

# COVID-19 RESTART FUND



In late 2020 the District of Port Hardy received **\$1,375,000** from the Province of BC to help offset the effects of COVID-19.

Here is how we have budgeted to use these funds.



**\$289,000** was used in 2020 to offset lost revenues from the harbour, recreation and Hotel Tax.



**\$27,000** is being used to provide a PPE washing machine for the Fire Department and supply a much needed respiratory testing machine for use by all North Island Fire Departments.



**\$202,000** has been budgeted for use in 2021 to assist in offsetting revenues that will be lost due to reduction of revenues similar to 2020. This will ensure that the District can keep taxation stable and continue to provide funds for reserves for future capital needs.



**\$40,000** will be used to help supplement a \$70,000 grant received from Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) to support an Economic Development Recovery Officer for 18 months to assist the District in adjusting post pandemic.



**\$23,000** will be used to assist the Lions Club of Port Hardy with their portion of the hydro and propane expenses for the Civic Centre in 2020 and 2021.



**\$12,000** was used to provide needed COVID supplies to restart safely in 2020. This included gloves, masks, plexi glass installations, sanitizer and additional cleaning supplies.

**\$782,000** will be saved for future COVID Restart Fund eligible activities which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- facility reopening and operating costs;
- emergency planning and response costs;
- protective services and bylaw enforcement costs;
- programs for vulnerable populations;
- computer and other electronic technology costs;
- budgeted revenues that have not been collected.

**Do you have questions  
about the COVID Restart  
Fund?**  
250-949-6665  
general@porthardy.ca



## COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS PORT HARDY, PORT MCNEILL & PORT ALICE

1-833-348-4787 7am - 7pm Mon - Sun

Adults 18+ can call with their **Personal Health Number** to book an appointment.

Residents of these towns and the surrounding areas will be provided with clinic availability and locations when they call.



islandhealth.ca/whole-community-vaccine

Register online with your Personal Health Number:

[www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](http://www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated)

Don't have a Personal Health Number?

Call 1-833-838-2323 (Mon-Sun 7am-7pm) or visit any Service BC office.

## Message from Mayor and Council



Welcome 2021, we are pleased to share what the new year has brought to date! On February 8<sup>th</sup> the District of Port Hardy signed a Relationship Agreement with the Kwakiutl Nation. We look forward to a future opportunity to commemorate this important step in reconciliation and celebrate building a future together.

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we are grateful for the opportunity for North Island communities to be vaccinated, hopefully before the end of spring! Please remain vigilant in following the provincial health guidelines and keep following the 3-W's; **wear** a mask, **wash** your hands and **watch** your distance. We are in this together!

With the recent hiring of Ross Blackwell, Director of Corporate and Development Services / Deputy CAO and Tanya Kaul, Director of Recreation and Community Services, the District now has a complete, complimentary management team and staff to lead the provision of service delivery and initiatives to the community.

We are excited for the arena renovations and improvements and the new recreation programming being offered. Be sure to check out Port Hardy Recreation's new online subscription service to receive updates on programming opportunities, the current recreation schedule and more.

The Official Community Plan and Active Transportation Plan are now in final stages of completion. We look forward to the opportunity to review the recommendations and the direction outcomes from these initiatives will take the community moving forward. Thank you to everyone that participated and provided feedback!

We are continuing to reach out to the Federal and Provincial governments with regards to the Discovery Island fish farm closures and the implications of the closures on the local fish farm industry, employers and their staff. We will continue to make sure our voices are heard.

We would like to acknowledge all of our emergency responders, front-line and essential service workers, Hardy Bay Seniors, Loaves and Fishes and all other local non-profit and volunteer organizations for their continued efforts to provide exceptional services during these difficult times. Everyone has gone to special lengths for all of us, THANK YOU!

Until next quarter, remember we live in the most beautiful and safest place in the world. In the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry, *'Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe.'*

Proud to send this newsletter update to you from the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people, *Gilakas'la*.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL

**SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

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/>



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**DISTRICT  
OF  
PORT HARDY**



### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mayor Dennis Dugas**

**Councillors: Pat Corbett-Labatt, Janet Dorward,  
Fred Robertson, Treena Smith  
John Tidbury, Leighton Wishart**

### DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Janet Dorward

November 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

### 2021 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7:00 PM  
2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

### SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

|          |    |    |           |    |    |
|----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| APRIL    | 13 | 27 | MAY       | 11 | 25 |
| JUNE     | 8  | 22 | JULY      | 13 |    |
| AUGUST   | 10 |    | SEPTEMBER | 28 |    |
| OCTOBER  | 12 | 26 | NOVEMBER  | 9  | 23 |
| DECEMBER | 14 |    |           |    |    |

## April 2021 Spring Newsletter



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## REMINDER!

Weekly garbage pick up begins May 10

| MAY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su  | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
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| 2   | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9   | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30  | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

**WATER - SEWER - GARBAGE - RECYCLING**  
**2021 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING**  
**RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATES**  
*\$281.55 per quarter - \$1126.20 per year*

**2021 SENIORS SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING**  
**RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATES**  
*\$211.17 per quarter - \$844.68 per year*  
**When paid by the due date** seniors 65 years and over may be eligible for a discount.

| TIME PERIOD | APPROX. DUE               |         |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------|
| DATE        |                           |         |
| 1st Quarter | January February March    | May 15  |
| 2nd Quarter | April May June            | Aug. 15 |
| 3rd Quarter | July August September     | Nov. 15 |
| 4th Quarter | October November December | Feb. 15 |

## Home Owner Grant

**EFFECTIVE 2021, ALL** current year & retroactive homeowner grant applications must be submitted directly through the B.C. provincial government; **the District is no longer able to accept applications.** Visit the secure online application program at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) to claim your grant or call 1 888 355 2700 to speak with an agent.

## 2021 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Tax notices will be mailed the last week of May. If you do not receive yours, please contact the District office. Property taxes are due July 2nd.

## Plan. Prepare. Be Aware.

May 2 - 8, 2021



**Emergency**  
 Preparedness  
**Week**

### 3 EASY Steps to Emergency Preparedness

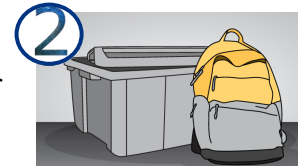


#### 1 Know the Hazards

Understand the hazards that can cause an emergency or disaster.

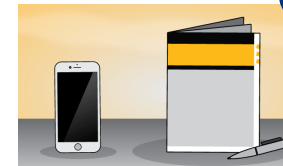
#### Gather Supplies

Have an emergency kit or grab bag ready to go with your emergency supplies so you are ready when disaster strikes.



#### 2 Make a Plan!

A plan prepared can help guide how you and your family will respond in times of an emergency, keep focused & stay safe.



### VISIT PREPARED BC

online for more tips & resources on how to prepare for an emergency or visit [porthardy.ca](http://porthardy.ca) for local emergency response information.

Use your smartphone camera to load the Emergency Resources at your fingertips and sign up for emergency alerts!



FOLLOW US

**BROWN BAG LUNCH**

Next event is  
**April 28 by ZOOM**  
 Subscribe at [porthardy.ca](http://porthardy.ca) to be notified of upcoming events.

Stage 1 Water Restrictions begin MAY 1!



**District of Port Hardy**  
**WATER CONSERVATION LEVEL**

250-949-6665

## Spring Clean Up Week

Tuesday to Saturday, April 13-17, 11am-4pm  
 Free Drop off at Fox's Disposal Tacan Site  
 5990 Steel Rd

**NO** Styrofoam, fluorescent tube lights, hot tubs, tires, chemicals, drywall, contractors or commercial waste.

### ACCEPTING

- Furniture (wooden or fabric-covered wood)
- Residential wood waste
- Washers, dryers, stoves & dishwashers
- Carpets, Rugs and Mattresses
- Scrap Metal, Barbecues
- Toys, Bicycles, Child Car Seats, Strollers
- Batteries
- TV & Computer Monitors to be placed in designated bins
- EMPTY propane tanks with valves removed



**PLEASE NOTE PHYSICAL DISTANCING WILL APPLY**  
**2 VEHICLE LIMIT IN THE YARD AT A TIME PLEASE**  
**RESPECT ALL STAFF AND COVID-19 SIGNAGE**

### FREE PICK UP AT THE CURB

For seniors & people with disabilities provided by the Return-It Centre:

Thursday, April 15 & Friday, April 16 · 9am to 3pm.  
 Please call ahead to arrange for pickup.  
 Contact Rod 250-949-1668.

If items left at curbside are **not** sorted or are **not** on the list above they will not be picked up.

Subscribe & receive  
 Port Hardy Recreation's  
**NEW** online newsletter!

Learn more about  
 our **AWESOME**  
 programming!

**Port Hardy Recreation**



<https://porthardy.ca/community/recreation/recreation-centre-newsletter/>

**Congratulations**  
**Bear Smart Week**  
**Scavenger Hunt Winners!**



1. Terra McGhee
2. Nathalie Dugas
3. Kilynn Wilson
4. Brooke Mercer



***What you do matters!***

**Remove your attractants to prevent human-wildlife conflicts.**



Outdoor feeding of pets



Pick ripe or fallen fruit & berries



Other food waste (BBQs & grills)



Unsecured garbage or compost



bird feeders



Outdoor fridges and freezers

**Report any wildlife encounters to the Conservation Officer.**

**RAPP**  
**Report All Poachers and Polluters**

**24 Hr Hotline:**  
**1-877-952-RAPP**

Cellular Dial: #7277  
 (on Telus Network)



[rapp.bc.ca](http://rapp.bc.ca)

**Business licences for 2021 are due.**  
 Fees can be remitted at the Municipal Hall.

**Opening a new business?**  
 Business licence applications are available at [porthardy.ca](http://porthardy.ca) or at the Municipal Hall.

**Not operating this year?**  
 Let us know! Email [reception@porthardy.ca](mailto:reception@porthardy.ca).

