



## DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD

March 2023

# DISTRICT UPDATE

## CLEAN, NEAT & GREEN



### Mayor's Message

I hope this message finds you all well.

February was a busy month for staff and council. Council and staff spent the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> and the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> preparing a new strategic plan with the help of a professional facilitator. Council was united in pursuing goals aligned with our vision of clean, neat and green and paying close attention to the needs of residents. When we have a final draft we will post it on our website as well as including it in the Newsletter.

The end of February was unusual for the snowfall and cold temperatures. Public works were busy with plowing and making sure the streets were safe for everyone. Residents should be commended. There were no reported traffic incidents. We will be burdened with a large amount of snow piled up along the streets for some time as the weather will stay cool. Public Works is monitoring the storm drains to ensure water drains as efficiently as possible.

North Pacific Cannery had a good year and the board prepared a new strategic plan, the first in a long while. There are plans for more community events, repair and maintenance of the facility and an effort to secure stable funding for the future. I believe 2023 will be another banner year.

Good news from the Provincial Government. Victoria is using some of the budget surplus to be doled out to communities across the province for use for infrastructure projects. We are not sure how much Port Edward will receive. We will post the amount when we receive confirmation on the dollar amount.

The next order of business for council is the 2023 budget which staff is preparing for council to review and have input. The budget must be passed by the end of May to meet government mandated rules.

### Quote of the Month

Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

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#### CONTACTS

- **Conservation Officer Services**  
1-877-952-7277

- **RCMP**  
250-624-2136

- **Emergencies**  
911

- **District of Port Edward**  
770 Pacific Avenue  
Port Edward, BC  
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250-628-3667

# Highlights from February Council Meetings

**Council made a motion to support the following:**

- ◇ Charles Hays Secondary School—Advertisement
- ◇ Support to the Northwest Regional Hospital
- ◇ Grant in Aid to North Coast Community Services
- ◇ Charles Hays Secondary School—Advertisement
- ◇ Robert Grodecki appointed as CAO
- ◇ Adopted Fire Protection & Regulations Bylaw #741

## 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 which there is only one meeting.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**MARCH 14**

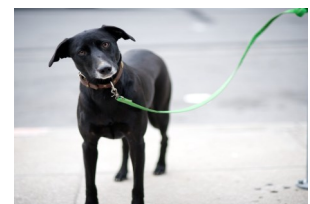
**MARCH 28**

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 prior to the meeting start time.**

## Dog Licenses and running at large

As of January 2022 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.



# Utility Bills

Utility bills will be sent out within the next week for first quarter of 2023.

You will notice on your bill that it will now show \$229.50 per quarter and if you pay your utilities for the year by March 31, 2023, you are eligible for a 10% discount and would pay \$826.20, saving \$91.80.

The 2022 Final Quarter Utility bills were due on December 30, 2022. Please take note that outstanding utility balances as of January 1, 2023 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 \$76.50. 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, DON'T  
FORGET TO BRING A VOID CHEQUE WITH  
YOU, OR YOU CAN EMAIL US AT  
[INFO@PORTEDWARD.CA](mailto:INFO@PORTEDWARD.CA).

## Reminder from Public Works

Winter is here and in order to better serve our community, we request that all obstacles (vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers) on the street be removed so that sanding and plowing may be done.



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# Municipal Office Reminders

## 2023 Utility Payment Discount

*Annual Utility bills paid in full by  
**March 31, 2023** will receive a 10% discount.*

*Annual Bill:*

*\$918.00 less 10% discount = \$826.20*

**SAVE \$91.80 FOR  
THE YEAR**

## 2023 Dog Licenses

*Dog Licenses for 2023 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.*

## Wildlife Spotting

*If there is a bear or wolf sighting, please call  
the Conservation Services and District of  
Port Edward Municipal Office.*

**Conservation Services:**

**1-877-952-7277**

**District of Port Edward:**

**250-628-3667**

## Calendar Reminders:



Daylight Savings Begins—March 12, 2023

St. Patrick's Day—March 17, 2023

Spring Break—March 20—April 4, 2023

  
**Happy  
St. Patrick's Day!**