Bergstrom, Bilal Issa & Rachel Hageman

Thank you everyone who volunteered their time to make this a truly awesome community event and thank you everyone who participated either as a vendor or as a spectator.



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**THE LEADER  
ANNUAL REPORT—MAYOR'S  
MESSAGE**

2012 will, most likely, be remembered for the two earthquakes we experienced rather than anything else. Fortunately, our community escaped with no injuries and very little damage. Although we were not threatened with any consequence from the tremors, we were reminded of a need to be prepared for any emergency which may threaten our Village in the future. Using the lessons learned from the quakes, the emergency committee revamped our emergency plan to make us better prepared to meet any possible emergency situation.

Our Village administration is to be congratulated for preparing, editing, and finalizing a Community Plan. Our previous Community Plan was over 25 years old and did not have relevance to our community today. We now have a document which residents and business people, as well as prospective business people, can work with and make decisions to integrate with the vision for our community as a whole. I want to thank all those who participated in the process to create the Plan. Kim Mushynsky, our CAO, is also to be congratulated for pushing for funding to convert our streetlights to LED lighting. This will help reduce our carbon footprint and save the Village significant cost for street lighting.

Installation of our new water treatment plant was completed in March of 2012. It is mostly a computerized system for providing water to our town and, after working out some bugs, it is working well. Sean has been trying to refine the system to reduce the chlorine taste and smell to our water and I am confident he will find a balance with this while meeting Ministry of Environment guidelines.

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**EVENTS**

- Senior's Luncheon  
Friday August 9th  
11am-4:30pm
- Science Alive Camp  
August 12-16 in the  
School gym.
- Taan Forestry Tour  
Friday August 16  
9a,m-3pm. Call 250-  
559-2337 to register.
- Next Regular Council  
meeting Monday August  
19th at 7pm
- Emergency Social  
Services free training  
Wednesday August  
21st 2-4:30pm  
in Council Chambers  
please call 250-557-  
4295 to register

## CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Village of Port Clements will be forming a Centennial Committee which will liaison with various other committees to organize the extra events that will be happening next year during Canada Days to celebrate our 100th anniversary. Council will be looking for representatives from the Seniors Group and Museum as well as any other interested

individuals. In addition to planning events for next year this committee will also be exploring upgrades to the Community Park in anticipation of next year's big event. This is a great committee to become involved with—it is literally a once in a lifetime event!! For more information please call the office at 250-557-4295. We appreciate your input!!!!



## TAX TIDBITS

### 2013 TAX SALE

In cases that property taxes are delinquent on September 16, 2013 properties will be advertised for sale in the Observer and then sold at the property tax sale on Monday September 30, 2013

at 10:00am at the Council Chambers. Please ensure that any delinquent amounts are paid in full prior to September 30, 2013 to avoid being sold at the tax sale. To avoid having property listed in the Observer, delinquent payments must be received prior to 1pm Friday September 13, 2013.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that in order to change your address on your property tax notices you must contact BC Assessment which you can do via email at [online@www.bcassessment.ca](mailto:online@www.bcassessment.ca) or by phoning 1-800-990-1116.

## Parking

Just around the corner children will be heading back to school. Remember that the speed limit in a school zone is 30KM/h. The school entrance is located on Park street. When picking up and dropping off your children for school

please refrain from parking on Cedar Avenue West. This street must be kept clear for emergency vehicles, thru traffic and deliveries. You can use Park street, the gym parking lot and the Tingley Street access.



Among the priorities Council had set for completion in 2012 there was the demolition of two derelict buildings and installation of fender pilings on the Rainbow Wharf. One derelict building was taken down and the other will be dealt with after the ownership issue is cleared up. The fender pilings were installed on the Wharf late in the year.

Throughout 2012, Council devoted a significant amount of time and energy to make the vision for a barge facility in Port Clements come closer to being a reality. We are committed to finding paths, overcoming obstacles, and forming partnerships in an effort to create the facility.

There were no new local tax hikes in 2012 and Council and staff worked to minimize expenditures to come under budget in most areas of the financial plan. Like households, our community has experienced cost increases over the last few years. Rather than increase property taxes Council elected to streamline the budget in order to absorb cost increases. We were and are committed to protecting the Village reserve accounts to ensure we can weather any future storms. As guardians of your tax dollars, we are also committed to being prudent in our decisions by always weighing cost against benefit and trying to maximize the return on dollars spent.

Going forward, I am personally excited about what the future can bring us. After several years of decline, I see evidence of our community once again becoming more vibrant and growing. We are becoming more diverse and, as a consequence, becoming more resilient and stable. Shortly, we will be able to celebrate the centennial of our community. We officially became Port Clements in 1914. Our history has experienced many cycles of boom and recession but through it all we remain a marvelous small community that provides us with a safe and healthy environment to live, raise a family or enjoy our retirement years.

I and all members of Council, as well as the Village office, are always available and easily approachable if you would like to discuss a problem or situation, wish to express your disagreement with a course of action taken by Council or simply to seek information. We welcome your input on all Village affairs. It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Mayor. If, at any time, I can be of any assistance or you require any information, please feel free to contact me.

Finally, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time to the community and the people in our community during the past year as they have in previous years. Their efforts help make our town a better place to live and need to be applauded.

Mayor Wally Cheer