

DISTRICT UPDATE



Mayor's Message

I hope this message finds you all well.

Happy New Year to you all and all the best to you and your family in the 2024.

Another year came to a close on December 31st. We had a very good year, with numerous projects completed. Oceanview Drive complete rehabilitation, Sunset Drive repaving, storm sewer repairs and renewal of the sidewalk.

Council will meet early this year and prepare a scope of work for 2024. Over the last 5 years we have made substantial progress on renewal of our roads, water and sewer systems. We are well positioned for the future.

One of this year's projects, approved in 2023 will be the upgrading of the firehall. The work will begin this month and will entail the renewal of the exterior cladding and some repairs to balconies and windows. This is sorely needed as the maintenance has fallen behind in past years.

We had a successful 2023 with attracting new business's, Ocean Trailers, North Delta Seafoods and Cold fish processing. Together these new companies will provide up to 50 jobs when fully operational.

A challenge is bringing new residential building. We will be discussing how we can move residential opportunities forward given the high interest rates and high costs of materials and labour.

All the best in 2024.

Quote of the Month

The bad news is time flies. The good news you are the pilot.

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Highlights from December Council Meetings

- ◆ **Occupational Health & Safety Program (OH&S) and related Policies Recommendation:** That Council approves the Discriminatory and Harassment/ Respectful Workplace Policy ADM# 614 and further; **That** the 1996 policies attached be repealed, as they are now covered under the new District of Port Edward Occupational Health and Safety Program
- ◆ **Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding- Interim Water Supply Payment- PRPA Recommendation:** That Council approves the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Prince Rupert Port Authority, dated January 5th, 2024.
- ◆ **Annual Funding for Charities Recommendation:** That Council direct staff to annually, during the month of December, make a donation to the Salvation Army (Prince Rupert) in the amount of \$1,000 and to the Prince Rupert Wildlife Shelter in the amount of \$500)
- ◆ **District of Port Edward – Corporate Strategic Plan**
RE: Progress Report- December 2023
- ◆ **District of Port Edward Business Licence Bylaw # 753, 2023 Recommendation:** THAT Council gives final reading and adoption to the Business Licence Bylaw # 753, 2023

Council Meeting Schedule

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

JANUARY 9TH

JANUARY 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 7:00pm. 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.

Public Works

The District of Port Edward would like to remind residents that all vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers must be moved from the District streets and boulevards in order to allow plowing to be done properly.

A reminder to all residents that all garbage needs to be placed inside a garbage bag and put into a sealed tight container, on the curb by **8:00 am Monday's**.

Also, a reminder that the capacity per bin should be less than 25 kg and the content should be food waste, market waste, etc placed in a sealed bag. Construction materials are not permitted.

Thank you for your co-operation!

Utility Bills

Utility bills will be sent out within the next week for first quarter of 2024.

You will notice on your bill that it will now show \$240.50 per quarter and if you pay your utilities for the year by March 31, 2024, you are eligible for a 10% discount and would pay \$962.00, saving \$96.20.

The 2023 Final Quarter Utility bills were due on December 31, 2023.

Please take note that outstanding utility balances as of January 1, 2024 were transferred to the property tax accounts.

Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

The District of Port Edward offers a preauthorized tax payment plan to home owners.

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 contribute towards your yearly tax bill.

We also offer a preauthorized utility payment plan.

Payments will be withdrawn from your account on the 20th of each month in the updated amount of \$80.17.

Please note that utilities paid monthly will not be eligible for the 10% discount offered at the beginning of the year.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR EITHER PAYMENT PLAN, PLEASE STOP BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO FILL OUT THE PREAUTHORIZED FORM, DON'T FORGET TO BRING A VOID CHEQUE WITH YOU, OR YOU CAN EMAIL US AT INFO@PORTEDWARD.CA.

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Municipal Office Reminders



Dogs

Just a reminder to please clean up after your dogs and make sure they are on a leash in public spaces. Also, ensure your dog is not disrupting your neighbours by leaving them outside barking. We all need to be respectful of others and do our part in keeping our community looking its best “Clean, Neat & Green”.

Also, please remember that your dog is required to have a dog licence.

Dog Licences for 2024 are now in stock.

They are available for purchase at the District Office during our regular business hours:

**Monday to Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm.**

