



DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD

December 2023

DISTRICT UPDATE

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Mayor's Message

“Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island, what book would I bring? ‘How to build a boat’”.

I've been asked to give the Mayor's message while our Mayor Bjorndal is on vacation. My first thought was “Yikes!”. My second thought was “OK, I'm on it!”.

We will be welcoming a new CAO in January so look forward to introductions in our January newsletter.

And on that note, we will be saying goodbye to our Interim CAO, Elsie Lemke, who stepped in once again to help guide us and keep our ship sailing. Thank you Elsie, you'll be missed!

We're happy to see the roadwork on Sunset and Oceanview Drive coming to an end. If the weather allows, by the time you read this newsletter, the sidewalks should be getting poured and final driveway tie ins started. Thanks to all you folks for your patience!

More to look forward to, our community is working in partnership with the Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society to build a new expanded Port Ed Store and Post Office. Grant approvals pending, planning is expected to get underway early in the new year.

Our agreements with the City of Prince Rupert for the Watson Island Water Supply and Fire Mutual Aid have been renewed for a longer term.

The waterfront park project is on our radar, Hapa Collaborative is working with us on the concept planning for the park and connector trail. Next steps are submission to the Port Authority's grant application process, to fund the early stages of the project.

We have been in contact with the BC Conservation Office about our wolf issue and have invited a representative to come to our council meeting Dec 12th to give us some information and update on the situation. Until then, please keep a close eye on your pets and continue to call or email information on any wolf sightings.

Admittedly, things aren't perfect and we still have challenges to address as a community with housing, growth, wolves....but we're staying on course and figuring out how to build that boat!

We'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, be kind to your neighbors and be safe.

Colleen McDonald, Acting Mayor

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1-877-952-7277
- **RCMP**
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- **Emergencies**
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Highlights from November Council Meetings

- ◇ Council approved the Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Prince Rupert for a 3 year term. This agreement will ensure both communities will support each other in case of an emergency.
- ◇ Council approved the Watson Island Water Supply Agreement for a 3 year term. This agreement provides Watson Island with raw water for their operations.
- ◇ Council renewed the Port Edward School Lease Agreement with School District# 52 for a 5 year term (2022-2027).
- ◇ Council approved amendments to the Fireworks Bylaw to allow residents to apply for a permit to discharge fireworks on private property.
- ◇ Council approved amendments to the Sewer Rates & Regulation Bylaw# 397 – a correction was made to reduce the minimum diameter for each sewer connection to 100 mm.
- ◇ Council agreed to enter into an Agreement in Principle with the Prince Rupert Salmon Enhancement Society to support the potential relocation of the Fish Hatchery to Port Edward.
- ◇ Council approved a development variance application for a property on Spruce Avenue to build a compact duplex.
- ◇ Council approved a correction to the 2022 Financial Statements.
- ◇ The 2024 Regular Council Meeting Schedule has been approved as well as the 2024 Council Board appointments to review the 2024 Council meeting schedule, visit our website.
- ◇ Council gave first, second and third reading to the new Business Licence Bylaw - the new bylaw has a simplified fee structure.
- ◇ Council appointed two new Board of Variance members for the next three years. They are Barry McDonald and Murray Kristoff.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 12

Council Meeting Schedule

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 7:00pm. 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.

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.



Utility Bill Reminder

The 2023 Final Quarter Utility bills have been mailed to our residents. Please take note that outstanding utility balances as of January 1, 2024 will be transferred to the property tax accounts.

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.

Wildlife Spotting

We have been notified that there has been wolves spotted within our community recently. Conservation has informed us that they are dealing with the wolves in our Community.

Please ensure you keep your pets safe and do not allow them to run at large
If there is a bear of wolf sighting, please call the **Conservation Services and the District of Port Edward Municipal Office.**

Conservation Services: 1-877-952-7277
District of Port Edward: 250-628-3667

Municipal Office -Holiday Hours

December 22	8:30am - 12:00pm
December 25	CLOSED
December 26	CLOSED
December 27	8:30am - 4:30pm (Garbage pick up)
December 28	8:30am - 4:30pm
December 29	8:30am - 12:00pm
January 1	CLOSED
January 2	8:30am - 4:30pm (Garbage pick up)





*From all of us at District of Port Edward
Mayor & Council
Wishing you a
Joyous Holiday Season filled with
Peace and Happiness!*

*Al Boudel
D Frazer*

*James Brown
Christine MacKenzie
CWO*

