

# DISTRICT UPDATE

CLEAN, NEAT & GREEN



## Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

I hope this message finds you all well as we welcome the arrival of spring. With the return of robins and the eagerness to start gardening and spring yard work, the longer days and Daylight-Saving Time bring about longer evenings for all.

I'm pleased to inform you that there are no major road or utility projects planned for this year. However, we have taken proactive steps by hiring a consultant to review our infrastructure, including sewer, water, storm sewer, and roads. This review will help us prioritize the next phase of renewing our infrastructure, ensuring that our assets meet the needs of our town.

On a more serious note, both Port Edward and Prince Rupert are facing challenges in our health system, particularly with staffing at the Emergency Ward of the Prince Rupert Hospital. This situation is causing hardships for everyone in our region and is entirely unacceptable. I recently met with Health Minister Adrian Dix to convey our concerns, and he assured me that short-term staffing issues at the Emergency Ward are being addressed. Additionally, there are plans for a new Emergency Ward, currently under construction at an approximate cost of \$14 million.

As we embrace the spirit of renewal this spring, I encourage all of you to join us for the Spring Clean-up on April 21st from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Let's work together to keep Port Edward "Clean, Neat, and Green."

Warm regards,  
Mayor Knut Bjorndal

## Quote of the Month

We will fail when we fail to try. Rosa Parks, civil rights leader

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# Highlights from March Council Meetings

## Council Delegation

- ◇ AltaGas/Vopak presentation regarding their new project on Ridley Island

## Council Resolutions:

- ◇ Letter sent to AltaGas supporting their new project (*Ridley Island Energy Export Facility*)
- ◇ Letter sent supporting the Port Edward Harbour Authority application to the Green Shipping Corridor Program
- ◇ Letter of support to the Port Edward Historical Society application to the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society
- ◇ Council approved the Service Agreement with Prince Rupert to have them provide Building Services to Port Edward.
- ◇ Council approved the submission to Northern Development Trust Initiative Funding upgrade the Port Edward Boat Launch and have agreed to contribute \$10,650.
- ◇ Committee of the Whole -meeting on March 19, 2024 to discuss the 2024 Financial Budget.
- ◇ Council approved the request from the Port Edward Event Planners to contribute \$500, the use of the Community Center for free of all charges and the Port Edward Garbage truck and driver for this event.
- ◇ Council was provided an update on the Resolutions/Action items since the beginning of 2024 and to date 95% of them have been completed.
- ◇ Council approved the submission to the UBCM - Community Emergency Preparedness Funding.
- ◇ Council approved the 2024 Draft Budget and it's now being circulated to the public
- ◇ Chief Administrative Officer provided Council his work plan broken down into segments for the next year.

## Council Meeting Schedule

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

APRIL 9TH

APRIL 23RD

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 when there is only one meeting.

Meetings are 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 either in person or via Zoom.

**Zoom links are posted on our website as part of the Agenda.**

## Building Permit Applications

The District of Port Edward is happy to announce that as of April 2, 2024 the City of Prince Rupert will be providing building services to Port Edward residents. All building permit related inquires, applications or approvals will be managed by the City of Prince Rupert on behalf of Port Edward.

We look forward to working with our neighbouring community!



## New Business Licence Fees

A new Business Licence Bylaw was introduced at the end of 2023, with new rates.

If you are operating an existing business or a new business in Port Edward, please remember that a business licence is required. Your business licence will expire as of **April 30, 2024**.

All Business Licences should be renewed before the due date. Payments may be done by cheque or paid directly at the District Office during regular business hours.

Thank you!

## Volunteer Needed

The District of Port Edward, the City of Prince Rupert, and the North Coast Regional District have formed an Accessibility Committee. This new Accessibility Committee, is part of the new Provincial Law, the Accessible BC ACT, will help identify, remove and prevent barriers to the full and equal participation of people with disabilities in BC.

The District of Port Edward is seeking a resident of Port Edward who is interested in being part of the Accessibility Committee as a representative of Port Edward.

The representative's goal is to help identify accessibility issues in Port Edward while working collaboratively with the Accessibility Committee being struck with our Regional Local Government partners.



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**HAPPY EASTER**

## Municipal Office Reminders

The Municipal Office will be closed on Friday **March 29, 2024** for Good Friday and Monday **April 1, 2024** for Easter Monday.

The office will re-open on Tuesday **April 2, 2024**.

Refuse pickup will take place on Tuesday **April 2, 2024** instead of the regular day.

Please make sure to place your garbage on the curb, in a sealed, water tight container with a lid no later than 8:00 am.

We wish you all a great Easter long weekend!

## Community Clean Up Day



**Sunday, April 21st**  
**10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Volunteers meet at the Port Edward Community Centre at 10:30 am to pick up supplies and be assigned your route.**

Hotdogs, snacks, drinks provided.

For more information contact: Colleen McDonald 250-628-9906