

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 8-14, 2023

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14. Learn about the simple but important things you can do to keep yourself and those around you safe from fire.

FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE.

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

ACTION #1

Make the first Saturday of each month "Smoke Alarm Saturday"!



**CHECK ME REGULARLY
TO MAKE SURE I WORK!**

A working smoke alarm will clue you in that there is a fire and you need to escape. Fire moves fast. You and your family could have only minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.



ACTION #2 Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year!

A home fire escape plan will make sure everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds so they can get out safely.

REMEMBER: When You Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!
Get out and stay out. Call 9-1-1 from your outside meeting place.



VOLUNTEER WITH PORT HARDY FIRE RESCUE!



Firefighting is one of the most diverse and challenging professions. Responding to a wide range of emergency situations from protecting people, property, and the environment, firefighters take on some of the hardest, yet most rewarding jobs there are. From structure fires and wildfires to public education on fire prevention, becoming a member of Port Hardy Fire Rescue will become one of the most rewarding things you will do.

Learn more about what's involved in becoming a volunteer firefighter with Port Hardy Fire Rescue, visit Port Hardy Fire Rescue online or email Chief Borg, at firechief@porthardy.ca.



"Firefighting is a challenging but fulfilling career that requires dedication, skill, and a strong commitment to public service."

Port Hardy Fire Rescue

OPEN HOUSE AND RECRUITMENT DRIVE



✓ Saturday, October 14th, 2023
✓ 11am to 3pm
✓ 8890 Central Street, Port Hardy



To our valuable members of Port Hardy Fire Rescue and their families, thank you for your dedication and commitment to the delivery of fire protective services to Port Hardy. We appreciate all that you do to keep our community safe in times of need!

From Council & staff at the District.



CONNECT WITH COUNCIL!

View the 2023 Council & Committee meeting schedule on our online meeting portal. Subscribe to receive meeting agendas straight to your inbox, watch meetings LIVE, view minutes or watch recordings of past meetings.

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



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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Dennis Dugas, Fred Robertson,
Treena Smith, Brian Texmo, and
John Tidbury

DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Janet Dorward
July 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS- 7 PM
2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS OF EVERY
MONTH

October 10 & 24
November 14 & 28
December 12



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Weekly garbage pick up ENDS Friday, October 28!
Collection will return to bi-weekly, alternating garbage
and recycling pick up as of Monday, October 30.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	31	1	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		



Detailed Garbage & Recycling calendar available online at
porthardy.ca



Fall Back 1 Hour, 2 A.M. Sunday, November 5

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

The District of Port Hardy is gearing up for its 2024-2028 financial planning year and is introducing a game-changing tool called Citizen Budget eDemocracy.



This platform allows residents to actively participate in shaping the budget by adjusting spending levels in different categories and seeing the impact on tax rates. The District Council encourages community involvement and values residents' input to create a budget that reflects their needs and aspirations. Residents are urged to join the Citizen Budget platform to have their voices heard and contribute to a budget they can be proud of.



The Great
British Columbia

Shake Out

October 19th
10:19 am



The Kwakiutl First Nation will be testing their emergency warning system Thursday, October 19 at 10:19 AM. Expect audible sirens if in the vicinity of Storey's Beach or Beaver Harbour Park

As of noon (12 PM) Wednesday, September 27 the ban on campfires was lifted for the region. Category A & B open fires are now also permitted, however are by permit only. This includes backyard brush burns. Obtain a burn permit from the Municipal Hall **BEFORE** you burn.



The likelihood of power outages and other weather-related emergencies increases with stormy weather. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead with emergency supplies, a grab and go bag and an emergency plan. Be ready before the storm hits.

Information related to emergency events such as status updates and resources are shared with the public through a variety of platforms, this includes:

- Port Hardy Emergency Alert System
- Port Hardy Emergency on social media
- District of Port Hardy website & social media.

Subscribe to our Emergency Alert System to receive notifications and follow Port Hardy Emergency online to stay informed during an emergency event.



FOLLOW US

See an issue on North Island Highways?

REPORT IT!

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24 HR HOTLINE

HEAVY RAIN

DriveBC

www.drivebc.ca

The Great British Columbia ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practise how to be safer during big earthquakes: "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Participate by running a practice, drill, reviewing your emergency preparedness plans and supplies, and secure your space so you can be ready for "the big one".



2023 PROPERTY TAXES & HOMEOWNER GRANT

Current year property taxes were due July 4, 2023. A 10% penalty has been applied to outstanding balances.

HOMEOWNER GRANT

Eligible homeowners should have claimed the 2023 Homeowner Grant on or before July 4. A penalty has been applied to the unclaimed grant portion of outstanding property taxes. The LAST day to claim the grant for the current year is December 31, 2023.

RETROACTIVE HOMEOWNER GRANT

Didn't claim your grant in 2022? Claim before December 31, 2023.

CLAIM THE GRANT

- Phone: 1.888.355.2700
- Online: gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant
- In-person: Port Hardy Service BC location (8785 Gray St.)

Fall 2023 Recreation Guide Now Available!

Port Hardy Recreation has kicked off the fall season with a schedule packed with programming and events. From ice time to art classes and more, including the return Winter Wonderland (one of our favourite community events!) there is something for everyone. Check out the guide online to sign up today!



HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY



Calling all witches, goblins, ghouls and more! Join Port Hardy Recreation on Saturday, October 28th for a fun-time filled with tricks, treats, games & prizes. Register online at porthardy.ca, registration fee applies.



ARENA PROGRAMS



Get ready to sharpen your skates & fine-tune your technique on the ice! Prime your skating skills through a range of programming including lessons, family and public skates, and more.

WINTER WONDERLAND & NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Everyone is invited to join in the fun with TWO FREE On Ice events! Winter Wonderland returns to the ice December 17th with our favourite winter-themed activities including an indoor sledding hill! Count down to the new year on December 31st with our New Year's Eve Party!



Thank you to our generous sponsors of the Winter Wonderland & New Year's Eve Party!