Message from Mayor and Council

Happy New Year!

On behalf of myself and Council we would like to thank the District of Port Hardy employees, contractors and volunteers for all they did in 2019 making Port Hardy a great place to live and play. We look forward to working with you in 2020.

Something new we started in late 2019, live streaming! All of our regular Council meetings are available online. You can find the video link at the top of the agenda and an archive of past meetings will be available later in January on our website.

We are looking forward to a busy 2020, which will include the updating of our Official Community Plan starting with an open house January 25th. This will be a year filled with lots of opportunities to hear from you.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will continue with the monthly Brown Bag lunches which have been well attended. We appreciate hearing what you have to say about Port Hardy and how we can work together to improve the quality of life on the North Island. The next Brown Bag Lunch is scheduled for January 22, 2020 from 11:30 am -1:30 pm at the Market Street Café.

We are still anxious and optimistic that we will receive a favourable response regarding the Multiplex funding in January.

As we enter another month of the WFP / USW local 1-1937 strike, which has severely impacted our North Island communities, we must thank all of those who have stepped up to help out those in need over the past months and are hopeful that there will be a resolve which will end the strike as soon as possible.

We wish you all a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year and with your continued support we will continue to serve you to the best of our ability.

Mayor Dennis Dugas & Council

Open House
All ages welcome!
Saturday January 25, 2020 3:00pm
Civic Centre
Refreshments and sweets will be served

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is the most important document in any community and is essential to the planning for future growth and development within Port Hardy. It establishes community objectives and broad policy statements to guide Council’s decisions about land use, zoning and development. It sets a vision for the next 20 years and includes the approximate location, type and density of residential, commercial, industrial and institutional development. The OCP also includes policies related to social needs, environmental protection and housing.

The District has engaged with Urbanics Consulting Ltd. to assist the community in updating the vision of Port Hardy for the future.

Questions?
Contact: Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services 250-949-6665 or email OCP@porthardy.ca

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## Winter Sanding & Snow Plowing
### Snow Removal Priority List
1. Hospital, Ambulance, Fire Hall, RCMP
2. School bus routes
3. Hills
4. Main streets and sidewalks
5. Side Streets, dead end roads & cul-de-sacs

### Protection of Public Works Equipment
- Please park your vehicles in your driveway so the snow plow has plenty of room to operate.
- When approaching snow removal equipment give them plenty of space and a clear path. Please do not park vehicles (cars, trucks, trailers, boats etc.) basketball hoops or other debris in those lanes. This is not only your snowplow’s job, but for your safety.
- Please do not flag down operators to explain a point or request a favor while they are plowing. They have plenty of time to explain when the equipment is not in motion.
- Do not plow snow onto main roads.
- Do not let your snowplow block road access to your property.
- Remember that our operators are working to complete a job. Please do not park in the way of snow plowing after a snowfall. Let the snowplow do its job and make the roads safe for all drivers.
- Please do not act in any manner that is deemed to be a safety hazard.

### Snow Removal Operations
- Expect minor delays after a snowfall and allow extra travel time.
- Please do your part to ensure safe road travel: use quality tires suitable for winter conditions, reduce your speed and travel only if necessary during and after major snowfalls.
- When approaching snow removal equipment give them plenty of room to operate.
- Please do not flag down operators to explain a point or request a favor, this slows down snow removal efforts. If you have questions or suggestions call Public Works at 250-949-7779.
- Please do not shovel snow from driveway or walkway into the street. This can cause safety issues if a vehicle hits this accumulation of snow and ice.
- Please park your vehicles in your driveway so the snow plow can clear the roadway in a neat and thorough manner.

### Snow Removal Services
- Service Canada offers assistance to individuals and businesses impacted by snow removal services. They provide immediate relief to those who have been affected by the winter weather.
- To learn more about the services available, contact Service Canada at 1-800-561-4636 or visit their website at www.servicecanada.gc.ca.

### Tiny Homes
The District of Port Hardy does not permit the installation or use of ‘Tiny Homes’ on any property within the District of Port Hardy, including use as an accessory structure. Manufactured homes are only permitted when they meet the minimum BC Building Code CSA standard and on property zoned for that use. If you are thinking about a Tiny Home please talk with the District’s Building Inspector prior to making any purchases.

### Financial Plan 2020-2024 Presentation
Tuesday January 28, 2020 6:30-7:00pm
7360 Columbia Street (Council Chambers)

### 2019 Property Taxes
Outstanding 2019 Property Taxes & Utilities:
As of December 31, 2019, these have been transferred to Arrears Taxes and are accruing Daily Interest.

### Property Assessment Review Process
Have concerns regarding your 2020 property assessment?
Start with these steps:
1. Review all details on your Assessment Notice.
2. Discuss concerns or questions with your local assessment office.
3. Request a formal review in writing by filing a written notice of complaint with the assessor by January 31 at 11:59 pm PST.

More info at: www.bcassessment.ca email: courtenay@bcassessment.ca Phone: (250) 338-6511 Toll Free: 1-800-977-2771 Mail: 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay, BC V9N 9S5

### Service Canada Outreach
PORT HARDY OUTREACH
8795 GRAY STREET, PORT HARDY, BC
Wednesday, February 12 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm
Thursday, February 13 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Wednesday, March 11 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm
Thursday, March 12 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Service Canada agents can assist with access to Federal Government services such as:
- Employment Insurance;
- Pensions connected to the Canada Pension Plan (disability, death and survivor benefits);
- Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement;
- Social Insurance Numbers.

For more information call 1-800-622-6232.

Did you know that you do not have to run water to prevent pipes from freezing?
On average over 4.4 million litres of water are consumed daily in Port Hardy. During winter an additional 1 to 1.5 million litres are consumed due to the unnecessary running of water to prevent pipes from freezing. Here are a few tips to prevent piping from freezing and bursting.

1. Fix skirting! Closing off skirting around a trailer, mobile home or other structures where piping may be open can reduce the exposure of piping infrastructure to the elements.
2. Insulate your pipes. Extra insulation keeps pipes protected from cooler temperatures.
3. Use a heat trace. Heat traces are an excellent option to apply heat to a pipe and reduce the risk of a pipe freezing and bursting.

More water conservation tips are available at porthardy.ca.

### Notice to Pet Owners!
Discharge of consumer fireworks are annually permitted within the District of Port Hardy on October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Display fireworks may also be permitted for special events throughout the year. Keep your pet inside during these times to reduce exposure.

**Reminders**
- Dogs over 8 months old require a licence. 2020 tags are now available for purchase.
  - Fee for spayed or neutered: $15.50
  - Fee for not spayed or not neutered: $51.00
- New! Temporary tags are now available for dogs younger than 8 months FREE.
- Non-licensed dogs = double impoundment fines

Remember: A dog tag is the fastest and best way to reunite you and your pet when one of you gets lost!

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