



Survey No 2. Coming February 2021

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Actively Inspiring to 'Live the Adventure'




Official Community Plan Review

The Official Community Plan is in review. We look forward to sharing the recommendations with you in 2021. Subscribe to receive updates on the OCP as they become available.



STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL

View the 2021 Council & Committee meeting schedule, subscribe to receive meeting agendas straight to your inbox and watch Council meetings LIVE at:

<https://porthardy.civicweb.net/Portal/>



Happy New Year from Mayor and Council

2020 has had its challenges. From the end of an eight-month logging strike to a global pandemic, 2020 has changed much about everything we do.

All of us have learned something from this pandemic and have stepped up in many different and meaningful ways. Adjustments have been made, but we are a strong community and together we will make it through by continuing to support each other. We recently had the opportunity to present an award from the Honourable Premier Horgan to the Hardy Bay Seniors Society for their dedicated efforts to ensure that seniors in our community have received support and care through the pandemic. It was a well-deserved congratulations and thank you for all they do for our community. This goes to show that even during a stressful time we can come together to help another.

As we look towards a new year and new opportunities including the vaccine being available to everyone by late 2021, we will see the economy turn around, especially in the tourism sector which will give our community a much-needed boost. We look forward to celebrating together again in 2021. We sure did miss our great community events like Canada Day, FILOMI Days and the Pumpkin Patch Walk, just to name a few and look forward to making these events bigger and better!

We still have to do the 3 W's: 1. Wear a mask; 2. Watch our distance; 3. Wash our hands regularly. And of course, keep our bubbles small and stay connected by phone, virtually or whatever works for you. If we do this, we WIN.

Council and Committee meetings will continue to be livestreamed through the District's online meeting portal. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will also continue to host monthly virtual Brown Bag Lunches for an informal discussion about what is happening in the community and everyone is welcome to attend.

We are excited about the upgrades to the Arena. These upgrades will improve accessibility with the installation of a lift and accessible doors, and also include chiller improvements, a new roof, painting of the interior support beams and a brand-new marquee. Other projects of note include major works to revitalize Stink Creek Park in the center of town, as well as the continuation with the Official Community Plan and Active Transportation Plan to be completed in the Spring. Both are set to give the District a positive direction moving forward into the future.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to all of the District of Port Hardy, senior staff, employees, contractors and volunteers for all they have done and continue to do in making Port Hardy a great place to live, work and visit.

We look forward to continue to represent you and being here to listen and learn, so we can lead this community into a better tomorrow.

We wish you all a Joyous, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!
Mayor and Council



COUNCIL MEMBERS
Mayor Dennis Dugas
Councillors: Pat Corbett-Labatt, Janet Dorward,
Fred Robertson, Treena Smith
John Tidbury, Leighton Wishart
DEPUTY MAYOR
 Councillor Janet Dorward—June 30, 2021

2021 COUNCIL MEETING DATES					
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7:00 PM 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH					
SCHEDULED MEETING DATES					
JANUARY	12	26	FEBRUARY	9	23
MARCH	9	23	APRIL	13	27
MAY	11	25	JUNE	8	22
JULY	13		AUGUST	10	
SEPTEMBER	28		OCTOBER	12	26
NOVEMBER	9	23	DECEMBER	14	



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2021 GARBAGE & RECYCLING CALENDAR



The 2021 garbage & recycling calendar is now available. The weekly garbage pickup service will be continued for 2021, beginning the week of May 10 to the end of October. View the calendar at porthardy.ca.



2021 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT **PLEASE REMIT BY JANUARY 31, 2021**

New business? Business license applications are available at the Municipal hall or download at porthardy.ca.

No longer operating? Email us at reception@porthardy.ca & let us know!

REMINDER!

DOGS OVER 8 MONTHS OLD REQUIRE A LICENCE. 2021 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!

****Tag rates are subject to change.**



PROPERTY ASSESSMENT/REVIEW PROCESS

BC ASSESSMENT

Have concerns regarding your 2021 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.bcasessment.ca

email: courtenay@bcassessment.ca

Phone: (250) 338-6511

Toll Free: 1-800-977-2771

Mail: 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay, BC V9N 9B5

2021-2025

Financial Plan Presentation

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2021

6:00-7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

A copy of the 2021-2025 Draft Financial Plan will be available for review at www.porthardy.ca.

DID YOU KNOW...

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 MORE are consumed due to the unnecessary running of water to prevent pipes from freezing.

Here are a few tips to prevent frozen pipes & reducing water consumption.

- 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.

Mount Waddington Regional Housing Needs Report

NOW AVAILABLE @ PORTHARDY.CA



Thinking of purchasing an electric vehicle? CleanBC is now offering up to \$8,000 in rebates through the CleanBC Go Electric EV Charger Rebate program. The District is offering local top up of up to \$150. For more information on the CleanBC rebate visit <https://goelectricbc.gov.bc.ca/> and porthardy.ca.



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

A REMINDER ... the winter sanding and snow plowing season is upon us. *Please do not park vehicles (cars, trucks, trailers, boats etc.) basketball hoops or other equipment on District roadways as they interfere with sanding and plowing activities.*

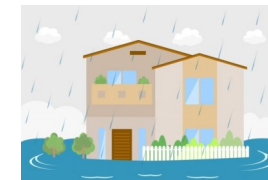
HOW CAN YOU HELP THE DISTRICT IN SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS?

- ♦ 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/ sanding equipment give them plenty of room to operate.
- ♦ Please do not flag down operators to explain a point or request a favor, this slows sanding & 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.

Burning Yard Waste?

Bylaw No. 15-2012 regulates the control of burning and smoke within the District of Port Hardy. This includes the size of an open fire, the type of materials permitted to be burned, proximity to buildings and the approved weather conditions in which open burns are permitted. Permit applications are available online at porthardy.ca or at the Municipal Hall.

WORKING ON PERIMETER DRAINAGE?



Permit to work must be obtained

A building permit is required. Through this process District staff can help ensure that the perimeter drain is properly connected to the storm water system. Permit applications are available online at porthardy.ca or at the Municipal Hall.

NEW CHANGES TO THE HOME OWNER GRANT PROGRAM

Following legislation introduced in December 2020, the Province of British Columbia is now responsible for the Home Owner Grant program for the 2021 tax year. All Home Owners will be required to apply directly to the Province online or over the phone.

Starting January 1, 2021 the District of Port Hardy will be unable to process retroactive or new home owner grant applications.

Visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant for more information about the new process & how to submit an application.

2020 PROPERTY TAXES

Outstanding 2020 Property Taxes & Utilities as of December 31, 2020 have now been transferred to arrears taxes and are now accruing **DAILY INTEREST**. Payments can be made through online banking, by cheque in the mail or at the Municipal Hall during regular office hours.



Council & staff are excited to welcome new members to our team!

Ross Blackwell, Director of Corporate & Development Services/Deputy CAO

& Tanya Kaul, Director of Recreation