



DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The month of April saw some important progress towards the strengthening of our services to improve how we deal with the challenges of managing day-to-day operations. We have built a very dedicated and professional staff to deal with residents to quickly deal with day-to-day issues. I am impressed how far we have come in just the last six months. This was one of the key focusses for improvement. There are still some challenges, but staff have identified them and will work through the issues. Attracting qualified people is a challenge in many of the cities in Northern BC.

Public works has added a summer casual to assist with the boulevard maintenance as well as other duties to keep our town Clean, Neat and Green.

I want to thank all of those who came out to the Community Conversations meeting on April 15th. I was impressed by the response to the questions posed by staff and Daphne Thomson to elicit feedback. The council will take the feedback received and use this input to revise our Official Community Plan (OCP) and other areas that are important for economic, residential and social development. Community feedback is paramount to staff and council being able to tailor the needs of the community. Again, thanks to all of you for your attendance and input.

Another milestone was a similar meeting April 17th to elicit feedback on economic development for Port Edward. It was well attended by many of the movers and shakers in the business community. The issues and opportunities that were discussed will be incorporated into future plans once the council has time to evaluate the direction we want to pursue. I want to thank those that attended the gathering.

UPCOMING DATES

- Spring Clean Up - May 12 - 15
- Council Meeting - May 13, 7PM
Zoom ID: 792 144 4026
- Office Closed - May 19
- Council Meeting - May 27, 7PM
Zoom ID: 792 144 4026
- Property Tax Deadline: July 1



Quote of the month: "Love the life you live. Live the life you love." - Bob Marley



OPT IN TO UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Ensure you receive important updates on property taxes, utilities, and other municipal matters by keeping your profile up to date with the District of Port Edward.

📱 Scan the QR code with your phone and fill out your details to stay informed! For any questions, contact us at

info@portedward.ca

COMMUNITY UPDATES

CELEBRATE PUBLIC WORKS WEEK WITH US: MAY 18–24

🚧 National Public Works Week: May 18–24 🚧

Join us in celebrating National Public Works Week (NPWW) and recognizing the essential role Public Works plays in our daily lives! Since 1960, NPWW has honored the people who plan, build, and maintain the infrastructure that keeps our communities running—clean water, safe roads, parks, and emergency response.

🧑‍🔧 What do Public Works staff do?

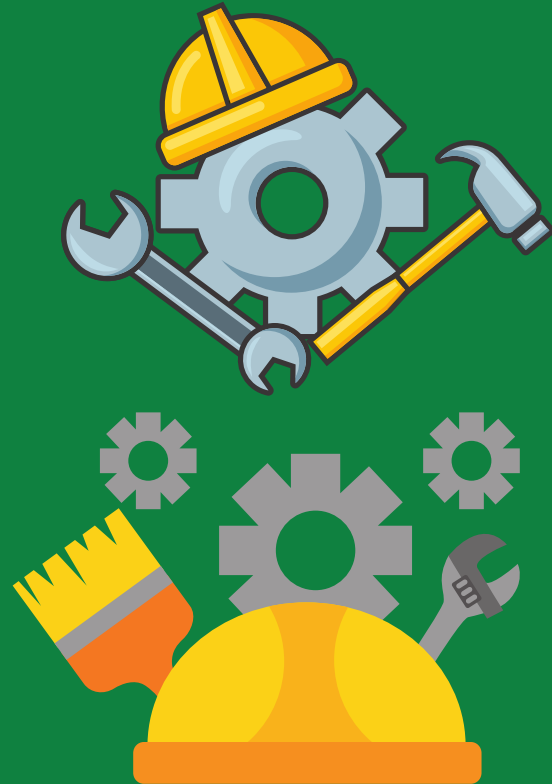
They handle:

- Water and wastewater systems 💧
- Road and bridge maintenance 🚧
- Waste and recycling services ♻️
- Parks and recreation upkeep 🌳
- Emergency preparedness ⚠️

🌸 NEW THIS YEAR:

We're offering Water Treatment Plant Tours! Take a behind-the-scenes look at how your drinking water is treated and delivered safely to your home. Tour details coming soon—stay tuned!

Let's come together to celebrate the unsung heroes who keep Port Edward running smoothly. 🙌🧑‍🔧



MAY IS INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION MONTH IN B.C.

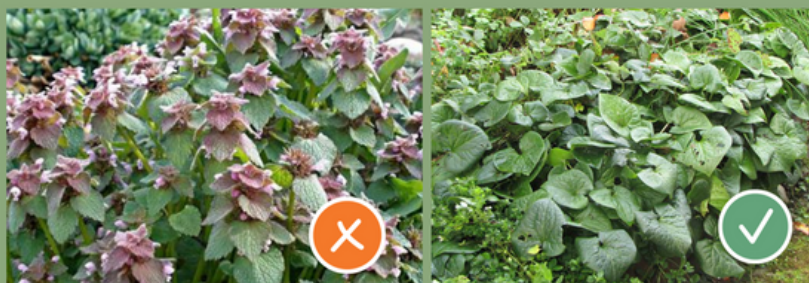
May 2025 is 'Invasive Species Action Month' in B.C., dedicated to generating awareness of invasive species. Check out [ISCBC's website](#) to see why prevention matters and how you can help.

Did you know that snapping a photo of an invasive species and [reporting it on the iNaturalist app](#) can help stop its spread? As a 'citizen scientist' your observations can make a real difference! Check out ISCBC's [FREE Observing and Learning course](#) to get started.

If 'April showers bring May flowers,' there's sure to be lots growing on this month - including invasive [purple deadnettle](#) (*Lamium purpureum*). Native to Eurasia, this plant has spread across much of the U.S. and into southern B.C. Purple deadnettle produces thousands of seeds and can also spread by stem and root fragments. It is often found in lawns, gardens, and waste areas.

A great alternative is native [wild ginger](#) (*Asarum caudatum*). This plant is perfect for ground cover and while it prefers moist, well-drained soil, it can tolerate seasonal drought. Wild ginger is also a pollinator friendly, fire smart, and bear smart option for the garden.

Take ISCBC's [FREE PlantWise eLearning course](#) and explore the [Grow Me Instead](#) guide for more native and non-invasive [PlantWise](#) choices.



Spring Clean May 12 - 15. No items after 12pm on May 15th

New Property Tax deadline: July 1st

PRPA RIDLEY ISLAND UPDATE

PRPA continues to advance projects on Ridley Island that are critical to growing Canadian trade and building strong communities.

What's new?

CANXPORT Ridley Island Export Logistics Platform:

- In the coming weeks, construction work will continue on the causeway to elevate the road path above the surrounding ground on the Northern side of Ridley Island
- Water main installation work will continue on the Western side of Ridley Island
- Intertidal salt marsh work will continue at low tide to enhance marine habitat

Material Offloading Facility:

- The Material Offloading Facility is being developed on Ridley Island that will be used to facilitate the construction of current and future projects
- The facility is at the North East corner of Ridley Island at the former log sort site
- The project is currently in the pile installation phase, and afterwards a pre-fabricated steel deck will be installed
- An additional barge and crane will be arriving on site in the coming weeks to support this work

Any questions or comments can be directed to PRPA's Community Relations team at: community@rupertport.com

HELP US HELP YOU – TELL US WHAT BUS TIMES WORK BEST!



what later Bus times would work for you?



Truth and Reconciliation Project Completed

DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD COMPLETES TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION PROJECT

We're proud to share that the District of Port Edward has successfully completed its 2024/2025 Truth and Reconciliation Project—a meaningful step in building respectful, lasting relationships with the Tsimshian Nations and other Indigenous communities in our region.

Over the past year, we worked closely with Indigenous advisors and local leadership to develop a plan guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action (43, 47, 57, 75 & 77)—focusing on education, cultural awareness, respectful governance, and relationship-building.

★ Key deliverables include:

- ★ A culturally informed Interest Holder & Community Outreach Strategy
- ★ A phased Consultation Process Framework
- ★ A First Nations Identification Document for better understanding & engagement
- ★ Formal letters inviting partnership and dialogue
- ★ A thoughtful Land Acknowledgement Memo
- ★ Cultural Sensitivity Training for staff and Council

This project is a foundation for long-term reconciliation, and we are deeply grateful to all who contributed. Let's continue walking this path together. ❤️

Annual Vegetation Management Scheduled for May 30

ALTAGAS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Uplands:

- Complete overburden removal
- Continuing with drilling and blasting
- Continue rock placement
- Continue concrete foundations work
- Includes forming, rebar placement, pouring etc.

Rail, Road, and Utilities Corridor (RRUC)

- Complete overburden removal
- Continue with rock crushing and placement, drilling, and blasting
- Continue with culvert & manhole install
- Preparing for rail construction mobilization in May

Marine Updates

- 5 derricks are fully mobilized and operational
- Continuing work at Pier 1
- Pier 10 continuing false works and temporary piles
- Commenced drilling activities at Pier 3
- A derrick is a lifting device used for moving materials vertically and horizontally.

Night shift activities

- Concluded night shift activities on March 26

A Note to the District of Port Edward:

- Thank you for allowing AltaGas the opportunity to support the debut of the Port Edward Volunteer Fire Rescue's new fire truck on April 12th. We are honoured to have invested toward this critical emergency response equipment.

DERELICT VEHICLES

We are committed to keeping our community clean, safe, and welcoming. Under Bylaw No. 706, 2020, derelict vehicles—like abandoned cars, trailers, boats, or machinery—are considered “rubbish” and must be removed.

What is a Derelict Vehicle?

Any vehicle that is:

- Wrecked or dismantled
- Non-operational or abandoned
- Not part of a licensed business

If one is found on your property:

- You may receive a Notice to Comply
- You'll have 14 days to remove it
- If unresolved, the District may remove it and charge all costs to the property owner

Fines can reach \$100/day or \$2,000 through the courts
Repeated service calls may lead to additional Nuisance Abatement Fees

Let's all do our part to maintain a clean and respectful Port Edward!



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OCP & Zoning Bylaw Updates

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Update

This survey aims to gather insights on the community's priorities and important issues that will be addressed in the OCP and Zoning Bylaw Update. Your input will play a vital role in shaping a plan that better reflects the values of the community.

The survey takes approximately 6 minutes to complete.

— PRIZES —
Survey respondents can enter to win a \$50 gift card

Pick up a paper copy at the Municipal Office or Scan the QR code to take the Survey

Deadline: May 31 at 11:59 pm

Questions? Contact (250) 628-3667 or info@portedward.ca