



District Update

Clean, Neat and Green

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Mayor's Message

Hope this message finds you all well.

As we approach the end of the year we are preparing for winter. Winter usually brings increased rainfall, high winds and occasionally frost. The past wet weather has put a lot of stress on the storm drainage systems and water runoff all over the townsite. As I mentioned in my last Mayor's report it is important that in extreme weather events that residents inspect perimeter drainage on properties and please do report any clogged storm drains to the municipal office for follow up.

The public works crew has put the finishing touches on the dog park and I'd like to thank them for their work on this. They have placed ornamental fire hydrants and other dog attractions in the fenced off park. Thanks as well to residents for additional suggestions and appreciation for this brand new facility – the suggestions for further improvements will be considered for future projects as budgets allow.

Over the last two months staff have been working very hard on two housing proposals at the old school site and for the District property on Alder Avenue. Studies are underway for Alder Avenue to support a future subdivision, which we hope to move forwards with in early 2022.

There is good news on the removal of the barge grounded at the boat launch. The Port of Prince Rupert has called for tenders to remove this vessel. I will keep you posted on the work once the Port Authority announces the proposed work and schedule.

**Wise man learns from experience, wiser man learns from others
experience**
Socrates – Greek Philosopher

Remembrance Day



Due to the pandemic we ask that everyone participate by having a moment of silence at 9:30 am on Thursday November 11, 2021; to recognize all our armed forces who have died in the line of duty. A remembrance day wreath will be placed on the memorial wall by our Mayor, but our usual ceremony will not be taking place.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall no weary them, nor the year condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.**

Council News

The District of Port Edward Council meetings take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Due to COVID-19 and Northern Health update, meetings will be held via zoom for the public. The meetings will begin at 7:00pm. If you wish to participate visit our Facebook page for the zoom link.

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.

Upcoming Meetings: **November 9, 2021** and **November 23, 2021.**

Municipal Office

Just a reminder, the Municipal Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 for Remembrance Day. The Office will reopen on Friday, November 12, 2021.

Also, please remember that **no dogs are allowed at the McKeown Field.**

New Dog Park

The District has a designated dog park that is now completed. So please use this beautiful space for your dog and follow the rules as posted on the entrance gate.

We have a few more small additions to make, but in the meantime please enjoy this new space with your dog. **And remember, please pick up after your dog!**

Thanks for your cooperation!

Refuse Bylaw #718

This is a friendly reminder that all residents need to follow our Refuse Bylaw #718. All residents should all own a plastic container to put their garbage bags in with a sealed tight lid so we make sure not to attract wildlife into our community. Residents who don't have their garbage bags in a sealed tight container will receive a notice, and if it persists it may result in fines. We already had one bear visit our community this year, let's do our part in keeping the community safe as well as not attract wildlife.

- Too many cans (a limit of two per household)
- Overweight cans (maximum 25kg per can)
- Loose garbage (all refuse must be in a bag, tied up in a sealed tight container)



Daylight Savings



The District of Port Edward would like to remind the residents change their clocks back an hour on **November 7, 2021 at 2:00 am.**

Highlights from October 12th Meeting

- Council approved community grant requests for Prince Rupert Minor Basketball and Prince Rupert Halloween Fest Society
- Staff provided a report on the Port Edward school engineering assessment, planned repairs and plan to do ongoing monitoring of fill issues on the site
- Council provided direction to staff to enforce the Zoning Bylaw which now disallows use of shipping containers on many properties unless they are for temporary construction storage or are retrofitted and meet BC Building Code

History of Port Edward

Sometime during the spring of 1943 a Canadian Naval Control Service was installed at Port Edward. This was to cope with the numerous routing and reporting problems. These towers were 350 feet high and their lights served as a beacon for many years to fishermen and travelers of the sea.

During the time of military occupation, civilians were forbidden outside the immediate bounds of the fish company holdings and all activities were guarded with the utmost secrecy. With such stringent restrictions, few, if any, were aware of the extent of the base. So it was what the erection of the Naval Towers (probably without the familiar red lights at that time) was not generally known.

American activities at the two ports reached their peak during 1943 and rapidly diminished the following year. Early in 1945 the Port Edward troop staging area was closed. It was re-opened again in connection with the re-placement of personnel in the Alaskan theatre. But Prince Rupert ceased to play any further importance. In the last few months of war Port Edward served as an ammunition-loading port to ammunition and de-ammunition United States warships in the Pacific theatre of operations. (Naval Service of Canada. Volume 11—Activities on Shore During the Second World War—by Dr. G.N. Tucker).

The B.C. Bridge and Dredging Company of Vancouver, under contract to the United States Engineering Department built the highway from Port Edward to Galloway Rapids Bridge. This linked up with the highway from Prince Rupert to Terrace. The road was constructed from both ends and was completed June 1943 at Wainwright Basin where a large construction camp was located on pilings over the water. It was not paved until 1951. It went under reconstruction by the Provincial Government and slated for completion in 1970.

Mrs. Lloyd Bowman who spent most of her life in Prince Rupert was employed as a clerk in the motor pool offices for the highway construction job. She said wages were \$38—\$42 per week. Motor transport drivers received seventy five cents to a dollar an hour. Their jobs were to transport personnel around for the Engineering Department and subcontractors. Top wages were \$400 a month or \$2.35 an hour. There were 125 men on the job and 628 pieces of equipment.

Harry Robins explains how the roads were built in Port Edward. “They worked round the clock with floodlights at night. As soon as the heavy equipment cleared the way, big trucks dumped loads of rock onto the surface. Another truck came in on the heels of the first with smaller rock bed. It was almost an instant road, built truck upon truck loads of material.”