

Greetings From Mayor Corbett-Labatt

Happy New Year! In my inaugural year as Mayor, every moment has been a whirlwind of activity. I find myself filled with gratitude and profound honour for the privilege of serving the incredible community of Port Hardy. We are truly fortunate to call Kwakiutl territory our home. Alongside this incredible privilege, we bear the gracious responsibility to care for one another and the bountiful land that generously nurtures us. We have a hard-working Council, staff, contractors, and volunteers committed to our community, and we are all striving to make Port Hardy as great as possible (all while staying within budget).

This past year has been consumed with many meetings, presentations, and letters dedicated to advancing solutions for our community's many challenges. At all our advocacy meetings, we stress that although we are a small community, we have big city issues without a big city tax base. Our advocacy efforts have extended to healthcare, childcare, mental health, BC Ferries, cell phone service, highways, water, housing, poverty, addictions, and more.


A few of this past year's accomplishments include:

- Funding and starting a Situation Table with our community partners.
- Operational Department Review and Reorganization to improve and strengthen the District's staff and Operations
- Economic Development Digital Business Enhancement Program
- CAMA Award of Excellence for our Strategic Plan
- BC Municipal Safety Association City of Excellence Education Award
- 1st annual Volunteer Appreciation event
- Community recreation department events

I encourage you to engage with the goings on at the District - watch Council meetings on the District of Port Hardy YouTube Channel, ask questions and participate in any engagement! You can always email me directly at pcorbett-labatt@porthardy.ca; if you'd rather chat, call 250.949.6665 ext 502 and remember, you can always check <https://porthardy.ca> for news and info anytime.

Gov. Gen. Mary Simon has asked Canadians to '**commit ourselves to action and to kindness, no matter how daunting the situation may be**' for 2024. I will commit to this in 2024 and urge you to do so, too. On behalf of the Council, I wish everyone a safe, wonderful and prosperous 2024.

Council and staff would like to recognize the following staff members for their years of service with the District:

 Susan Bjarnason - 25 Years
Justin Reusch - 20 Years
Carson Cesaretti - 5 Years
Chad Moore-Labatt - 5 Years

Thank you for all you do for our community!

Welcome

Jason Jacinto,
Director of Operational
Services to our team here at the District of
Port Hardy!

What I am looking forward to in 2024:

- The pool finally being open and not leaking!
- Completed and updated Official Community Plan
- Fire Department Strategic Workplan
- More projects to benefit our community being started and completed promptly
- Fingers crossed that our hospital ER will be open 24/7 by the spring.
- Strengthening our community partner relationships
- Looking for more opportunities for collaboration

CONNECT WITH COUNCIL!

Stay informed with what is on the go at the Municipal Hall and in the community! Subscribe to receive agendas straight to your inbox, stream meetings LIVE, view minutes or catch a past Regular Council meeting on our YouTube Channel.

Join Council from
the comfort of
home!



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

Here's
TO A
New Year



DISTRICT OF
PORT HARDY



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt
Councillors: Janet Dorward, Dennis
Dugas, Fred Robertson, Treena
Smith, Brian Texmo, John Tidbury

DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Janet Dorward
JULY 1, 2023 - FEBRUARY 29, 2024

2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Regular Council Meetings - 7:00 PM
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month

SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

January 9 & 23

February 13 & 27

March 12 & 26

April 9 & 23

May 14 & 28

June 11 & 25

July 9

August 13

September 10 & 24

October 15 & 29

November 12 & 26

December 10



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2024 Garbage & Recycling Calendar



The 2024 Garbage & Recycling Calendar for residential curbside collection is now available. Weekly garbage pickup will start the week of May 6 through to October 25, 2024.

Property Assessment/Review Process



2024 property assessments are now available. A property's assessment value is set by the BC Assessment Authority and is based on the market value as of July 1 of the previous year. If you have questions or concerns regarding your property's assessed value here are some first steps:

1. Review all the details on your Assessment Notice issued by BC Assessment.
2. Discuss any questions or concerns you may have with the local assessment office, call 1-866 valueBC (1-866-825-8322).
3. Request a formal review *IN WRITING* by filing a written notice of complaint with the assessor by 11:59 pm PST, JANUARY 31.

Visit BC Assessment online at www.bcasessment.ca

2023 Property Taxes, Utilities & Homeowner Grants



Outstanding property taxes & utilities as of December 31, 2023 have now been transferred to arrears taxes and are accruing **DAILY INTEREST**. Payments can be made through online banking, by cheque, cash or debit at the Municipal Hall.

Eligible homeowners should have claimed their 2023 Homeowner Grant on or before July 4th. A penalty has now been applied to the unclaimed grant portion of outstanding property taxes. **The LAST DAY to claim the grant for the 2023 is December 31, 2024. Eligible homeowners must claim the grant every year!**

1-888-355-2700

www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

Port Hardy Service BC (8785 Gray St.)

2024 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL

Remit payment by January 31, 2024
New business?

Business license applications are available online or at the Municipal Office.

No longer in business? Let us know!

Email reception@porthardy.ca to update your business information.



2024 WINTER RECREATION GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE!

Stay fit all winter long with Port Hardy Recreation. Offering a range of on & off ice programming, community events and more. Port Hardy Recreation is ready to help you stay active and have fun this winter.

Inspired to try something new in 2024? Try swordplay with instructor Aaron Lamontagne. Kids, youth, adult and couples classes available!

Funded by Neighbourhood Small Grant North Island-Mt. Waddington and the Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society, participants of the Hoop It Up program will gain basketball skills, strategy and experience through 3-3 play.

For more information or to register for Hoop-it-Up, Swordplay, and other programs and events, view the Winter Guide at porthardy.ca online, email recreation@porthardy.ca or call (250)-949-6686.

To all the sponsors of the 2023/2024 Holiday Recreation Programming

Thank You

Port Hardy Lions Club
Keltic/Pacific Seafoods
DB Perks
NI Eagles
Wild Coast Yoga
PH Minor Hockey
Aries Security
Stepping Stones Daycare
VIN Teachers Association
Nahwitti River Construction

Fox's Disposal
Stryker Electronics
BOS Marine
Hardy Bay Drugstore
PH Bulldozing
Grier & Esau
CUPE 401
Scarlet Point Seafoods
Port Hardy RV Resort
N.I. Crisis & Counselling
Teera Noel, RMT

2024 DOG TAGS are now available for purchase at the District office or Port Hardy animal shelter. Here's why we recommend getting a tag for your pet:

- Licensing using a tag is a quick, efficient way to reunite lost dogs with their owner.
- The cost to license a dog is nominal if the dog is spayed or neutered, more if not.
- Non-licensed dogs = **DOUBLE** the fines.
- Temporary tags are available for dogs 8 months and younger at no charge.

For more information on Animal Control services call (250)-949-6113 or visit porthardy.ca.

Each month Service Canada offers in-person support for programs including Employment Insurance, Social Insurance, and CPP.

SERVICE CANADA

8785 Gray Street
9 am-4:30 pm | 2nd Thursday
9 am-12 pm | 2nd Friday



SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS REGULATIONS



Looking to operate a Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR), also referred to as an Air B&B, in Port Hardy? Operators of a STVR must ensure compliance with all zoning, use, building, health, licensing and any other requirements, including a business licence, prior to operating. Get informed before opening your STVR, visit us online at porthardy.ca, call (250)-949-6665 or scan the QR code.



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

While the weather has been relatively mild thus far, the District's winter road maintenance crews are ready to jump into action at a moment's notice. Sometimes it can be a big job, and the little things count. Here are some reminders about what you can do to help!

DON'T PARK ON THE ROAD

Avoiding parking on the road or sidewalks. A vehicle, RV or trailer parked on a street interferes with sanding and/or snow removal operations. Violators risk being towed or fined.

KEEP THE SIDEWALK CLEAR OF ICE & SNOW

Remove ice or snow from sidewalks or footpaths bordering commercial and residential properties by 10 AM. Do not shovel snow from driveways or walkways onto the street. Please do not flag down operators as this slows maintenance efforts.

OUR CREW IS SMALL BUT MIGHTY!

Crews work hard to diligently tend to the roads and streets as quickly as possible following a weather event. Expect delays after a flash freeze or snowfall event and plan for extra travel time. First priority is arterial roads and emergency routes followed by secondary routes, including residential roads, one-way and dead end streets, and sidewalks.

QUESTIONS?

Call (250)-949-7779 or email pw@porthardy.ca.

Have an operational emergency? Call (250)-949-7505.

See an issue on North Island Highways?

REPORT IT!

1-877-215-7122

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