

VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS

PROJECT UPDATES

The Village of Port Clements has updates on various projects that are ongoing in 2023. This is a highlight of some of the projects in progress.

Sewer Lagoon Project the project costs of construction are estimated that they will go above the budget for the project. The Village is exploring options on how to handle this potential.

Sunset Park Revitalization Project work continues to progress and an extension from the grant body was sought and received.

Public Works Yard Improvement Project an extension has been receive for this project from grant funding agency. Continued issues sourcing with moving to next stage with installing cement pad and erecting storage building.

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

The Coastal Erosion and Flood Mapping Study, is completed and a public information session was held in May. You can read the study on our website at: <https://portclements.ca/municipal-information/plans-municipal-documents/>

Official Community Plan there was a public engagement session on May 13th in the Community Hall. A big thank you to all the residents who showed up and participated, and a tremendous thank you to the businesses that donated door prizes!

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS: CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Spring has sprung and mowing season is upon us. Public Works attends to mowing and weed-eating a variety of municipal properties and around infrastructure.

Unfortunately, this process can involve a nasty experience: when dog manure has been left behind and is hidden in the grass, such as in the ditches, and the equipment takes hold of it and redistributes it. *Everywhere*.

A friendly reminder that dog owners in the community, should be prepared to pick up after their dogs when they take them into community green spaces. That includes letting the dogs roam the Village's ditch infrastructure and road sides, anywhere grass grows. Dog poop bags are available for pickup at the Village Office.

The Village is exploring installing bag dispensers around the community beside our existing garbage receptacles to help assist residents with this process.

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

June 19th, 2023

July 17th, 2023

August 21st, 2023

RECREATION CORNER: MOTHERS DAY



This year the Port Clements Recreation Commission hosted a Mother's Day Tea to celebrate mothers in the community. There was a lovely turnout of mothers, friends and families who attended and had a wonderful time.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who made the tea happen, especially Neil, Viysha, Linda, Carol, Sharon, Maureen, Alan, Emma and Alex!

THANK YOU MARION!



Marion Pierce has been a long time volunteer with the Village to look after the gardens in Millennium Park and St. Marks.

In February Marion informed Council that she was unable to continue her activities as a garden volunteer and encouraged Council to invest more into Millennium Park and prioritize upkeep and maintenance, among other considerations. .

In addition to sending a thank you letter and gift for her years of volunteer services for the community, the Village would also like to share this thank you with the wider community as the community enjoyed and benefited from her service.

Without volunteers like Marion many of the services and activities in our community that we love would not be able to occur. So we hope that everyone can join in our appreciation to the work our community volunteers do

A BIG THANK YOU MARION and all our volunteers!

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

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.

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 Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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

Hey, My Property Taxes Went Up, Village Was it You?!

No, Municipal Property Taxes Have Not Increased From Last Year

For 2023 Council decided not to change the amount collected in property taxes from the collection amount set in 2022, not even to help offset a 7% increase in costs from inflation.

Council directed to instead compile this information to highlight how the increases this year do not come from the Village, but from other entities that the Village is required to collect taxes on behalf. The Village does not have control over their increases.

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

The Village is collecting \$136,000 in property taxes this year but will be collecting \$292,616 in in property taxes for these other entities. In 2022 the Village collected \$232,366 for these entities which is a collective increase by \$60,250 or by 26% compared to what was collected on their behalf last year.

It is not sustainable in the long run for the Village to maintain a 0% increase in municipal property taxes.

For the Village to maintain its existing service level in the future the Village will have to at least match inflation cost or eventually services and infrastructure will need to be reduced or eliminated.

THE INCREASE

ENTITY	2022	2023	% RISE
VOPC	136,000	136,000	0
NCRD	43,438	55,550	28
VIRL	11,414	12,035	5
NWRHD	27,892	37,278	34
BCAA	1,994	2,592	30
S&P	147,628	185,161	25