

5 GOOD REASONS WHY I SHOULD HAVE A BUILDING / PLUMBING / DEMOLITION PERMIT

1. It is the law. Permits ensure your project is built to minimum legally acceptable standards.
2. Permits provide an official record of inspections for compliance with the BC Building/Plumbing Code.
3. Permits mean the health and safety of the homeowner and the public have been carefully considered, for example: hazardous materials such as asbestos, geo-technical (soil conditions), structural (spans, beams, roof and floor systems), fire safety (exiting, fire separations, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms), electrical and gas systems have been properly permitted, installed and inspected.
4. In the event of a loss, work done without permits or permits that have not been finalized may void your insurance or negatively affect your claim.
5. Permits increase the re-sale value of your home, savvy prospective home buyers will always check your municipalities records for completed permits prior to making an offer.

The Province of British Columbia delegates local Governments the authority to administer the BC. Building Code; through the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323, s. 692 (1). The following is an excerpt from the current addition of the BC. Building Code and describes when and, under what circumstances building permits are required.

Section 1.1. Application of this Code

- 1) This code applies to any one or more of the following:
 - a) the design and construction of a new building,
 - b) the occupancy of any building,
 - c) the change of occupancy of any building,
 - d) the alteration of any building,
 - e) an addition to any building,
 - f) the demolition of any building,
 - g) the reconstruction of any building that has been damaged by fire, earthquake or other cause,
 - h) the correction of any unsafe condition in or about any building,
 - i) all parts of any building affected by a change in occupancy,
 - j) the work necessary to ensure safety in parts of a building
 - i) that remain after demolition,
 - ii) that are affected by, but are not directly involved in alterations,
 - or iii) that are affected by, but not directly involved in additions,
 - k) the installation, replacement, or alteration of materials or equipment regulated by this Code,
 - l) the work necessary to ensure safety in a relocated building during and after relocation,
 - m) safety during construction of a building, including protection of the public,
 - n) the design, installation, extension, alteration, renewal or repair of plumbing systems, and,
 - o) the alteration, rehabilitation and change in occupancy of heritage buildings.

*For more information on Building / Plumbing / Demolition Permits
go to www.porthardy.ca or contact the Municipal Inspector Daniel Jones to assist with your inquiries.
Email djones@porthardy.ca Tel: 250-949-6665 ext. 228*

District of Port Hardy



APRIL 2014 SPRING NEWSLETTER



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Bev Parnham
Councillors: Janet Dorward, Jessie Hemphill
Debbie Huddleston, Rick Marcotte
Nikki Shaw, John Tidbury

Deputy Mayor

Councillor Jessie Hemphill
December 1 - May 31 2014
Councillor Debbie Huddleston
June 1, 2014 - December 5, 2014

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA ST.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

APRIL 7 & 22	MAY 12 & 26
JUNE 9 & 23	JULY 8 - AUGUST 12
SEPTEMBER 9 & 30	OCTOBER 14 & 28
NOVEMBER 12 & 25	DECEMBER 9

MUNICIPAL HALL CLOSED

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18 - EASTER MONDAY APRIL 21

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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BEV PARNHAM



"For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."
Millard Fuller

I didn't have the opportunity this past January to produce my usual New Year's Blog due to a serious health issue. Now that I'm feeling better and well on the road to recovery, I want to talk a bit about my experience and recovery, but most of all I want to give you an update on the direction and goals Port Hardy is working hard to achieve.

Just before Christmas, I was diagnosed with necrotising fasciitis, a rapidly progressing infection that resulted in the amputation of my left leg. I am extremely grateful to Dr. Douglas and the emergency teams on Port Hardy for quickly recognizing the need to access further services in Campbell River, Victoria and Nanaimo. I am, at this writing, an outpatient at Nanaimo Rehabilitation, learning to walk again with a prosthetic leg. The team here is excellent and my progress has been good. I will shortly be "graduating" to 3 day per week rehab for 6-8 weeks, which will allow me to spend time at home. Although I have been attending virtual and conference call meetings, I can't wait to get back home to the best, most supportive and caring community ever - Port Hardy and the North Island. Your words of kindness, compassion and support and your prayers for my recovery have given me the strength needed to not only face, but embrace the challenges of my new situation. I have also had the opportunity, with the "pause" button on, to reflect on what is truly important to me. The results - my family, my friends and my community. I am passionately committed to all three.

Like all communities, we face many challenges. The issue of broadband infrastructure and delivery of cost-effective service to our homes and businesses is being addressed with a plan that will improve service and inspire new business and opportunity in our community. Our council recognizes that affordable, consistent and reliable access to the internet will play a huge part in the economic development, health care and educational future of Port Hardy and has made this a top priority for 2014. We cannot wait for broadband to come to us, we need to actively pursue it, both locally and regionally.

Our Downtown Revitalization Committee continues to work with Council and staff to develop a long term plan for the upgrading of the downtown area. We have been addressing the issue of abandoned or under-maintained buildings and are making steady progress. The Chamber of Commerce and new business owners in the area are helping to redevelop our downtown into a vibrant, pedestrian friendly, accessible and active area of our community. We continue to address issues of connectivity (sidewalks that stop suddenly), road repairs and the gradual replacement of our aging streetlights (a legacy from Expo 86) through our Operational Services Department annual budget. The new interpretive signs for the sea walk should be completed in time for the summer season and we all look forward to seeing what Rui, our town gardener will inspire us with this year!

We are all delighted to see the progress being made on Port Hardy's Primary Health Care Center. The architects are hard at work, the site has been chosen (next to the Senior's Center) and the physicians and their teams are working together with VIHA and our local working group to have the Center operational in 2014. This change in the way we deliver health care services is just the beginning of what will be a constant challenge to provide and maintain services here on the North Island. Our communities need to work together collaboratively and we need to look at furthering access to health care through new technologies and travelling teams for services we now have to travel down island for. Regular trips away to access care and services that could be available at home is just not acceptable. In order to preserve our population and retain our youth and elders, we must be innovative and find ways to deliver and improve access to as many services as possible.

Many other initiatives are underway in our community and in partnership with the regional, provincial and federal levels- economic development strategies, long term financial planning, housing, recycling, long-term infrastructure and replacement planning, emergency management, recreational and parks plans, collaboration with other communities looking for efficiencies - all are part of what your council and our dedicated staff are working on.

Our council is in the process of completing our goals and objectives for 2014. We recognize the importance of a liveable, aesthetically pleasing and happy community based on the provision of sound services, sound infrastructure, sound fiscal management and the opportunity for economic development, new jobs and growth.

Thank you once again for your incredible support during this time of personal health challenges. As Dorothy said "there's no place like home". And she was right. See you soon.

Bev

Depots

*For any fees that may apply
please contact the depots below*

7 MILE LANDFILL & RECYCLING

Tel: 250-949-1681
Hwy 19 South of Port Hardy
Mon-Fri 9 to 4 & Saturday 10 to 4

PORT HARDY RETURN IT CENTRE (ENCORP)

9300 Trustee Road
Tel: 250-949-7700
Hours: Thursday-Sunday 10am-5pm
Returnable Beverage Containers
Milk Cartons - Electronics

**FOX'S DISPOSAL
& TRANSFER STATION**
5990 Steel Road - Tacan Site
Tel: 250-949-6306
Transfer Station Hours
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1-4
Fox's Disposal Hours 8-4 Mon-Fri
Weekends - Call Out
Household & Vehicle Batteries
Commercial & Non Commercial
Construction Waste
Scrap Metal & Appliances
Propane Bottles

YARD WASTE
Residential Yard & Garden Waste
Bins at Public Works Yard

TYSOL ENTERPRISES
Tel: 250-949-7669
6050 Bronze Road - Tacan Site
Scrap Metal - Appliances
Hot Water Tanks - Auto Wreckers

BORIS MOBILE MECHANIC
Scrap Metal - Appliances
Hot Water Tanks - Auto Wreckers

North Island Recycling Depots



Your North Island Recycling Depots provide differing levels of service. Eco-Depots allow users to bring a wide variety of materials from packaging/printed paper to tires and electronics. Other depots just focus on packaging and printed paper. For a detailed list of what materials your local depots can accept, go to www.rdmw.bc.ca and check out the Recycling Page. **The new packaging recycling program requires glass, polystyrene foam and plastic film materials to be taken to a depot.**

Glass



- Keep your returnable beverage bottles out of recycling for charitable functions or for your own benefit.
- Take caps and lids off, recycle metal ones.

Polystyrene



- We cannot recycle packing peanuts

Plastic Film



- We cannot recycle stretch wrap



NORTH ISLAND GUIDE TO CURBSIDE RECYCLING



- Scheduled curbside recycling collection of packaging and printed paper, will start on May 19, 2014 for the residents of Alert Bay, Coal Harbour, Port Hardy and Port McNeill.
- This new, regularly-scheduled service will provide residents with curbside pickup of printed paper and some packaging materials.
- Collection providers are unable to pick up residential bins containing materials that are not part of the packaging and printed paper recycling program. Please refer to the chart below for more information about available recycling options.
- For further information, please connect to the REGIONAL DISTRICT web site (<http://www.rdmw.bc.ca/>) for updates.

Packaging

Printed Paper Curbside Collection

Curbside Collection

Take to Depot

Metal

Paper/Cardboard

Plastic

Glass

Polystyrene

Plastic

Foam

Film

These Materials must be taken to a Recycling Depot (See back for details)

- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines
- Catalogues
- Telephone Books
- General Use Paper
- Envelopes
- Greeting Cards
- **No Books, Foil Gift Wrap, Ribbons & Padded Envelopes**



- Metal Cans and Lids
- Aerosol Cans
- Spiral Wound Cans (Steel Ends)
- Aluminum Foil and Foil Containers



- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paper Cups
- Gable-top Milk Cartons
- Aseptic Boxes
- Multi-laminated Paper Packaging
- Cardboard/Boxboard Boxes
- Moulded Pulp Packaging
- Paper Bags



- Only Types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 plastic packaging can go in the curbside recycling. **No Type 6 Plastic Packaging.**
- Plastic Bottles
- Plastic Jars
- Plastic Clamshells
- Plastic Trays and Tops
- Plastic Tubs & Lids
- Plastic Drink Cups
- Plastic Pails
- Plastic Planter Pots and Trays

