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1:00 PM, Special Meeting of Council, Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

AGENDA

This meeting of the Council of the Village of Port Clements being held on the traditional territory of the Haida People.

1. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Recommended motion: THAT Council adopts February 11th, 2026, Special Council Meeting Agenda

2. GOVERNMENT

G-1—Fire Safety Act - Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator

G-2—Honouring Marilyn Bliss

3. IN-CAMERA

90(1) a part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

4. RISE AND REPORT

5. ADJOURNMENT



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Author: Marjorie Dobson CAO
Date: February 11, 2026
RE: Designation of Fire Safety Inspectors and Investigators

BACKGROUND:

Under the new Fire Safety Act which came into force on August 1, 2024, local governments must designate persons or a class of persons as Fire Safety Inspectors and Fire Safety Investigators. The act also requires the local authority to designate fire inspectors and investigators who meet specific training standards.

Although the new legislation enhances fire safety for people and communities, local governments, particularly in rural, small communities face significant challenges in designating fire inspectors and investigators, evidenced by new regulatory requirements, and personnel shortages.

DISCUSSION

Local authorities may designate a fire inspector and or investigators only if the designated person(s) meets the applicable standard established by the fire commissioner. The Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is for local authority internal use to confirm that each individual person meets the applicable standard established by the fire commissioner. By extension, the responsibility is passed on to the local authority to approve that the job performance requirements are met by anyone who declares in writing that he/she has.

In my discussion with representatives from the Office of the Fire Commission (OFC), I emphasized that this should have been the responsibility of the OFC, since local authorities are not professionals in the field, and therefore do not have the knowledge base to make such decisions.

The OFC representatives identified that they are delighted to work with communities including Port Clements with their unique challenges in achieving compliance. They also expressed that they would grant the Local Authority permission to register the two representatives from the VOPC Fire Department for the free online course that will enable them to meet training standards.

Recommendation: That the Village registers both individuals for the online training course to ensure that the new training standards are met.

CONCLUSION :

STRATEGIC Fire Inspectors and investigators will be equipped to conducting all fire inspections, and investigations within the local government's jurisdiction

FINANCIAL (Corporate Budget Impact)
No impact on corporate budget

ADMINISTRATIVE (Workload Impact and Consequence)
Increased work on Admin

Respectfully submitted: Marjorie Dobson CAO

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