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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

We're on the Web
www.portclements.ca

LANDFILL HOURS

Monday -Friday 11am-3pm
*****NEW*****

Will be open the 1st Saturday ONLY of every month 11am-3pm
Beginning Saturday February 6th

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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 7:30 pm.

Submissions of Correspondence and/or requests to appear as a delegation in front of Council must be made in writing three business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Council meetings are the first and third Monday of each month,

January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15, March 1 & 15, April 6 & 19, May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, August 3 & 16, September 7 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20

Committees of Council Schedule

Tourism Committee- 2nd Thursday of every month

Emergency Committee- 3rd Thursday of every month

Recreation Commission- 4th Thursday

Message from the Mayor

This past year has been a difficult one for many of us on Island and across the country. Economic forecasters are calling for steady improvement for 2010. Most if not all of the factors impacting our daily lives are beyond the influence of Mayor and Council. We can have an influence on local tax levies. It is our intention to keep our Municipal taxes to a minimum; however the cost of meeting Government Regulation and increases in items such as fuel are beyond our control. As a Director on the Northwest Regional Health District Board and on the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District I've made it known that I will not support any proposed tax increases from either of these Boards. If you are 55 or older you and choose to defer your taxes, our Office staff can advise you on this matter.

A major expenditure that will take place on Island this year is the covering or closure of portions of the Regional Landfill. The Regional District has been setting funds aside for this project the accrued amount has not kept pace with changing Environmental Regulations for landfills. The Engineers estimate for this project is \$785,000. This project must be done to meet Government regulations.

Our local Forest industry will face significant changes in Forest Management and potentially a change in Tenure ownership. If you have comments on the Land Use Agreement we encourage you to make them in writing to the appropriate party. In terms a change of ownership TFL 39, we have seen four different owners in the past twenty years. A new owner will be obligated to utilize the same Bill13 contractors that are currently in place. Optimistically if the new Land Use Agreement and a change in tenure ownership brings the much needed stability to this sector of our economy then it will be a good thing. ~Mayor Delves~

of every month

Want to join a committee and make recommendations to Council? Then show up and get added to the list!

If you would like to be emailed the Agenda listing for any Council or Committee meeting let us know and we can add you to the list. You can also go online to obtain a copy of the agenda at anytime.



**MP Cullen
Brown Bag Lunch
Discussion**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Council Chambers Multi Purpose Building**

12:00 - 1:00pm

Bring your brown bag lunch and share your ideas with

MP Nathan Cullen.

For further information, please call 250-622-2413 or toll-free

1-888-622-0212

Prince Rupert Constituency Office @ 250-622-2413

Toll-free Constituency Line@

1-888-622-0212

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THE LEADER

NEW WEB SITE!!!!

The Village of Port Clements Tourism Committee spear-headed the creation of a new web site for Port Clements in early 2009. With the hard work and dedication of Germain Vigneault we are proud to announce

www.portclements.ca
Besides all of the usual administration: like contact information and business listings we also have uploaded agendas, minutes, and bylaws that are in current

enforcement. We have added a Public Works section and an entire page dedicated to Tourism.

We are also looking for interesting photos to add, so if you have Canada Days, Dances, or just plain fun photos of Port Clements send them via email to office@portclements.ca.

Please ensure to include a description as well as credit information.

Thanks for your additions and hope you enjoy the site!



Financial Planning 2010-2014

The Village Council will be discussing the financial plan for the current year and the next 4 years. Council encourages all residents to participate in how your tax dollars should be spent. Meetings are scheduled for Late February early

March, Please call the Office for dates Is there something you think Council should be considering? Do you have questions about how funds are being spent? Just want to feel like being part of the process? Please come out

and see what Council is doing.



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EVENTS

- Next Movie—Area 51 February 26 7:00pm
- Business Licenses DUE!
- Fun Darts every Thursday Fire Hall 7:30pm
- Weight room Orientation February 23 7:45pm
- Alternate Fitness 12:40-1:20 Tuesdays -Seniors room
- Aerobics- Tues & Thurs 6:30-7:30- GYM
- Badminton -Tues 8:00-10:00- GYM
- Volleyball-Friday 8:30-10:30 GYM
- Karate- Mon & Wed 7:00-8:00 GYM
- Tai Chi- Monday 6:30-8:00 Seniors Room

LAND USE PLAN

The Village hosted an education session regarding the proposed Land Use Objectives on January 14, 2010 which was so well attended there were people from all over the islands. Mr. David Trim presented the land use objectives in visual format for the residents. When Council met again after the meeting the following comments will be prepared for the Provincial Government prior to the end of the comment period, Council is requesting that the objectives regarding Fish Habitat, Monumental Cedar and Ecological Representation be reviewed as the wording in the document is un-

clear. Council is also commenting on the 800,000 cubic meter allowable cut ensuring that the cut is economically sustainable.

This is your opportunity to be heard, Council encourages everyone to comment prior to the close of comment period February 12, 2010 written comments can be sent to:

Roxy Picard, Integrated Land Management Bureau, West Coast Service Centre, Suite 142, 2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9 or Fax 250-751-7081 or email Roxy.Picard@gov.bc.ca



Want to Contribute?

For something new the Village approached the Port Clements Elementary for contributions to our Newsletter. You may notice the articles added like the Book sale and the Spa for Children's Hospital Charities. We want to hear from people in town. If you have a good story you want to share please email them to office@portclements.ca. Articles or columns can be between 150 and 225 words. topics of interest coming up... Community Dances, Valentines day,

Easter, and Spring Break to name a few. Please refrain from Slandorous comments and should you include personal information about someone, ensure you have their permission. Thanks to Mrs. Marrs Grade 2, 3 and 4 class for their submissions!

You can have your articles, funnies or editorials put here!

BOIL WATER ADVISORY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

The Village Public Works department is currently updating Standard Operating Procedures for the entire town. Our highest priority is developing the procedures on how precautionary and mandatory Boil water advisories are issued.

Precautionary boil water advisories will be posted in all Village owned public water access areas, such as the Small Craft Harbour, Sunset Park, the Community Park and Sani-Station as well as the Post office, Bayview Market, Gas Plus, Port Clements Elementary and the Vil-

lage Office. The notices will also be faxed to the Northern Haida Gwaii Hospital and the Port Clements Clinic to ensure that people with immune deficiencies are notified immediately.

The procedure for a mandatory Boil water advisory will be to do the same as the precautionary but with the addition of every home and business being phoned. We try our best to contact everyone, if you are unlisted or new to the community please call the Village office to get your number added to the call out list. This is for your safety and we will

not use your number for any other purpose. If we are unable to contact you by phone we will go door to door. If you are not home we will post a notice on your door.



USED BOOK SALE!

The grades 2,3,4 class are having a used book and fresh bake sale. It will take place in the 2,3,4, class on Feb.12.. We chose Feb.12 because we LOVE books. Our class will supply the books such as comics, magazines, cookbooks, chapter books, picture books, novels, health books, rhyme books, science books and more. We will also supply the baked goods, but, if you would like to donate old, good-conditioned books, we would be more than happy. The money from the books people have donated will then be donated to the SPCA, along with all the money from the baked goods. For baked goods we will be selling tea, cookies, muffins, and more.

TIME:

10:30 am TILL 12:00pm

DATE:

FEBRUARY 12, 2010.

LOCATION:

THE GRADE 2,3,4, CLASS
PORT CLEMENTS ELEMEN-
TARY.PORT CLEMENTS.

Thanks

And we hope you can come!!!!!!



Parking at the Multi Purpose Building

Please refrain from pulling into and parking in the only disabled parking space located that the Multi purpose building. It has become an issue with people using it as a drop off spot for visiting the library and the school. There is plenty of parking available and this spot should not be abused. This spot is also governed by the RCMP and carries a 109.00 dollar fine for improper use.

In addition this space should also not be blocked.

Some info on Taxes

How are taxes calculated? The formula for calculating taxes on property is tax rate times assessed value. The tax rate is expressed as a dollar amount on every \$1,000 of assessed value. If the tax rate for residential property is 4, this means that taxes of \$4 are charged on every \$1,000 of assessed value. Property valued at \$100,000 would thus be charged taxes of \$400 (100 x \$4).

The **British Columbia Assessment Authority** determines the assessed value of property for tax purposes. The Authority is established under provincial legislation and is independent of the municipality. The Village is not involved in determining assessed values. Taxation on property is the primary source of municipal revenue. The provincial **Community Charter** sets out in detail the

regulations for property taxation. The amount of money to be raised through taxation is set by Council through the budget process. Other aspects of the taxation process, such as the due date for taxes and the penalty on late taxes, are regulated by the **Community Charter**. Council does not have the authority to adjust the taxes on individual properties. The taxes are set by the tax rate which applies to that class of property. For instance, if the tax rate for residential property is 4, then all residential properties must be charged this rate.

What is included on my annual Tax Notice? Tax Notice includes ALL property taxes - those imposed by the District and those imposed by other governing jurisdictions. School Tax, Hospital, Regional District, BC assessment,

MFA and VIRC (Library) are collected by the Village and then remitted to the appropriate authority

These tax levies are not set by the Village of Port Clements but are collected by the Village on behalf of those governing jurisdictions. This is more efficient and economical than each of these tax authorities sending individual tax notices. Port Clements Council sets the rates for District taxes only (General and Debt).

The annual Tax Notice has the Home Owner Grant Application form attached. This form must be completed EACH YEAR to claim the grant, if eligible.

If you are 55 or older you may qualify to have your property taxes deferred or if you are unable to pay your taxes you may qualify for the Hardship Property deferral program. Drop in or call the Office

Hair, Massage, and Make-up Spa!

New! Hair, massage, make-up spa! It's open from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm. It will be open when ever the sign is up. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The owners are Madison Gaspar, Kiya Bergstrom, and Cassidy Gaspar. We are located in Port Clements, Tingley St. house number: 10. Call our mom at (250) 557-2409. We are donating to children's hospital. Kiya is doing the massages; Madison is doing the hair and make-up. Cassidy will be welcom-

ing you at the door.

Thank-you.

Kiya Bergstrom and Madison Gaspar



BY ELECTION

With the departure Of Councillor Hughes-McMullon there is a spot vacant at the Port Clements Council Table. Nominations will be accepted From 9:00 am February 23, 2010 to 4:00pm on March 5th, 2010.

You will be able to obtain the documents during the nomination period online or come into the office during regular business hours.