

Village of Port Clements

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"Gateway to the
Wilderness"



Village Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday
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Any after hour meetings
must be arranged with the
Village Office beforehand.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Fire: 250-557-4355
RCMP: 205-626-3991
Hospital: 250-626-4711
Ambulance: 800-461-9911
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Don't Forget, ePACT Signup!

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 is always welcome to improve the system.

We strongly encourage residents to register with ePACT!

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

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Northern Capital & Planning Grant

The Village of Port Clements has received \$2.085 million dollars through the Northern Capital and Planning Grant. This is a one-time conditional grant provided by the Provincial Government.

This conditional funding is limited to long-term planning and capital works projects within our community and will remain in a dedicated reserve fund until it is used up. Examples of what these funds can be used for are: new construction, expansion, renovation, or replacement project for an existing facility or facilities.

Firehall Renovations Funding Received

Our Village has received partial funding from the Gwaii Trust Society's Major Contributions Grant to renovate the exterior of the Port Clements Volunteer Firehall. These renovations are scheduled to be undertaken and completed this year.

Our community will be able to look forward to a refreshed Firehall that will improve and preserve the structure for years to come! A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be advertised for this project.

Meet the New Intern!

Our Village Office will again be welcoming a new Intern this May. Once again the Village is participating in the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Municipal Management Internship Program. This year long internship program will start in May 2019 and conclude in April 2020.

We are pleased to welcome Emily Welford to the team!

Visit us

"The Village of Port
Clements" Group
on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/152718168842/>

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Reminder

Please contact the Village Office by phone or email to report any defects with municipal infrastructure. (ie. broken handrails, potholes, missing signs, fallen tree on trail, etc.). Staff will generate a work order for Public Works to repair, replace, or hire a contractor to complete the work.



Biomass Update



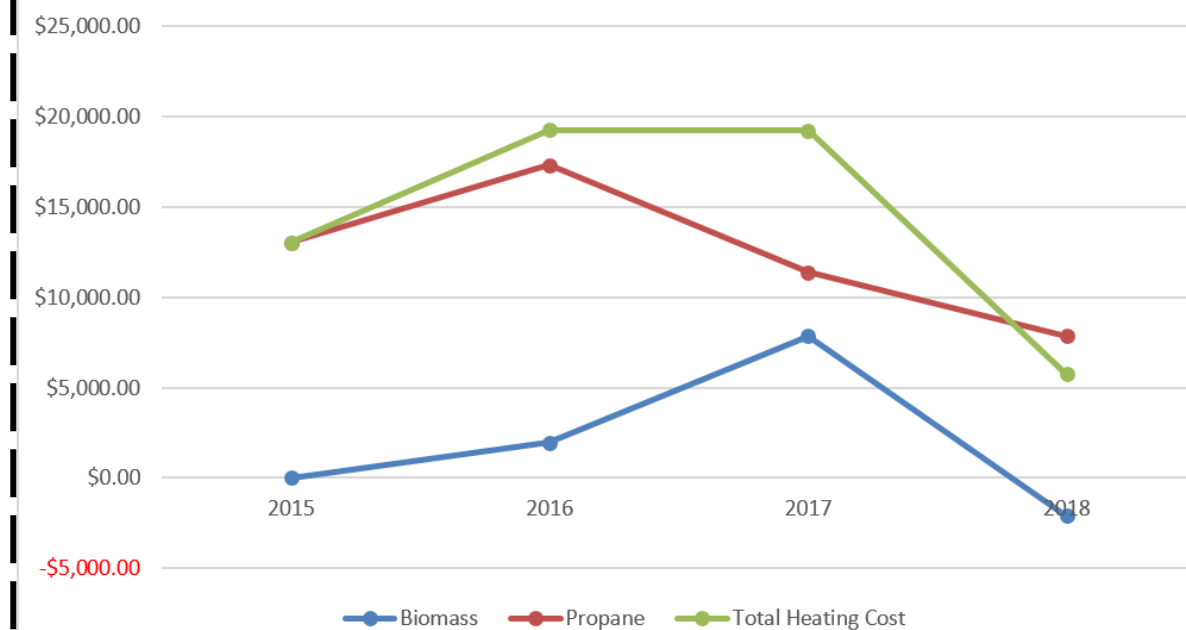
In 2016, the Village of Port Clements began to operationally heat the Multiplex Building and the Port Clements Fire hall with the heat generated by the wood biomass plant. Previous heating was generated by burning propane. Since 2016, the Village's costs for heat has changed.

There has been challenges in pellet supply; however, the success is the heating of the two buildings has been a reduction in costs. The firehall is a lot warmer now and the cost in propane is still a bit high for the power outages for backup power in the firehall.

Assumptions in this analysis: no change in fuel costs, that there was continuous fuel supply and the outside temperatures were consistent from year to year.



BIOMASS HEATING COST ANALYSIS



CANADA DAYS 2019!

Every Year Port Clements celebrates Canada Day and this year is no different! Join us for events on the Canada Day Weekend, Friday—Sunday (June 28th -30th).

It is time to start your preparations! Get your engines revving for the Mud Bog events, start decorating your floats for the parades, assemble your fishing gear for the fishing derby, and start building those bird houses for the birdhouse competition! There is a lot of things to do so keep your eyes posted for the Canada Days Posters!

All vendors interested in operating during the events need to contact the Village Office to make arrangements.

The Recreation Commission is always looking for volunteers to help with the events for the Canada Day Celebrations. Please contact the Village Office if you are interested!

Don't Forget your Home Owner's Grant!

The Provincial Government's Home Owner Grant (HOG) is provided to BC Home Owners in order to reduce their property tax bill on the place they live in. Claim your free money by signing the backside of your property tax bill that you receive from the Village.

Just fill out the form and submit it back to us at the Village Office to receive the grant. We must receive the completed form in order to apply the grant against your property taxes!

Please also remember to claim your HOG grant before the property tax deadline at the beginning of July as all outstanding balances after that deadline receive a 10% penalty. You still have until December 31st, 2019 to claim your HOG but it will not cover the amount of the penalty.

Did you forget to claim your 2018 HOG? You can still claim a retroactive HOG for it until December 31st, 2019, just come by the Office to fill out the form!

LGMA Centennial Tree Planting Campaign

This year the Local Government Management Association of British Columbia (LGMA) is celebrating 100 years of supporting local governments!

As part of their celebrations, and with the support of BC Hydro, they have invited all local governments in BC to plant a tree in recognition and celebration of the work of local government professionals. The Village of Port Clements is participating in this celebration and will plant a tree and a commemorative tree this year, with a reimbursement of \$50.00 for its expense, and has received the commemorative plaque to go with it.