



District Update

Clean, Neat and Green

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Mayor's Message

I hope that this message finds you all well.

We have had our first real taste of winter in the last three weeks. I urge you all to drive with caution as many roads have been quite treacherous. The Port Edward Historical Society (who manage and operate North Pacific Cannery) received good news this past month that \$274,000 in grant funding was provided from the Province for urgent repairs to roofing, electrical and plumbing. This winter has been quite severe at the Cannery with roof, window and other damage. The Historical Society has closed the site for the second year in a row due to the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Work is proceeding on schedule on Evergreen Drive. At the current progress we should be in a position to pave before the summer. I appreciate the patience that residents have shown the contractor as there are numerous interruptions and inconveniences due to the work.

The BC Ministry of Health has announce the schedule for vaccinations over the next three months. You can find more information on Northern Health's website at www.northernhealth.ca. Thankfully, the Covid outbreak at Acropolis Manor has been declared over— our heartfelt sympathies to those who lost loved ones and were impacted by this tragedy.

Last week we received proposals for the redevelopment of the Alder Avenue seven acre property. The proposals are a testament to the growing excitement to develop in Port Edward and we look forward to attracting new residents with this residential subdivision. Staff have been evaluating the proposals and will make recommendations to council. When Council has made a determination on the selected developer we will put out a news release.

Quote for the month. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Albert Einstein. Prominent physicist and Noble Prize Winner.

Council News



The District of Port Edward Mayor and Council meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month except for July, August, September and December there is only one meeting. Meetings are held via Zoom, and begin at 7:00 pm. During the COVID-19 Pandemic please go to our website to get the **meeting ID from our Agenda**. Each meeting will have its own ID. It will be posted the Friday prior to the Council meeting.

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Meeting via Zoom March 9, 2021

Regular Meeting via Zoom March 23, 2021

Dog Licenses



As of January 2021 new dog licenses are available. All dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed through the District office.

Please come in between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to register your pet and receive your license. Fees are \$ 10.00 for every spayed or neutered dog, \$20.00 for unneutered males and \$50.00 for non spayed females.

Complaints

The District has received several calls. Please remember to keep you dog on a leash at all times. As per bylaw No. 519 “No owner of an animal shall permit or cause it to be at large or on a highway in the Municipality”. We have received several complaints of owners allowing their dogs to run at large. As a dog owner please take into consideration that some children and adults may be afraid of dogs.

Thank you for your co-operation!

Home Owner Grant—Claim on-line

Effective February 16th, 2021 all home owner grant applications must be submitted directly to the B.C Provincial government through a secure online application.

Homeowners can apply for their current or their retroactive homeowner grants online at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phone at 1-888-355-2700 to talk to an agent.

Please note that homeowners will still have to come into the Municipal office to pay their property taxes.

Highlights from February 9th and 23rd Council Meeting

- ◆ The CAO provided Council with an update on the last bit of work required by CN to finish safety upgrades required for whistling cessation.
- ◆ The District's Fire Chief provided an update on emergency service calls for 2020, down significantly from the previous year.
- ◆ A grant was submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities to support planning for storm water improvements in our townsite.
- ◆ The draft 2021 operational and capital budget was presented and accepted by Council.
- ◆ The Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the proposed Port Edward LNG project were approved and a \$50,000 was negotiated as a contribution towards creation of a new park in Port Edward.

Yearly Utility Billing—Due March 31, 2020

We would like to remind all residents that if you pay your Utilities for the year by **March 31, 2021** you are eligible for a **10% discount**.

Note: this is your last opportunity to save 10%.

North Pacific Cannery - Closed for the 2021 Season

We are sorry to inform the public that the North Pacific Cannery will be closed another year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to keep our staff and visitors safe we need to follow the recommendations from the Province, only essential travel is recommended!

Stay safe and we look forward to hosting you next year!



Preauthorized Payment Plan

The District of Port Edward Tax Department offers a preauthorized 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 amount of \$71.50. 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, and don't forget to bring a void cheque with you.

Calendar Reminders:



Daylight Savings Begins—March 14, 2021
 St. Patrick's Day—March 17, 2021
 Spring Break—March 15—26, 2021

Sudoku

Difficulty Level: Very Hard

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		5	7		9		2	8
								7
5						7		
1	9			5			8	3
		8						6
2								
7	3		8		4	2		
			5	1		3		

Winter Schedule October - May

60 Port Edward To Port Edward

Monday to Saturday				
(A)	(L)	(T)	(U)	(V)
Lv. Downtown: Ocean Centre Mall	Lv. Civic Centre	Lv. Prince Rupert at Portage	Lv. Evergreen at Skeena (Port Edward)	Ar. Hillcrest at Skeena (Port Edward)
7:10 M	7:13 M	7:15 M	7:32 M	7:35 M
9:10	9:13	9:15	9:27	9:30
12:10	12:13	12:15	12:27	12:30
4:10	4:13	4:15	4:27	4:30
5:10	5:13	5:15	5:27	5:30

M - Monday to Friday only

60 Port Edward To Prince Rupert

Monday to Saturday				
(V)	(U)	(T)	(L)	(A)
Lv. Hillcrest at Skeena (Port Edward)	Lv. Evergreen at Skeena (Port Edward)	Lv. Prince Rupert at Portage	Lv. McBride opposite Civic Centre	Ar. Downtown
7:35 M	7:37 M		7:57 M	8:00 M
9:30	9:32		9:47	9:50
12:30	12:32		12:47	12:50
4:30	4:32		4:47	4:50
5:30	5:32	By Request	5:47	5:50

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