



District Update

Clean, Neat and Green

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Mayors Message

Hope this message finds you all well.

Summer is coming to an end. We have enjoyed some good weather over the last month in contrast to the near record breaking rain of August 2020.

The Evergreen and Wildwood Road Reconstruction Project is completed and I am hoping that we can complete additional roads as grants become available so that we can leverage District funds as much as possible.

The new dog park is almost completed – staff will be installing some new signage, garbage receptacles, ornamental items in the park for dogs to enjoy as well as a bench. This is a gravelled off leash park, much like the one constructed in Prince Rupert and provides a good addition to our park complex with the adjacent skate park, basketball court and ball field.

Work continues on a redevelopment for the old school site adjacent to the new dog park. We have received three proposals in response to the District's affordable housing RFP and staff are working on securing the best fit for the site.

The Alder Avenue redevelopment is also progressing through planning phases in preparation for future subdivision of the property—we will share more information with the community as discussions progress with the potential developer.

Hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

Quote of the Month: Leave nothing for tomorrow that can be done today. -Abraham Lincoln

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Council News



The District of Port Edward Mayor and Council meet once a month over the summer. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 770 Pacific Avenue, and begin at 7:00 pm. 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. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings.

Upcoming Meeting:

Public Hearing (Development Permit Variance)—September 14, 2021 at 6:00pm

Regular Meeting—September 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

Council meeting agendas and minutes can be found on our website at: www.portedward.ca

Municipal Office

Just a friendly reminder that the office will be closed on September 6, 2021, for Labour Day! The office will re-open on Tuesday September 7, 2021.

Refuse pickup will take place on Tuesday September 7, 2021 instead of the regular day. Please make sure to place your garbage on the **curb, in a sealed, water tight container with a lid** no later than 8:00 am.

Dogs



Just a reminder to please clean up after your dogs and make sure they are on a leash in public spaces. We all need to be respectful of others and do our part in keeping our community looking its best “Clean, Neat & Green”.

Also, please remember that your dog is required to have a dog licence.

Knotweed

The District of Port Edward would like to notify the residents that Spectrum Resource Group Inc. will be in town soon dealing with invasive weeds, mostly the knotweed that has been reported. If you have knotweed on your property or seen knotweed in the Community please report it to the office as soon as possible or by **September 10, 2021**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. For more information on invasive weeds please visit: <https://bcinvasives.ca>



Highlights from August 10th Council Meeting

- Council discussed the of shipping containers on Residential property
- Council adopted a new Code of Conduct
- Council approved the submission 2 grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust—one for housing incentives and one for the first phase of the Alder Avenue Development
- A new purchasing policy was also adopted
- Member of the public attended Council and had an opportunity to raise questions and concerns about the District's intent to enforce it's campground and zoning bylaws for the campground property. The matter has been referred back to staff and Council will consider further information on the matter.

Fall Clean Up

September 20th—September 24th (cut off at noon)

The District of Port Edward Public Works Department will collect discarded materials & garden refuse free of charge.

The following materials will **NOT** be collected: **building materials, heavy vehicle parts and dangerous goods.**

We will however pick up your white goods (appliances for the cost of the recycling fee).

Please prepay at the Municipal Office.

Recycling Fees:

\$10.00/ appliance without CFC's

\$20.00/ appliance with CFC's

Wildlife Awareness

The District would like residents to help out when it comes to keeping bears and wolves out of the community. Please visit the following websites for preventative tips:

Wolves:

<http://bcparks.ca/explore/misc/wolves/>

Bears:

<http://www.bearsmart.com/live/managing-attractants/>

History of Port Edward

Gordon L. Simons of Kamloops, B.C., the man who opened the first police establishment in Port Edward, the army base was “quite complete with full facilities of a small city.” This included a 60 bed hospital, a modern theatre seating 500 persons, a lovely chapel and a large recreation centre. There were officers, NCO’s and mens’ messes for 10,000 men.

Between Prince Rupert and Port Edward the American Army was capable of berthing approximately ten Liberty-type ships and three or four small ocean going vessels. These two ports loaded, outbound, over a million tons of American military supplies, and embarked over seventy thousand troops and passengers (Naval Service of Canada. Volume 11. Activities shore during the Second World War—by Dr. G.N. Tucker).

The larger of the two army docks, known as Canol Dock, was probably called this because it was one of several canol projects the Americans had during the war. It was mainly a receiving station for equipment such as tractors, trucks and parts, electric motors, power pumping devices, diesel power units, miles of copper pipe and huge brass valves. They had similar depots in Skagway and Whitehorse.

G. Eyeford of Prince Rupert, remembers there were three and four trains a day between Prince Rupert and Terrace. Lumber was brought in by rail to build the American Army base. He particularly remembers a “silent train” which ran only at night. It was mounted with guns on turrets, painted a dark dirty colour for camouflage, and could not be seen nor heard at night. It shuttled back and forth along the hundred miles of track between the coast and Terrace. Mr. Eyeford also remembers there were Canadian soldiers also stationed in Port Edward. They were billeted in the old concrete building that was originally built to house the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric generators. Two floors of the building were filled with cots and the young soldiers complained of the cold. The building that now serves as a messhouse for Nelson Bros. Fisheries was built as a messhouse for these soldiers. Their training officer, known as ‘Napoleon’ by everyone in the community, trained his men on the muskeg flats behind Port Edward. His motto was: the country is tough enough to make them tough.

