

# What's new in Emergency Management for Haida Gwaii?

In 2017 all the communities on Island implemented an island wide emergency mass communication system powered by the ePACT Network. This is 'Haida Gwaii Alerts'. It is based on resident "opt-in" and it is at no cost to residents. Residents just create an on-line profile and submit the information they want to include such as medical issues and/or special needs.

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

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

We tested this system with the Provincial "Shake Out" exercise in 2017 and Queen Charlotte put the system to task when dealing with a landslide. In early 2018 the system was tested Island-wide with the Tsunami alert. Overall the results were good, but feedback helps work out any problems with the new system.

We strongly encourage residents to register with

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

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



# **Council Meeting Schedule for 2018**



The Village of PORT CLEMENTS "Gateway to the Wilderness"

Pursuant to Community Charter Section 94 notice is hereby given for the 2019 Regular Council meetings. Meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday of every month, except in July and November where there is only one meeting each month. Where there is a holiday Monday the meeting is moved to the Tuesday. The schedules of regular meetings are as follows:

> January 7th & 21st February 4th & 19th (Family Day, February 18th) March 4th & 18th April 8th & 22nd May 6th & 21st (Victoria Day, May 20th) June 3rd & 17th July 15th August 6<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (BC Day August 5<sup>th</sup>) September 3rd & 16th (Labour Day, September 2nd) October 7th & 21st November 18th December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

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 request to appear as a delegation in front of Council must be made in writing a minimum four business days (Wednesday by 1 PM) prior to the scheduled meeting.

#### **Committees of Council Schedule**

Port Clements Tourism Advisory Committee Port Clements Emergency Management Commission Port Clements Recreation Commission

Please contact the Village Office Tuesday through Friday 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

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## Home Owner Grant **Reminder!**

If you forgot to claim your 2018 Home Owner Grant, you can still claim it as a retroactive Home Owner Grant until the end of 2019.

## **Meet Your New Council!**

Our new Council took office on November 5, 2018 after the Local Elections in October, 2018. They are:

#### Mayor Doug Daugert

Council Representative: North Coast Regional District, Northern Health Authority, Misty Isles Economic Development Society Alternate For: Community Futures, Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia

#### **Councillor Brigid Cumming**

Council Representative: Park Management Committee, Community Futures, Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia Alternate For: Emergency Management Commission

#### Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge

*Council Representative:* Recreation Commission, GwaiiTel Society Alternate For: Tourism Advisory Committee, Vancouver Island Regional Library

#### Councillor Norman Ian Gould

*Council Representative:* Tourism Advisory Committee, Northern Development Initiative Trust, Vancouver Island Regional Library Alternate For: Recreation Commission, North Coast Regional District, Northern Health Authority

#### Councillor Teri Kish

Council Representative: Emergency Management Commission Alternate For: Park Management Committee, Northern Development Initiative Trust, GwaiiTel Society

A Committee of the Whole for STRATEGIC PLANNING will be held on 13th February 2019 from 5:00—7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Village Office of Port Clements (36 Cedar Avenue West). It is open to the public.

### Important Reminder!

After December 31st 2018 all unpaid taxes rolled over into 2019 and collect daily interest in 2019. All unpaid current taxes for 2018 became arrear taxes for 2019. All unpaid arrears taxes in 2018 became delinguent taxes in 2019. All unpaid delinguent taxes will have the property go up for tax sale in September if not paid in full before the tax sale deadline. Also, please note that all unpaid utility balances for 2018 were also transferred into the tax account as arrear taxes for 2019.

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Created to support local businesses in an effort to renovate, refurbish and improve their business exteriors, this program provides a grant to local businesses and property owners to improve their business exteriors within specific commercial areas of Port Clements.

#### **Eligible Areas**

	Highway Commercial Strip	: #2-7 Grous
		#85-211 Ad
		#2-10 New
	Downtown Core:	#41-124 Ba
		#1 <b>-</b> 11 Yako

This grant provides 50% reimbursement to a maximum of \$5000 for the cost of eligible improvements. The improvement project must have a minimum value of \$1500. Wayfinding signage is available for 50% reimbursement up to a maximum of \$500. If you have previously applied and received the grant but did not use up the maximum \$5000 you can re-apply for the remaining balance.

Please contact the Village Office for the program package for more information.



First Saturday of April and May!

11:00 AM-3:00 PM on April 6th, 2019 11:00 AM-3:00 PM on May 4th, 2019

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For the 2019 Village Cleanup the Village of Port Clements has organized "Free Tipping Days" at the Island Solid Waste Landfill (71454 Hwy.16). All the dumping fees will be covered by the Village of Port Clements for our municipal residents and property owners.

To make use of this opportunity and receive free tipping, residents and property owners only need to provide proof of residence or ownership within our municipal boundaries to Landfill staff when dropping off materials at the Landfill.