

**Village of Port Clements**

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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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**LANDFILL HOURS**

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

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers located in the Multi Purpose Building at 36 Cedar Ave West Port Clements, BC at 7:00 pm.

Submissions of Correspondence and/or requests to appear as a delegation in front of Council must be made in writing four business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Council meetings are the first and third Monday of each month,**

February 2 & 16, March 2 & 16, April 7 & 20, May 4 & 19, June 1 & 15, July 6 & 20, August 4 & 17, September 8 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16, December 7 & 21

**Committees of Council include:**


Tourism Committee\*\*  
Emergency Planning Committee  
Recreation Commission

Want to join a committee and make recommendations to Council? Then come out to a meeting and get added to the email notification list!

**\*\*The Tourism Committee would like to invite any interested Businesses to come out and take part in a meeting and let us know if/how we might be able to help you.**



**BITS AND PIECES**

- ◆ Sadly we say farewell to **Debbi and Carey Thwaites** as they move to Campbell River to start a new chapter in their lives. Carey has been with the Public Works department since 2010 and will be sorely missed. They have both been an integral part of our community and it is always hard to say goodbye. We wish them, and the dogs, well in their new home. Good news for them—getting to Mexico just got a whole lot easier. There will be more rocks and fish for the rest of us with Carey rock-hounding and fishing somewhere else. 
- ◆ School Spring Break is March 15-21 with the kids back to school on the 23rd.
- ◆ Watch for posters closer to May announcing both the town cleanup dates and the Sunset park clean up dates. Volunteers will be needed for both of these events.
- ◆ If you haven't done so already here is a reminder to come into the office and renew your 2015 Business License and/or your Weight Room membership.

**THE LEADER**

**Hello to our New Mayor & Council**

The Village of Port Clements would like to introduce our new Mayor and Council team.

Mayor Ian Gould is not new to Municipal politics having served one full and one partial term as a Councillor. Ian sits on the tourism & park committees as well as Northern Development Initiative Trust, SQCRD, and Northern Health.

Returning Councillor Matt Gaspar now has one full term under his belt and is interested in continuing on some of the work that was begun with his first term. Matt sits on the Tourism, Rec and Emergency Planning

Committees and is the Deputy Mayor for July 1—Dec. 31.

Christine Cunningham is one of our new Councillors and this is her first try at local government. Christine is on the Emergency Planning and Park committees as well as representing the community for Vancouver Island Regional Library and Gwaii Tel.

Doug Daugert is also one of our new Councillors and although he has experience with the Regional District he has never been a Municipal Councillor before. Doug is on the Park committee as well as

representing us for SQCRD, Northern Health, MIEDS and Community Futures. Doug is also Deputy Mayor from Jan. 1—June 30.

Last but not least, also new to Municipal politics, is Councillor Charleen O'Brien Anderson. Charleen sits on the Rec and Park committees as well as Gwaii Tel, Northern Development Initiative Trust and Vancouver Island Regional Library.

**CONGRATULATIONS, WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY!!**

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**EVENTS**

- Spring into Fitness Tues & Thurs from 6:45-8:00 in the gym
- Cooking classes Tues. 4-7pm in the Seniors Room
- Alternate Fitness 1-2pm Thurs. in Seniors room
- Yoga 1-2pm Tues. in Seniors room
- Yoga 7-8:30pm Wednesdays in Seniors room
- Art with Penny Richardson Wed. 3-5pm in the Senior's room
- Friday February 13 Movie Night—Penguins of Madagascar
- Friday Feb. 13 Seniors Luncheon in Seniors rm
- Seniors get together' has changed to Mondays 2-4 in the Seniors room

**Financial Planning 2015-2019**

The Village Council will be discussing the financial plan for the current year and the next 4 years. Council encourages all residents to participate in how your tax dollars should be spent.

Meetings are scheduled for Late February early March, Please call the Office for dates. Is there something you think Council should be considering? Do you have questions about how

funds are being spent? Just want to feel like being part of the process? Please come out and see what Council is doing.



## IS OUR WATER SAFE?

Recently there were concerns raised about trihalomethanes (THM) in our water supply as a result of our chlorination process. This article shows our levels as compared to the Drinking Water Safety Guidelines (DWG) and outlines some information provided to us by Northern Health who hold our permit for the supply of drinking water. Drinking Water Guidelines indicate that 100 ug/Litre is the safe allowable limit. Below are our limits first at the water treatment plant and second at the end of Bayview south.

July 2010	50	68
March 2011	39	45
Nov. 2014	24	29

As you can see our numbers decreased significantly after the water plant upgrade but have always been well within the safe limits.

### What are chlorinated disinfection by-products?

Chlorinated disinfection by-products are compounds that can form when the chlorine used to disinfect drinking water reacts with naturally occurring organic matter (e.g., decaying leaves and vegetation). Disinfection is an essential component of public drinking water treatment.

The health risks associated with disinfection by-products are much less than the risks from consuming water that has not been adequately disinfected. There are many types of chlorinated disinfection by-products (DBPs); the most common of these are the

trihalomethanes (THMs) and the haloacetic acids (HAAs).

### Aren't disinfection by-products a health concern?

All chemical disinfectants used in drinking water can be expected to form disinfection by-products, which may affect human health. However, scientific data show that the benefits of disinfecting drinking water are much greater than any health risks from disinfection by-products. While



every effort should be made to reduce concentrations of disinfection by-products to as low a level as reasonably achievable, any method of control used must not

compromise the effectiveness of disinfection.

### What are the possible health effects from THMs in drinking water?

Some studies suggest a link between reproductive effects and exposure to high levels of

THMs. However, an increase in the concentration of THMs could not be linked to an increase in risk, suggesting the need for more research. THMs have been associated with slightly elevated levels of bladder and colon cancer, but no direct link has been determined. For more detailed information on the possible health effects of THMs please refer to the Health Canada's Guideline Technical Document: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewhsemt/pubs/watereau/trihalomethanes/index-eng.php>

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE???

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](mailto:cao@portclements.ca). Articles or columns can be between 150 and 225 words. topics of interest coming up... Community Dances,

Valentines day, Easter, and Spring Break to name a few. Please refrain from Slanderous comments and should you include personal information about someone, ensure you have their permission. Our newsletter is mailed out with Utility bills quarterly in February, May, August and November and articles need to be received by the last Wednesday of the previous month in order to be included.



## Utility and Property tax balances

Please be advised that any outstanding amounts on your utility account as of December 31, 2014 have been transferred to your property taxes as arrears and began accumulating interest as of January 1, 2015.

2014 Property tax amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2014 have been transferred to arrears and began accumulating interest as of January 1, 2015.

Any balances that were in arrears as of December 31, 2014 have been transferred to delinquent.

Property tax accounts which have a delinquent balance as of September 11, 2015 will be advertised in the Observer for the 2015 tax sale which will be taking place on Monday September 28, 2015. Please drop by the office if you have any questions about your account balances.

If you haven't already heard.....the public library hours have been dramatically increased!!! Take note of the new hours:

Wednesday 2-5pm & 6-8pm  
Thursday 2-5pm & 6-8pm  
Friday 12-5pm  
Saturday 10-1pm & 2-5pm

We acknowledge Wally Cheer's lobbying to bring this change about.

## RCMP UPDATE

The new RCMP Detachment Sergeant Stephan Drouin met with Council Monday January 19, 2015 to introduce himself and present statistical information for the 2014 year as compared against 2013.

Here is a recap of the information that was presented, this information is specific to Port Clements:

Criminal Code Violations	2014	2013
Assaults	5	9
Utter Threats	5	7
Break & Enter	1	1
Thefts	8	15
Fail to Comply	1	22
Other	6	3
Total	26	57

Substance Abuse Violations	2014	2013
Drug Related	2	1
Liquor Related	2	2
Total	4	3

Traffic Violations	2014	2013
Moving	15	8
Impaired	5	3
Collision	1	8
Check-stops	9	2
Total	30	21

Assistance Provided	2014	2013
Fire/Ambulance	0	1
Other agencies	3	2
General public	33	30
Total	36	33
Grand Total	96	106

Of note is that of the 22 failure to comply calls in 2013, 21 of them were at only 4 different addresses so they were repeats.

General public assistance includes things such as missing persons reports, mental health issues, breach of peace, lost and found property, well-being checks, animal calls and unspecified assistance.

## COMMITTEES

Are you interested in becoming involved in the community? Here are some of our committees which would welcome new participants.

The Rec Committee meets monthly. They are responsible for movie nights, Canada Day celebrations, breakfast with Santa and Easter events to name a few. They also make recommendations to Council in regards to upgrade or purchase new recreation related equipment such as playground equipment. If you are interested please contact Bev Lore or the village office to get put on the notification list.

The Tourism committee also meets monthly. They are responsible for things like advertising for our community and creating the brochure which is on BC Ferries, amongst other tourism related initiatives. This is a good fit for business owners but also for people just interested in promoting Port Clements. Please contact Sharon in the office.

The Emergency committee meets 4 times per year and offers free training on various aspects of Community Emergency preparedness. Please contact Kim in the office for more information.

Thank you for becoming involved!!!