



# District Update

## Clean, Neat and Green

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### Mayor's Message

I hope this message finds you all well.

The civic election is over and it brought only one change to council; Colleen McDonald is councillor elect. The new council will be sworn in on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This is open to the public.

Our interim CAO Elsie Lemke has taken up her duties until we can find a new CAO. This search for the CAO has begun in earnest and we have received many resumes. The CAO is the key role in managing the business of Port Edward. If you have any questions regarding an issue, please contact the municipal office.

Good news from Public Works! We now have 5 full-time members completing our Public Works team. It has been difficult to attract workers due to many issues including a 2-year Covid pandemic.

The derelict vessel -"Fairwinds", left Port Edward shortly after 5pm on October 21<sup>st</sup>. I would like to thank Taylor Bachrach, Transport Canada, Coast Guard, and other government agencies who worked to have this vessel removed.

Work continues on the Port Property Tax Cap and the property assessments in partnership with Prince Rupert. This is a must win for both towns. Losing will result in a large tax increase for both municipalities.

Halloween is soon here. Please take extra caution when making the rounds of the town.

### Quote of the month:

**It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change. - Queen Elizabeth II**



## HALLOWEEN

Watch out! There will be ghosts, witches, ninjas, superheroes and princesses roaming our streets on Monday evening! We encourage everyone to use extra caution while driving to ensure all Trick-or-Treaters are safe. Happy Halloween!

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### Council News

Congratulations to our members of Council who were elected on October 15, 2022. Mayor, Knut Bjorndal and Councillors, Colleen McDonald, Dan Franzen, James Brown and Christine MacKenzie.

The District would like to thank Murray Kristoff for all his dedication, time and service he has contributed to our community over the years.

**The Inaugural Meeting will take place at the next scheduled Council Meeting on November 8th, 2022.**

The District of Port Edward Mayor and Council meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; except for July, August, September and December which there is only one meeting. Meetings will be held in Council Chambers and begin at 7:00 pm.

If you would like to bring a matter before Council, please submit your information in writing to the Municipal Office no later than 12:00 pm the Thursday prior to the Council meeting or contact the District office at **(250) 628-3667**.

***All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings.***

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Meeting : **November 8th & 22nd, 2022**

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### Highlights from October Council Meetings

- Prince Rupert Hallowe'en Fest Society, Rotary Club of Prince Rupert and the Port Edward Historical Society (North Pacific Cannery) - were all approved to receive grant in aid funding for their upcoming events
- David Mio donated two of his Port Edward paintings to the District of Port Edward
- Elsie Lemke has been hired by Council as an Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). She has been appointed as the CAO and provided signing authority as well as appointed the Approving Officer.
- Council approved that staff apply for a grant through the UBCM to replace some old equipment for the PE Volunteer Fire Department
- A Fireworks application was brought to Council for decision - application was declined
- CAO provided Council an update on the Sunset Drive Rehabilitation project
- Council gave first, second and third reading the Indemnification Bylaw # 729

## Wildlife Spotting

We have been notified that there has been wolves spotted within our community recently. If there is a bear or wolf sighting, please call the **Conservation Services and District of Port Edward Municipal Office.**

Conservation Services: 1-877-952-7277

District of Port Edward: 250-628-3667



## Interim CAO - Elsie Lemke

Elsie Lemke has been appointed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the District of Port Edward. In her role as Interim CAO, Elsie will work with Mayor, Council and Staff on the community's priority projects, as well as the recruitment of a permanent CAO.

Elsie has had a long career in local government administration, both in Alberta and British Columbia, including the Town of Osoyoos (10 years) and the District of Peachland (13 years). Following her retirement in 2019, she has been providing consulting services to local governments, most recently for the Village of Port Clements on Haida Gwaii.

Please join us in welcoming Elsie to the municipal team of Port Edward.

## Reminder from the Port Edward Fire Department

Fire Prevention week was October 9th—15th. The Port Edward Fire Department would like to remind residents to test your smoke detectors.

The Port Edward Fire Department would also like to remind residents that on the first Tuesday of each month, the department tests the Emergency Alert System by sounding a loud bell. This is only a test, please do not be alarmed.

## Remembrance Day Ceremony November 11, 2022 at 9:30 am

Please join Council, members of the RCMP, the Volunteer Fire Department and Port Edward residents for a moment of silence and the giving of wreaths to Canada's fallen soldiers. The service will be held at the **Lions Memorial Park, Friday, November 11, 2022, at 9:30 am.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let We Forget*

Just a friendly reminder, the Municipal Office will be **closed** on **Friday, November 11th** for Remembrance Day. The office will reopen on **Monday, November 14th**. Have a safe long weekend!

**BC Transit will not be operating on November 11, 2022.**

## Sudoku

Difficulty Level: Easy

4		1	2	9			7	5
2			3			8		
	7			8				6
			1		3		6	2
1		5				4		3
7	3		6		8			
6				2			3	
		7			1			4
8	9			6	5	1		7

### Instructions:

Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3 by 3 box contains every digit from 1 through 9 inclusive.

## Utility Bill Reminder

The 2022 Final Quarter Utility bills have been mailed to our residents. Please take note that outstanding utility balances as of January 1, 2023 will be transferred to the property tax accounts.

## 2023 Dog Licenses

The dog licenses for 2023 are now in stock. They are available for purchase at the District Office Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm.



## Daylight Savings Time Ends

**REMINDER** to turn your clocks back one hour on **November 6th, 2022** as Daylight Saving Time ends.

## Public Works

Winter is approaching! Public works is currently prepping our new plow to be ready for our first snow fall! A friendly reminder that Public Works will be out sanding or plowing as needed in the months to come, so please remove all vehicles, recreation vehicles, boats and trailers off of the District streets and boulevards.

