

# DISTRICT UPDATE

CLEAN, NEAT & GREEN



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## Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

Over the last month we have reviewed and implemented the 2024 budget. The tax increase of 3% will result in the average homeowner having about a \$34 dollar increase. Our financial situation is very solid, and we are well positioned to avoid any large increases in taxation.

We have hired a consultant to do an asset management review of our civil infrastructure – water sewer and storm sewer systems along with the water and sewer plants. None of the pipes are in critical condition and the sewer plant was in pristine condition for a plant of its age. This is a well done by public works crew. We are not doing any major road work this year and will review the asset management review to plan next years work.

A more thorough review of our buildings will be done at a later date. The repairs to the Fire Hall are complete. The upgrades we made to the structure over the last three years, about \$200,000, will prolong its life for another 20 years.

We received very good news about a revenue sharing program that was negotiated by the northwest region, 21 municipalities and the Provincial Governments. It is called the Northwest BC Resource Benefit Alliance, or RBA. The Province has set aside \$250 million to be shared by the municipalities and the Electoral areas.

Industry, First Nations, Prince Rupert and Port Edward have formed a Health Council to tackle the dire health issues in this area. The major area being the frequent closure of the hospital emergency ward. There are multiple issues including attraction and retention of medical professionals in our regions and has become critical in some areas.

A big thank you to those who volunteered for the Community Clean Up  
A great job!

## Quote of the Month

Believe you can and you are halfway there.

## CONTACTS

- **Conservation Officer Services**  
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- **RCMP**  
250-624-2136
- **Emergencies**  
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# Highlights from April Council Meetings

**May 14, 2024 Council meeting- cancelled due to lack of quorum**

## **Council Highlights:**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**MAY 28TH**

## **Presentations to Council**

- ◇ Urban Systems- provided Council a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the work plan to create the District's Climate Action Plan.
- ◇ Urban Systems- provided Council a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the new Province's Small- Scale Multi- Units housing requirements and how it impacts the District Zoning bylaw.
- ◇ Council was advised that two grants for the Alwyn & Wolf Creek Dams have been approved - one for the Surveillance, Operation & Maintenance Plan and the other one for the Emergency Plan for both dams.

## **Council Resolutions:**

- ◇ Council contributed \$500 to support the Prince Rupert Hospice Society in their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hike for Hospice.
- ◇ Council contributed \$500 to support the Prince Rupert Senior Centre to support the repairs to the Senior Center building.
- ◇ Council sent a letter of support to the City of Port Alberni to support their resolution for consideration by the delegates at the AVICC & Convention to support the needs of Rural Seniors in BC.
- ◇ Council supported the grant application to Heritage Legacy Fund to help establish a Truth & Reconciliation protocol for Port Edward. Also contribute \$7,500 to match the required funding.
- ◇ Council supported the grant application to UBCM – Community Emergency Preparedness to support funding for Public Notification & Evacuation Route Planning.
- ◇ Council approved the Request for Proposal to be awarded to AB Consulting for \$25,595 to prepare an Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- ◇ The 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw was approved during the two meetings in the month of April.
- ◇ The Tax Rate Bylaw was approved during the two meetings in the month of April.
- ◇ Fire Chief, Jason Giesbrecht, was presented with a medal for his 25 years of service to the Port Edward Fire Department.

## BC Transit - New Fare System

BC Transit fare products are changing. Effective this month, BC Transit will introduce the new Umo fare System.

The launch of the Umo system will be available for residents in early May. Traditional magstripe pass and pre-purchased paper tickets products will continue to be available for sale upon the launch of Umo but will be removed after a transition period.

For more information you can visit their website: [www.bctransit/umo](http://www.bctransit/umo)

## Spring Clean Up



### *Spring Clean Up - 3 Days Only*

May 14 - 16, 2024 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

**Annual Spring Clean Up is here!**

Our Public Works Department will collect discarded materials & garden refuse free of charge.

The following materials will **NOT** be collected: **building materials, heavy vehicle parts and dangerous goods.**

*(including any type of wood from renovations or old tires)*

**Recycling Fees for White Goods (appliances): \$10.00 for each hot water tank and furnace (no commercial items will be picked up).**

*Prepay the recycling fee at the Municipal Office in order for the white goods to be picked up.*

**Any inquiries call the Municipal Office at 250-628-3667.**

**Thank you to all residents in participating in living up to our Motto.**



*Clean, Neat and Green!*



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## Municipal Office Reminders

The Municipal Office will be closed on  
**Monday May 20, 2024** for Victoria Day.

The office will re-open on **Tuesday May 21, 2024.**

Refuse pickup will take place on Tuesday May 21,  
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.

## Fire Department

Congratulations to Fire Chief, Jason Giesbrecht!

The District of Port Edward would like to acknowledge & congratulate Jason on his 25 Year Long Service with the Fire Department. On April 23, 2024 Mayor Knut Bjorndal presented Jason Giesbrecht his 25 Year Long medal of Service.

