



# THE DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD

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## **Two abandoned vessels break moorage in Porpoise Harbour**

In the early morning hours of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 two abandoned vessels that broke their moorage and became beached near the Port Edward boat launch. These vessels were previously used in the fishing industry and abandoned 14 years ago; they were unauthorized to be docked at Prince Rupert Port Authority property. The District of Port Edward has been lobbying senior levels of government for many years and working in collaboration with the Prince Rupert Port Authority to have these vessels removed.

The PRPA and Coast Guard have been monitoring these vessels and the fuels and fluids were previously drained due to environmental concerns. Various agencies are on scene this morning to assess the situation and plan for the clean up and removal of the vessels.

To limit traffic to only essential personnel, the District has closed Porpoise Drive until further notice and there will be no public access to the boat launch during this time.

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