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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

# BITS & PIECES

- ◆ Just a reminder of the new Library hours—Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 3-8pm and Saturday from 10-12 and 1-5pm.
- ◆ Our 2015-2019 Budget Document is available for pick up at the office for anyone interested.
- ◆ We will be presenting our 2014 Annual Report and audited Financial Statements at the June 15 Council meeting—please feel free to come out and see how the year went and see what we are planning for 2015.
- ◆ Just a reminder to everyone that we have a Dog Bylaw that stipulates that dogs are not to be wandering around town aimlessly. Dogs are to be contained in their yards and on a leash when out for a walk. It doesn't really matter how friendly your dog is, it is just respectful for everyone in town to adhere to proper dog etiquette.
- ◆ Don't forget the Community Clean Up on May 30th. Come out and "adopt" a street for the day and see how much garbage you can collect from the ditches. We may have prizes for the most collected or the most unusual item brought it - that is still under development but we will have free hot dogs for everyone who participates.
- ◆ We have some community gardens which need someone to care for them. If interested pop by or call the office for more details.
- ◆ Remember the Senior's hold a luncheon in the Multiplex the 2nd Friday of each month—come out and join them.

We're on the Web  
[www.portclements.ca](http://www.portclements.ca)

## LANDFILL HOURS

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



## Want to add your items to the Newsletter ????

We are always looking for items to add to our newsletter. If you have something funny or a coming event you would like to advertise, please email your submissions to [cao@portclements.ca](mailto:cao@portclements.ca) we want to hear from you!

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# THE LEADER

## Canada Days—How you can Get Involved

It might only be May but plans have already begun for the 2015 Canada Days weekend. There will be an open meeting on Thursday May 14th at 7pm in the Senior's Room and anyone interested in participating in Canada Days in any fashion (from volunteering to making suggestions to operating a kiosk and selling food) is encouraged to attend. More hands make the load lighter and then everyone gets a chance to enjoy the weekend more. The Rec Committee is looking for someone interested in running the Great Port Clements Paddle Race, we need feedback as to whether we should continue with the birdhouse competition, we need a marshall for the parade and some volunteers to be judges for the floats. We are always looking for volunteers to operate activities such as the bouncy house, sumo suits, peddle cars, face painting, kids games, etc. Charleen O'Brien Anderson will be looking after Logger Sports again this year if that is something that interests you. For more information contact Bev Lore or Marilyn Bliss or pop by the office. We need you!!

## Taxes 2015, HOG and Deferment Programs

Taxes for the 2015 year will be coming through the mail before the end of the month. Please note: if you are eligible for the Home Owner Grant you need to fill it out and return it to the office no later than the **Tax Due Date of July 2nd, 2015 at 4:00pm to avoid interest penalties.**

If you require assistance with paying your taxes, the Provincial Government has a few property tax deferment programs that may fit your needs.

- 55 and older
- Hardship
- Families with Children

All of this information

can be obtained by visiting [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Property\\_Taxes/Property\\_Tax\\_Deferment/ptd.htm](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Property_Taxes/Property_Tax_Deferment/ptd.htm) or come into the office and we will provide you with all the information you need.



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### EVENTS

- Senior's Social from 2-4pm on Mondays in Senior's Room
- Sponge Bob Movie Friday May 15 in Seniors room
- Village clean up Saturday May 30th
- Canada Days June 26, 27 & 28
- BBQ at St. Marks Monday Aug. 3 3-6pm
- Science Alive this summer for the kids July 13-17
- Haida Gwaii Summer Rec for Kids Aug. 4-14
- Spring into Fitness Tues & Thurs in gym 6:45-8:00pm

## A Forestry Strategy for Haida Gwaii

It began back in 2013 when Keith Moore—Moore Resource Management, drafted a background paper for discussion on the issue of creating a comprehensive forestry strategy for Haida Gwaii. You can find this document online at:

[http://www.haidagwaiimanagementcouncil.ca/forest\\_strategy/documents/Forest%20Strategy%20Discussion%20Paper.pdf](http://www.haidagwaiimanagementcouncil.ca/forest_strategy/documents/Forest%20Strategy%20Discussion%20Paper.pdf)

The paper was released in late 2013 and feedback was sought in 2014 and then a revised document came forward in January 2015 along with more consultation. All this work culminated in an all island Forest

Strategy Symposium held at the Kaay centre April 24 & 25. Approximately 102 people were in attendance for this event which included Councillor Doug Daugert, Mayor Ian Gould and Administrator Kim Mushynsky. Councillor Daugert made a presentation on behalf of all the communities covering the three questions posed by Consultant Keith Moore.

1. What is holding us back
  - Lack of local control
  - Lack of local access
  - Lack of local manufacturing
  - Lack of skilled local workforce
2. How can we improve

- Make the best end use of every tree
- Better management of cut blocks
- Maximize local work opportunities (local including people who move here for work)
- Stimulate local processing
- 3. What needs to shift first
  - Local control and access
  - Value added manufacturing
  - Local employment

Watch future Newsletters for updates on this process or talk to Mayor Gould.

Federal and Provincial Parks Representatives came to the April 20th Council meeting to talk to Council about eradication of rats on Haida Gwaii. They gave a compelling presentation including video footage of bird activity before and after rat control took place in some areas of Gwaii Haanas. As part of their on going efforts they have provided the Village of Port Clements with some colorful signage which will be going up at both of the wharfs shortly. In addition they provided us with free information packages and rat bait stations for use by boat owners in the Harbour. If you have a boat in the Small Craft Harbour please drop by the office to pick up your free kit any time.



## ALL ISLAND YOUTH ART SHOW

Islanders were inspired by the 2nd Annual All Island Youth Art Show that took place in the Multiplex in April. A grand opening was held on April 11th and youth were offered some options for free art classes. The art remained on display in the Multiplex until the end of April. Here are some examples if you missed it.



## SUNSET PARK CLEAN UP—THANK YOU!

On behalf of Council and the residents of Port Clements we would like to thank the following volunteers for coming out Sunday May 3rd and lending a hand with the clean up at the Sunset Park:

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| Dale Lore       | Joan Hein                  | Marilynn Bliss | Sue Couch |
| Sean O'Donoghue | Christina Stupka & Sephina | Ian Gould      |           |

**We are having a town clean up on May 30-31 please mark the date and come out to support your community.**