



District Update

Clean, Neat and Green

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Mayors Message

Hope this message finds you all well.

We've recently had very rainy weather, well above September's average rainfall. Thankfully last week this subsided. The weather patterns are another example of global warming – as we rebuild our streets in Port Edward we aim to design improve storm water management as we can expect more precipitation and more extreme weather over time.

The long -term forecast for the Pacific Northwest shows above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. It is imperative that in extreme weather events that residents inspect perimeter drainage on properties and please do report any clogged storm drains to the municipal office for follow up.

The two vessels that broke loose on September the 8th at the former Tenerife site have been secured for the time being. The vessel “MV Fairwind” has been re-anchored and is still of concern as it contains oil and diesel fuel. The barge, Scotch Cap has been beached next to the boat launch. It is still an environmental hazard but cannot drift free. It is tethered to the beach. The Port of Prince Rupert is working on a solution to remove the barge. We should know in the very near future as to the Ports plans. The Coast Guard and PRPA have assured us that the area is now safe and the boat ramp is now reopened.

Quote of the month

What we think, is what we become BUDDHA

Knut

Council News

The District of Port Edward Council meetings take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Due to COVID 19 and Northern Health update, meetings will be held via Zoom. The meetings will begin at 7:00pm. If you wish to participate visit our website for the Zoom link.

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

Upcoming Meetings: **October 12, 2021 and October 26, 2021.**

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Meetings

The District would like to let everyone know that this year once again the UBCM meetings were held over conference calls. The District had three very positive meetings with the Minister Attorney General; Minister Forest, Lands, Natural Resources Operations & Rural Development; and Northern Health. The topics were regional housing crisis & housing in Port Edward, crown land maintenance, abandoned vessels on Porpoise Harbour, and medical care services.

Highlights from September Council Meeting

- Port Edward LNG gave Council an update on their facility and shared with Council the layout of the facility.
 - Council was updated on the COVID 19 Order and public access to municipal facilities.
 - Council approved the PE LNG request for a Development Variance Permit.
 - Council approved the submission of a grant application for \$150,000 to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for seed funding to support planning for affordable housing on Sunset Drive.
 - Council was updated on the Daycare survey results and inquiry about establishing a Daycare in Port Edward.
 - Council approved the Licence of Occupation for the Air Quality Monitoring Station that will be located near the new Port Edward Dog Park.
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Municipal Office

Just a reminder, the Municipal Office will be closed on **Monday, October 11, 2021** for Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Tuesday October 12, 2021.

Refuse pickup will also be picked up on Tuesday October 12, 2021 instead of the regular day. Make sure to place your garbage in a sealed, water tight container, and put it out by the curb by 8:00 am.

Preauthorized Payment Plan

The District of Port Edward offers a preauthorized payment plan for your property tax and utilities. Property Tax payments are withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of every month. There is no set payment amount, you choose what you would like to put towards your yearly tax bill.

Pre authorized utility payments will be \$71.50 each month and it will be withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of every month. Please note that utilities paid monthly will not be eligible for the **10% discount**.

If your interested in signing up for one or both payment plans, please stop by the District Office to fill out the preauthorized form and bring a void cheque with you.

Public Works

It's that time of year again!

Public Works will be flushing the fire hydrants as part of our regular maintenance. During this period you may experience discolored or cloudy water. If you should encounter this please run your taps until the water runs clear.

Drive BC

Drive BC would like to remind everyone that winter road conditions are upon us! Please drive with respect to the rapid-changing road conditions we can be subject to on the North Coast. During the winter season operators are on the road please use care when you see them.

The following services are available to provide you with the latest conditions, construction, and maintenance work being performed on Major B.C Highways, and winter driving safety tips. Please use caution when approaching the winter maintenance equipment. Winter Operators may be plowing snow and slush, which carries a fair distance from the truck with much force. Please slow down as you approach equipment.

Please visit the following website for more information:

www.drivebc.com

Toll Free 1-800-550-4997

O'Brien Road & Bridge Maintenance Ltd.

24/7 Road Conditions & Road Emergency

Answering Service—Toll Free: 1-800-561-5822

Calendar Reminders



Thanksgiving Day—October 11, 2021

Halloween—October 31, 2021

Daylight Savings—November 7, 2021

Wildlife Awareness

The District would like residents to help out when it comes to keeping bears and wolves out of the community. Please visit the following websites for preventative tips:

Wolves:

<http://bcparks.ca/explore/misc/wolves/>

Bears:

<http://www.bearsmart.com/live/managing-attractants/>



Wishing the Community of Port Edward a Safe and
Healthy Thanksgiving with your Family