

VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS

PROJECT UPDATES

The Village of Port Clements has updates on various projects that are ongoing in 2023. There were 33 Strategic Plan targets and initiatives for 2022; this is a highlight of some of the projects in progress.

Sewer Lagoon Project burning of the wood debris has been completed and is progressing to the next stage.

Sunset Park Revitalization Project is progressing with work on the bird tower near completion and bridges complete, with work continuing with trail improvement.

Public Works Yard Improvement Project an extension has been received for this project from grant funding agency, continued issues sourcing contractors for cement pad and installation of the public works yard building.

Water Treatment Plant Upgrades well #3 connection is still in progress.

The Coastal Erosion and Flood Mapping Study, a regional partnership, is still in progress but has experienced delays. Public engagement sessions expected soon.

Golden Spruce Trail Extension Study has been completed! You can read on our website under plans/municipal documents.

Official Community Plan the advisory committee met with the consultant, and more public engagement is coming soon!

GENERAL NEW YEAR REMINDERS

A new year has begun and there are annual licenses, memberships and services that are operated by the Village that must be renewed at this time. This is a general reminder for three of them:

- As required by bylaw, anyone operating a business within the Village is required to have a business licence (yes, this includes airbnbs). The current annual licence fee is \$30
- Weightroom Memberships cost \$120 for a year, January - December (as we are in February, we are now at the February rate of \$110). An annual waiver must be signed as well as completion of an orientation.
- A Fire Protection Agreement is \$150 for a year. Do you have property outside of municipal boundaries that are within the Port Clements fire protection service area? If so, unless you have a Fire Protection Agreement with the Village in place, if the Village's Fire Department attends your property there will be a \$250/hour charge (or the current charge of the Provincial Emergency Programs call out rate, whichever is higher).

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Check out our:

Regular Report on Current Operations included in our Regular Council Meeting Agenda Packages

Council Meeting **Agenda Packages** and **Meeting Minutes**, located on our website

our website, at www.portclements.ca

our Facebook group, **The Village of Port Clements**, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/152718168842/>

Council Meeting Highlights, posted to our Facebook group after a Meeting

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 20th, 2023

April 17th, 2023

May 15th, 2023

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

A huge thank you to all the people who volunteer in the community - on our committees, commissions, and in community organizations and societies. Without volunteers many of the activities and organizations that the community loves could not happen.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Village Office to be connected with groups looking for volunteers

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: THANK YOU

A big thank you to the community members who are volunteering as part of the Official Community Plan Advisory Committee. The Committee had its first meeting in January with the consultant, starting the review and update process for the Official Community Plan. This process will involve more meetings and wider public engagement, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook Page for more information.

REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

The communities on Haida Gwaii have an emergency notification system through Epart Network, called **Haida Gwaii Alerts**, where we issue emergency alerts to our residents.

visit epactnetwork.com/haidagwaiialerts to register

VILLAGE CONTACT INFORMATION

Village Office:

36 Cedar Avenue West, PO Box 198, Port Clements, BC, V0T 1R0

Phone: 250-557-4295 Fax: 250-557-4568 Email: office@portclements.ca

Public Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

In addition to the scheduled Regular Council Meetings, Council has embarked on a schedule of Committee of the Whole Meetings on set topics to encourage more public engagement and feedback to Council. These meetings will occur on the first Monday of the month, with topics set on a quarterly basis. For more information, keep an eye out for the public notice on our website, facebook page, and notice board

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

As per the Village's *Dog Regulation Bylaw No 390, 2012* and *Amended Dog Bylaw No 434, 2016*, dog owners within the Village of Port Clements have requirements and responsibilities that they must meet regardless if their dog is a dangerous dog or not.

All dog owners must:

- licence their dog with the Village Office
- Ensure their dog cannot run at large throughout the community

For more information and/or to licence your dog if you have not already done so, please contact the Village Office

REQUESTING WORK ORDERS

Have a concern regarding municipal infrastructure or property?

If you see something or have a concern, contact staff at the Village Office and we can create a work order to assess the issue and address as applicable.

Remember: If you see something, let us know! Phone, email/mail or drop by the office during public hours.

Emergency Contacts:

Fire: 250-557-4355
RCMP (Masset): 250-626-3991
Hospital (Masset): 250-626-4711

Ambulance: 1-800-461-9911
Poison: 1-800-567-8911
Public Works Emergency (after hours):
250-557-4272

My Property Assessment Went Up, Will My Taxes Go Up Too?

What Is the Relationship Between "Tax" and Assessment"?

Tax and Assessment are not interchangeable.

Assessment places a dollar value on a property for taxation purposes.

Tax is the rate applied to the dollar value to determine the amount payable to the province/village.

the *Tax Rates Bylaw* (adopted annually and can be found on the Village's website) is how the assessed value relates to the collection of property taxes between each property and class of property.

The Village does not have any control over the assessed property value, only BC Assessment controls and has jurisdiction over it.

The *5-Year Financial Plan bylaw* (adopted annually, and can be found on the Village's website) is the Village's annual budget where it is determined how much the Village needs to collect from the community in property tax to cover its operations. On the bylaw is a line titled "Collections for Other Agencies". This amount is also collected as property tax.

Imagine the total collected property taxes as a pie that is divided into 8 properties. If these properties were all classed the same and valued the same, the pie would be cut into 8 equal slices.

However, if one of the properties is worth more than the others, it would have a larger piece and the others would be smaller (it would pay more tax). note that if the properties have all increased by the same value the pie is still equally sliced.



A PIECE OF THE PIE

If Council increases the amount the Village collects, the property tax will increase. If Council increases the share of taxes a property class is responsible for, the property taxes will increase in that class and decrease in the other classes. If other taxation bodies increase their collection amounts, the taxes will increase, even if the Village doesn't increase its collected amount.

If an individual's property assessment goes up, it may result in paying more taxes, but it depends on how the assessed value for the properties in the community have also changed, especially within the same class.

The Mill Rate

There are residential and non-residential tax rates, but we will focus on residential rates only

The "mill rate" is a tax rate. The mill rate for your property is determined by who or what is taxing you. This means that different mill rates are charged by different entities.

For Port Clements property owners, these entities include the Village, North Coast Regional District (NCRD), Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL), NW Regional Hospital District, BC Assessment Authority, Ministry of Education and the RCMP.

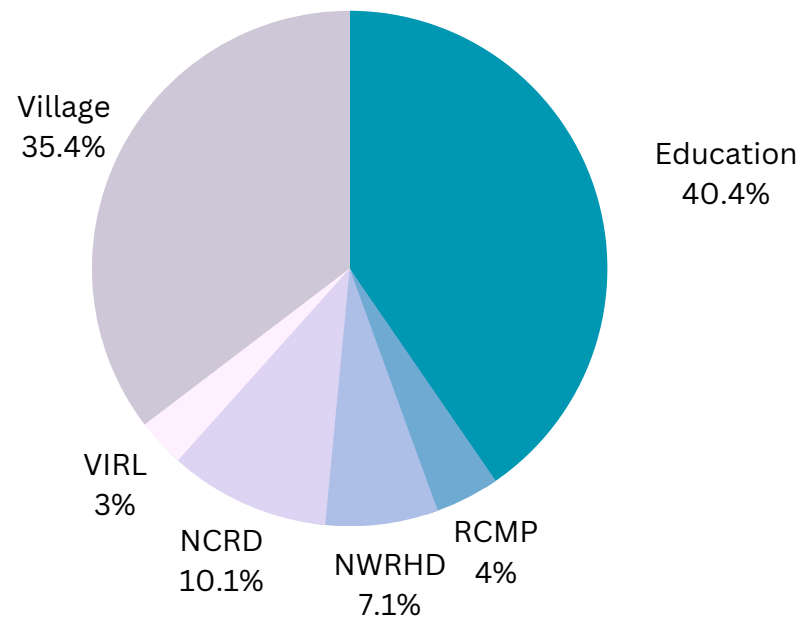
These mill rates are all combined to calculate your property tax. The Village only has control over its own rate. All the other entities set their own rates and forward them to the Village.

For property tax, 1 mill is equal to \$1 in property tax levied per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. For example, if our property is assessed for \$50,000, and the Village residential mill rate is 2.54, the calculation for your tax is $(\$50,000/\$1000)$ multiplied by 2.54. So, the amount that you are required to pay the Village for residential tax is \$127.00

Note that this is just part of the total residential tax you are required to pay. When the other entities' residential mill rates are applied, the total amount that you will pay will be much greater than the amount paid to the Village.

See below diagram showing the residential property tax distribution among the different entities for 2022.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION 2022



The Provincial Home Owner Grant program reduces the amount of property tax for your principal residence in the current year, while property tax deferralment is a loan program

An unclaimed Homeowner Grant leaves an outstanding balance owing. To avoid penalties, applications must be submitted by July 3rd 2023.

There will be more information on the back of the 2023 tax notice on how to apply .