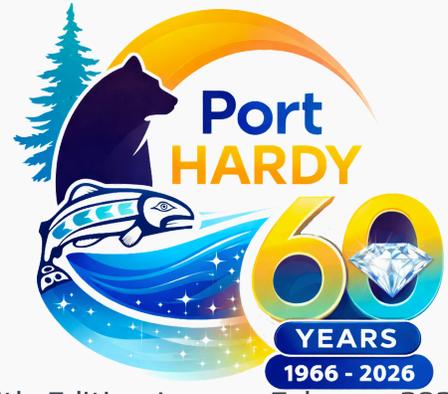


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Highlights from the Council Chamber

January 13, 2026

Affordable Epinephrine Advocacy:

Council approved a resolution for submission to the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, urging the Province of British Columbia to implement a program that provides epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens) at a nominal cost to residents, thereby reducing financial barriers to this life-saving medication.

Community Grant Support – Wounded Warrior Run:

Council endorsed early approval of a \$1,000 donation to the 2026 Wounded Warrior Run BC, to be funded from the 2026 Grant-in-Aid budget.

Council Committee Reinstatement:

Council reinstated the Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Committee and the Operational Services Committee, to be held once per month on a rotating schedule between 5:15 pm and 6:30 pm, with three Council members appointed to each committee.

January 27, 2026

User Rates and Fees Bylaw:

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1187-2026 – User Rates and Fees for 2026, advancing the bylaw for implementation.

Capital Asset Policy Approved:

Council approved Policy CP 2.26 – Tangible Capital Assets, establishing formal guidance for the management and accounting of the District's capital assets.

Council & Committee Appointments:

Council approved the 2026 internal Council committee and external committee appointments, confirming Council representation on boards and committees for the year.



Development Permit Amendment – Market Street:
Council approved an amendment to Development Permit 01-2025 to allow two fascia signs on the south elevation of the North Shore Inn located at 7370 Market Street.

IN THIS EDITION

-  60th Birthday Celebration
-  Youth Art Contest
-  Historic Photo Submissions
-  Strategic Plan Update
-  Municipal Elections
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-  What Does Your Government Do?

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2026 Proclamations Approved:

Council approved the 2026 Proclamations Listing, authorizing the official proclamations to be recognized throughout the year.

Proclamations:

- RCMP Appreciation Day | February 1, 2026
- Heritage Week | February 16–22, 2026
- Bear Smart Week | March 22–28, 2026
- Pitch In | April
- April 28 Day of Mourning | April 28, 2026
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day | May 5, 2026
- Moose Hide Campaign Day | May 15, 2026
- National Public Works Week | May 17–23, 2026
- Missing Children Day | May 25, 2026
- Seniors Week | June 1–7, 2026
- Pride Port Hardy | June 27, 2026
- Parks and Recreation Month | June 2026
- Waste Reduction Week | October 18–24, 2026
- Metis Month | November

Early Capital Budget Approval:

Council approved \$622,000 in early funding from the 2026 capital budget to move forward with priority infrastructure and equipment projects, including:

- Bucket truck (\$200,000)
- John Deere mower (\$85,000)
- Quatse River Bridge and mainline valve (\$252,000)
- Crane assessment (\$10,000)
- Office modular (\$60,000)

February 24

Proclamations Policy Updated:

Council approved Policy CP1.2 – Proclamations, as amended, updating how official proclamations are issued by the District.

Your District.

Your Services. Your Dashboard

Need to report an issue? Pay a bill?
Check garbage day? Catch the latest events or emergency updates?



We've made it easy — everything Port Hardy, all in one place.
Scan and stay connected with your community.

FOLLOW



Helpful tip: once you scan the code, save the website to your home screen and never have to search for info again!

Support for Farmers' Market Nutrition Program:

Council directed staff to send a letter of support to the BC Minister of Health endorsing the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, supporting food security and local food access.

Tri-Port Pride Event Approved:

Council approved a flag raising and community event in Carrot Park hosted by the Tri-Port Pride Society.

Graduation Banners Approved:

Council approved the installation of 2026 graduation banners along Market Street, celebrating local graduating students.

Grant-in-Aid Donation – HBL Championship Team:

Council approved a donation of an annual parking pass to the Port Hardy Harbour Authority for use as a silent auction item supporting the HBL Bowling League's participation in the 2026 Vancouver Island Championships, funded through the 2026 Grant-in-Aid budget.

Support for the Kwakiutl Composting Project:

Council approved issuing a letter of support for the Kwakiutl Composting Business Development project, supporting regional sustainability and economic development.

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Firefighter Response Policy Approved:
Council approved Policy CP6.17 – Employees Responding as Firefighters, clarifying expectations and procedures for staff who also serve as firefighters.

Development Variance – Carnarvon Road:
Council approved Development Variance Permit 01-2026 (9445 Carnarvon Rd.), allowing a reduced front setback to permit construction of a ground-level covered deck, and authorized the CAO to execute the permit.

Development Variance – Market Street:
Council approved Development Variance Permit 02-2026 (7370 Market St.), allowing a reduced front setback to permit construction of a covered patio, and authorized the CAO to execute the permit.

Five-Year Financial Plan Advanced:
Council gave first, second, and third readings to Bylaw No. 1188-2026 – Financial Plan for 2026–2030, advancing the District’s long-term financial planning framework.



FINANCIAL plan



2026-2030 Presentation

March 10, 2026 @ 6:15 pm
Committee of the Whole
Meeting

Municipal Hall
7360 Columbia Street
Join us online by
visiting our Meeting
Portal



Coffee with the Mayor



*Engage
with
Council!*

*Share ideas.
Have a
conversation.
Stay informed.*

NEXT DATES!

March 13, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
April 9, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
May 7, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Municipal Hall Council Chambers
7360 Columbia St. Port Hardy
general@porthardy.ca 250-949-6665



Thank you for all you do!

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Progress in Action for Port Hardy

As Council enters the final year of its 2023–2026 Strategic Plan, we are proud to share the progress made over the past three years. Through strong partnerships, focused advocacy, and responsible financial management, Port Hardy continues to grow as a livable, resilient, and connected community.

Housing & Community Well-Being

Housing has remained a top priority. Council dedicated land for culturally supportive housing, seniors housing, and BC Housing initiatives. A Housing Needs Assessment was completed, and a Development Guide was created to help builders navigate zoning and permit processes more easily.

Community well-being efforts included strengthening the Situation Table and the Integrated Community Safety Forum, installing sharps disposal units, providing naloxone training, and successfully advocating for increased RCMP staffing and healthcare improvements.

Recreation & Community Vibrancy

Recreation upgrades and expanded programming have increased opportunities for residents of all ages.

Highlights include:

- Pool upgrades and skatepark rehabilitation
- Dog park creation
- Enhanced and low-cost recreation programs
- Active transportation improvements on Granville and Columbia

Community events continue to thrive through the Street Market, Farmer's Market enhancements, Filomi Days, and many other celebrations that bring residents together.

Economic Development & Downtown

The Digital Business Enhancement Program supported 25 local businesses and has transitioned to Community Futures to ensure ongoing support. Downtown revitalization efforts, Visitor Centre improvements, and successful street markets are helping create a more vibrant core.

Significant private development has also taken place, strengthening Port Hardy's economic base and reducing vacant commercial space.

Environmental Leadership

Council has made strong progress toward sustainability goals, including:

- Construction of a new water reservoir
- Heat pump upgrades in municipal buildings
- Hybrid and electric fleet vehicles
- LED streetlight conversions
- Water conservation initiatives

Work continues on reducing illegal dumping and updating infrastructure master plans.

Advocacy & Funding Success

Council has actively advocated at UBCM conventions to advance healthcare, public safety, infrastructure, and economic development priorities for the North Island.

Over the past three years, the District secured approximately \$5.7 million in grant funding, supporting major projects including the reservoir, pool, skatepark, active transportation, emergency preparedness, and housing planning.

Find out more about the progress and next steps by scanning the code or visiting www.porthardy.ca



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Port Hardy Turns 60 – Diamond Anniversary Celebration

This year, the District of Port Hardy proudly celebrates 60 years since its incorporation as a municipality. This Diamond Anniversary is more than a birthday—it's a chance to honour the people, stories, creativity, and history that have shaped our community, while recognizing that our history reaches far beyond 60 years.

Territorial Acknowledgement

The District of Port Hardy acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl People, and our neighbouring Kwakwaka'wakw Nations, including the Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'xw, Quatsino, and Tlatlasikwala Nations, who have lived on and stewarded these lands and waters since time immemorial. 'G̱ilakas'la

What have we got planned?

Event Coordination

Now – March

We are working to secure an event coordinator to support planning and delivery of anniversary activities throughout the year.

Community Storytelling Project: Our Port Hardy

March – September

Community members are invited to share a photo and a short story capturing a memory of Port Hardy—past or present. These stories may reflect post-incorporation life as well as pre-incorporation history, helping us learn more about the place we call home.

Selected submissions will be featured in a visual art display to be shared with the community (details included in this newsletter)

Youth Art Contest

March – April

Local youth will be invited to express their creativity through an art contest celebrating Port Hardy's past, present, and future. (Details in this newsletter)

Spring Festival Birthday Launch

April 18

Spring Festival for families, fun and games

60th Birthday Community Event

May – Incorporation Day

We anticipate hosting a community celebration this spring to mark Port Hardy's official 60th birthday. Stay tuned for event details.

Celebrating in the Community

Summertime – Fall

You'll find us out and about all season long, including:

- Summer Evening Street Markets (dates coming soon)
 - Featuring a fun mocktail bar celebrating the Diamond Anniversary
- Filomi Days & Fall Fair
 - Diamond Anniversary booth with games, activities, and swag

Why We're Celebrating

This anniversary is about community participation, shared history, and looking ahead. Whether you've lived here for generations or just arrived, your story matters.

🌟 Port Hardy is turning 60—but our story is much older and far richer. 🌟

Join us as we celebrate, reflect, and honour the many voices that make Port Hardy home.

👉 Stay tuned for updates, event details, and ways to get involved as we celebrate throughout the year.

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Photographic Story Submission

Honouring Our Past Through Your Lens

As we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Port Hardy's Incorporation, we invite current and former North Islanders to help us honour our shared history through photographs.

Do you have a photo that captures a meaningful moment in Port Hardy's story? We want to see it!

Selected submissions will be showcased as part of the Port Hardy Timeline Project, highlighting the people, places, and events that have shaped our community.

How to Participate

Submit:

1. One high-quality photograph (digital format preferred)
2. A short written story to accompany your photo

Your Submission Must

- ✓ A clear, clean image (no heavy filters, damage, or obstructions)
- ✓ What is happening in the
- ✓ Who is in the photo (please identify individuals if
- ✓ The year the photo was taken (approximate year is acceptable if exact date
- ✓ A brief description (2-5 sentences) explaining why this moment is significant to Port Hardy's history

Important Notes

- Submissions must relate directly to the geographic area of Port Hardy. Photographs may represent any time period (including beyond the past 60 years)
- Photos may depict community events, local businesses, landscapes, milestones, cultural moments, or everyday life from years past.
- By submitting, you grant permission for the District of Port Hardy to use the image for the Timeline Project and related anniversary promotions (credit will be provided where possible).



- Depending on the number of submissions and/or duplication of similar content, not all submissions may be selected for display.
- The selection committee's decisions will be final.

 **Submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis from now until September; early submissions will be featured in upcoming events. We encourage you to send early. Multiple submissions accepted!**

SHARE YOUR PORT HARDY STORY

Help Us Celebrate 60 Years!

We're collecting historic photos and stories for the Port Hardy Timeline Project.

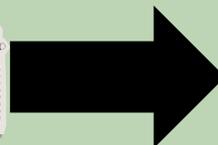
Do you have a photo from years past?

A moment that captures our community's history?

A story that deserves to be remembered?

We want to see it!

Selected submissions may be featured as part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations.



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Youth Commemorative Button Contest

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Port Hardy's Incorporation, we're inviting local youth to help us mark this milestone in a creative way!

We are looking for original artwork that can be featured on a commemorative button to be worn throughout the 60th Anniversary year.

Show us how YOU see Port Hardy.

What makes our community special? Is it the ocean, the forests, wildlife, history, culture, people, or community spirit?

We want to see Port Hardy through your eyes.

Who Can Enter?

Youth artists will be grouped into age categories:

- Ages 5-8
- Ages 9-12
- Ages 13-18

There will be prizes awarded in each category. One or more designs per category may be selected to be turned into commemorative buttons.

Artwork Requirements

We are seeking original, handmade artwork, including:

- Hand-drawn illustrations
- Painted artwork
- Pencil or ink drawings
- Marker or crayon artwork
- Watercolour or acrylic paintings
- Mixed media creations
- Digital artwork (original designs only)



Design Tips:

- Keep your design bold and simple (buttons are small!)
- Use strong lines and clear images
- Avoid tiny details that may not show clearly when resized
- Artwork must be appropriate for all ages

Submission Guidelines

Your submission must include:

- Artist's full name
- Age category
- Parent/Guardian contact information
- Title of artwork (if applicable)
- A short sentence or two explaining your design

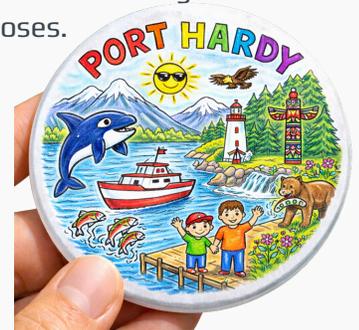
Artwork must be original and created by the submitting youth.

By submitting artwork, you grant permission for the District of Port Hardy to reproduce the design for anniversary promotional purposes.

Submission

Deadline

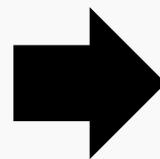
May 1, 2026



Late submissions will not be accepted.

How to Submit

Upload your artwork using the QR Code



(Digital uploads should be clear, high-resolution photos or scanned images.)

Let your creativity shine and help us celebrate 60 years of Port Hardy!

We can't wait to see how you see Port Hardy.

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Port Hardy–Numata Twin City Exchange: Japan Awaits!

Port Hardy is excited to announce the next chapter of our long-standing Twin City relationship with Numata, Hokkaido, Japan—and this time, it's our turn to visit Japan.

This exchange builds on decades of friendship and cultural connection between our two communities. Over the years, students and families from both cities have shared experiences that promote learning, understanding, and lifelong connections.

We are currently seeking primarily high school-aged students (adults are welcome too) to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Participants will spend one week in Japan, living with a host family in Numata. While airfare to and from Japan and a few hotel stays will be required, there are no out-of-pocket costs during the homestay, as students will be fully billeted and experience daily life like a local.

This is an incredible opportunity for students to explore Japanese culture, represent Port Hardy, and build global friendships.

To learn more about Numata Town in Hokkaido, Japan, visit their official website and explore what makes this community so special.

Interested? Let us know- Email general@porthardy.ca to get on our mailing list or call Heather at 250-949-6665 to find out more.

Numata Hospitality is truly AMAZING!

From the moment we're picked up in Sapporo, the adventure never stops. While you're not exploring Tokyo, you're immersed in a welcoming community of a similar size to Port Hardy.

Despite its small size, Numata offers an incredible range of experiences packed into each day. From attending the spectacular Yokotan Andon Festival — which draws more than 30,000 visitors from across Japan to this small community — to exploring local museums, visiting the Sea of Japan, and touring nearby towns and countryside, there is always something memorable to discover.

The hospitality, energy, and pride of the community make every moment unforgettable.



Port Hardy–Numata August 19-25, 2026!



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Get Ready to Vote! October 17 **Local General Election Is Coming!** 🍁

Mark your calendars! On October 17, communities across British Columbia will head to the polls for the Local General Election — and this is your chance to help shape the future of our community.

Whether you're a seasoned voter or casting a ballot for the very first time, we're here to dispel myths, share the facts, and get you connected to the local election process. Let's break it down in a fun and simple way!

What Are We Voting For?

In a Local General Election in BC, voters choose:

- Mayor
- Councillors
- School Trustees
- Regional District Directors

These are the people who make important decisions about your day-to-day life right here at home.

This isn't federal.

This isn't provincial.

This is local — and local decisions affect you more than you might think!

What Does Local Government Actually Do?

Think of local government as the team that keeps your community running smoothly every single day.

They are responsible for things like:

- ✓ Roads and sidewalks
- ✓ Parks and recreation
- ✓ Water and sewer services
- ✓ Garbage collection
- ✓ Fire protection
- ✓ Community planning and development
- ✓ Recreation and cultural facilities
- ✓ Bylaws (like noise, pets, parking, and zoning)
- ✓ Local emergency planning

If you've ever driven on a paved road, played in a park, attended a local event, or turned on your tap — that's local government at work!

What Does the Mayor Do?

The Mayor is the head of Council and serves as the community's official spokesperson.

The Mayor:

- Chairs Council meetings
- Helps set priorities and provide leadership
- Represents the community at regional and provincial meetings
- Works closely with Council and staff
- Helps build partnerships

Important myth-buster:

- The Mayor does not run the City alone.

In BC, the Mayor is one vote on Council, just like every other Councillor.

What Do Councillors Do?

Councillors are elected to work as part of a team to:

- Set community priorities
- Approve budgets
- Pass bylaws and policies
- Make decisions about development and land use
- Represent residents' concerns

Council decisions are made collectively, usually by majority vote. It's teamwork in action!

Who Runs the Day-to-Day Operations?

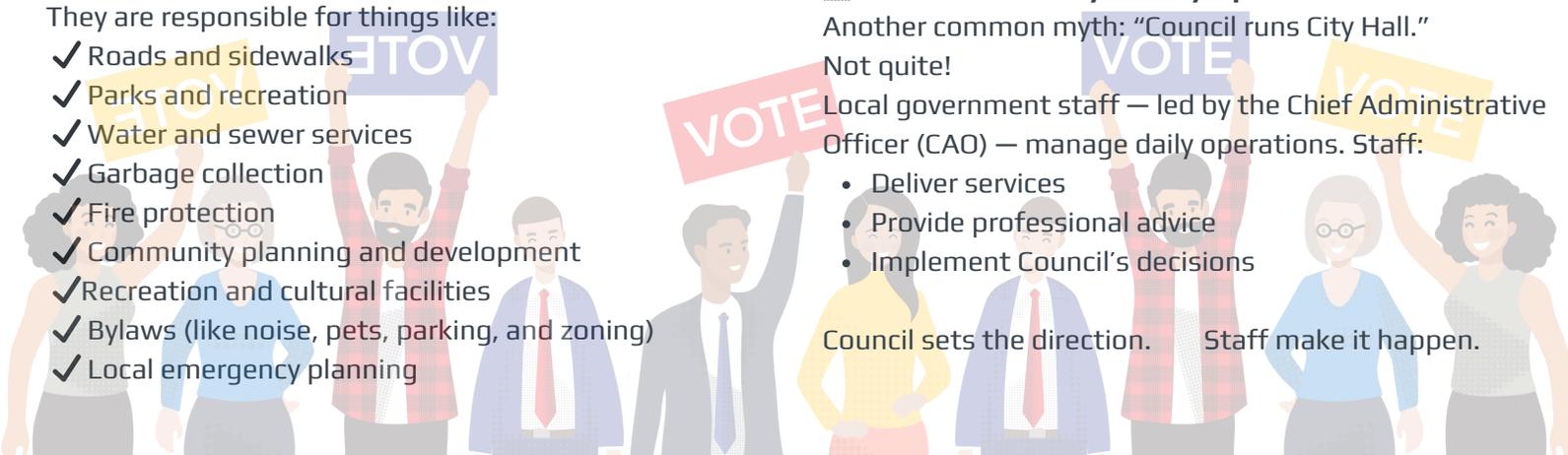
Another common myth: "Council runs City Hall."

Not quite!

Local government staff — led by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) — manage daily operations. Staff:

- Deliver services
- Provide professional advice
- Implement Council's decisions

Council sets the direction. Staff make it happen.



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Recreational Services Update November/December

The final months of 2025 were filled with energy, creativity, and community connection across Port Hardy's Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture programs.

In November, work began behind the scenes with a scheduled pool maintenance shutdown from late October to mid-November. During this time, staff stayed productive by deep-cleaning the facility, offering Chair Fit classes, supporting school skate lessons, completing training, and preparing for a busy winter season. The arena came alive as skate lessons ramped up, welcoming families and children eager to build skills and confidence on the ice. Skate patrollers and staff played a key role in creating a fun, safe, and supportive environment for young skaters.

The popular After School Club experienced its busiest year yet, made possible by funding from the BC Alliance for Healthy Living's Active Play Club grant. The program was offered free of charge and focused on unstructured play, creativity, physical activity, and healthy snacks for participants.

November also featured Nerf on Ice – Zombies Edition, transforming the arena into a fog-filled, high-energy play space. Two events welcomed youth for an evening of laughter and friendly competition, including one free event made possible through community partnerships supporting local teens.

Throughout the month, community members shared positive feedback, highlighting friendly staff, inclusive programming, free and affordable activities, and recreation opportunities for all ages.



In December, the Recreation Centre embraced the holiday season with festive decorations, Christmas-sponsored swims and skates, and the launch of the Winter Program Guide for January to March.

A major highlight was the Gift of Life Uplifting Celebration, a community-focused event offering a shared turkey meal, cultural presentations, resources from local organizations, ceremonies, and prize giveaways. The event provided meaningful support and connection during a challenging time of year.

The annual Winter Wonderland returned with both sensory-friendly and general public timeslots. New features, such as a snowman-making station, a sparkly skating tunnel, and photo props, added to the magic, while sponsors helped keep admission free and activities accessible for families.

Youth programming continued with a Youth Paint Night, giving participants a creative and welcoming space to connect.



The year wrapped up with a lively New Year's Eve Party, where families enjoyed shinny hockey, obstacle courses, bouncy castles, games, popcorn, and a massive balloon drop—ringing in the New Year early with fun for all ages.

Together, these months reflected the dedication of staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners in creating inclusive, welcoming, and memorable experiences that support wellbeing and connection across Port Hardy.

Recreation Programs



Events Calendar



2026

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

MAY
9TH



YOU'RE INVITED!

Calling youth & families of
Port Hardy and the surrounding area...

Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility—residents, businesses, and government all play a part in ensuring the community is ready. Celebrated the first full week of May, Port Hardy Emergency is celebrating Emergency Preparedness Week with an event to help people learn how to be prepared for an emergency of any kind. For 2026, Port Hardy youth and families are invited to join in helping raise community awareness about the importance of being prepared, before an emergency happens.

Help start the conversation, register for the 2026 Emergency Preparedness Fair!



**GRAND PRIZE
PIZZA + POOL
PARTY!**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TOPICS

- Building an Emergency Kit
- Making an Emergency Plan
- Hazards & Risks
- Hazard Zones & Evacuation Sites
- Information
- Preparedness on the Road
- Preparedness for Households & Neighbourhoods
- Preparedness for Businesses

BE CREATIVE! Visual displays such as poster boards and interactive demonstrations are welcome. Use the tools you need to share your topic (i.e. sample contents of an emergency Grab-and-Go kit, a step-by-step guide to how making a household emergency plan.

REGISTER BY MARCH 31ST

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- ✉ general@porthardy.ca
- 🌐 www.porthardy.ca

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Operational Services Update December/January

Over December and January, the Operations team was hard at work behind the scenes to keep essential services running smoothly and community spaces safe, functional, and well maintained.

Water and wastewater systems continued to operate reliably, with all required regulatory reporting completed on time. Crews responded quickly to equipment failures, repaired treatment systems following power outages, and completed multiple upgrades and maintenance tasks at water and wastewater facilities. Several Strategic Plan projects also moved forward, with contracts awarded and new equipment ordered to improve system reliability.

Public Works and Parks crews stayed busy throughout the winter months. Teams carried out snow removal, brining, and de-icing to keep roads, sidewalks, and trails safe. Regular playground inspections were completed, memorial benches along the Seawall were refurbished, storm drains and catch basins were cleaned, and road grading and spot repairs were completed in several neighbourhoods. Park maintenance included tree pruning, storm checks, and excess log removal at Beaver Harbour Park. Fleet vehicles also received routine servicing and inspections to ensure they remain safe and operational.

Building Maintenance addressed a wide range of repairs and improvements across municipal facilities. Work included fixing water line damage, installing new hot water tanks, repairing roof leaks, upgrading lighting, addressing vandalism-related damage, and completing electrical and safety system repairs at the Civic Centre, Visitor Centre, Library, Museum, and Animal Control building. Hazardous material testing was also completed, with all results returning clear.

Throughout the period, the Operations management focused on safety, staff support, and responsible financial management. Regular safety meetings, budget reviews, staff development activities, and coordination with Recreation and Fire departments ensured services remained aligned with organizational priorities. All work was completed within the approved 2026 operating budget.



REMINDER!

The maximum allowable size of a curbside garbage can is 120 L and it must not weigh more than 50 lbs.

Volumes exceeding the above may not be collected!



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Fire Department

Port Hardy Fire Rescue (PHFR) is reflecting on a year of strong service, community connection, and continued progress in training and operations. The Fire Department's year-end report highlights both the dedication of its members and the important role PHFR plays in keeping the community safe.

Serving the Community, Day and Night

In 2025, PHFR responded to 224 emergency calls, contributing more than 1,400 member hours at incidents throughout the year. During the final quarter alone, firefighters attended 58 calls, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to rapid and reliable emergency response.

While many calls involved false alarms, each response reinforces readiness and ensures crews are prepared when real emergencies occur. These calls also provide valuable opportunities for training and coordination among members.

A Strong and Dedicated Team

As of December 31, 2025, PHFR maintained a roster of 29 members. Over the course of the year, firefighters participated in 50 practice nights, 13 weekend hall duties, and 12 officer meetings, reflecting a strong culture of preparedness, leadership, and teamwork.

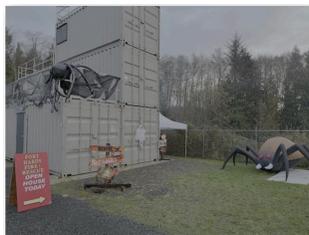
Significant progress was also made in professional development. Three modules of NFPA 1001 training were completed in 2025, with 25 members participating. The department anticipates completing the remaining modules by the end of 2026, further strengthening operational capacity and safety standards.

Connecting Beyond Emergency Response

PHFR continued to play an active role in community life throughout the year. In the fourth quarter, members proudly supported and hosted several local events, including:

- A Halloween Haunted Sea Can Experience
- Delivering Santa for the Festival of Lights
- Participation in the annual Santa Parade
- Santa visits at the mall for local families

These events reflect the department's commitment not only to emergency response, but also to building strong, positive relationships within the community it serves.



Looking Ahead to 2026

Work planned for early 2026 focuses on strengthening prevention, planning, and long-term sustainability. Upcoming priorities include:

- Developing a model pre-fire plan template
- Onboarding a FireSmart Coordinator
- Completing apparatus tracking in Asset Pool
- Conducting exit interviews with departing members
- Introducing 1:1 interviews and goal setting for firefighters
- Developing a 10-year maintenance plan for fire halls

These initiatives align with the Fire Department's 2026 Work Plan and are designed to improve safety, efficiency, and long-term resilience—without requiring additional funding beyond the approved budget.

Focused on Safety and the Future

Pre-fire planning remains a key priority, providing firefighters with critical information before emergencies occur. This proactive approach supports faster, safer responses while minimizing disruption to local businesses and residents.



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Check out our New Ice Resurfacer

We are excited to announce the arrival of our new Olympia electric ice resurfacer, delivered after being ordered in August 2024. This fully electric upgrade replaces our propane model, enhancing performance and sustainability. Once the electrical installation and charging station are complete, it will be ready for use in our busy arena, crucial for sports and public skating.

The resurfacer is vital for maintaining smooth ice, especially in a hockey-loving town like Port Hardy. Staff training is underway, and operators are eager to use the quieter and more efficient machine. This purchase was funded by the Community Forest Fund and Climate Action Funding from British Columbia, ensuring our facilities are sustainable and community-focused.

We look forward to providing high-quality ice and an exciting new chapter at the Port Hardy Rec Centre!



We've been hearing you loud and clear online...



"What about the Hot Tub and Sauna?????"

Great news — We have been working on that behind the scenes

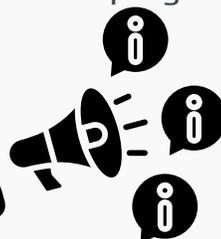
Council has included funding in the financial plan to replace the hot tub and the sauna. Contracts are now being finalized for the new hot tub, with completion planned for 2026.

As for the sauna, it will need to be fully rebuilt. Once the final hot tub costs are confirmed, we'll be able to move ahead with detailed planning for the new sauna.

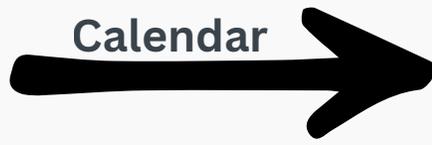
We know how important these amenities are to our community, and we're excited to share that progress is underway. Stay tuned for updates as things move forward!



Recreation Programs



Events Calendar



District Connection:

Your Municipality in Motion!



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Did You Know? Your Local Government Is Here for You!

Did you know that your local government, the District of Port Hardy, is the level of government closest to you? We're the ones you see every day working to keep our community running smoothly; maintaining roads and sidewalks, collecting garbage and recycling, providing clean water, supporting our parks and recreation programs, and helping plan for the future of Port Hardy.

But here's something many people don't realize: some of the questions we get most often about hospitals, crime, homelessness, or social support services aren't actually under local government control. Those are handled by the provincial or federal governments.

That doesn't mean your local Council stays silent! We advocate on your behalf to ensure your concerns are heard by decision-makers at other levels of government.

How Can You Get Involved?

Your voice matters!

If you have ideas or concerns about things like health care, housing, or public safety, reach out to:

- Your MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) **Anna Kindy** for provincial issues
Anna.Kindy.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Phone: 778-902-8544
- Your MP (Member of Parliament) **Aaron Gunn** for federal matters.
aaron.gunn@parl.gc.ca
Phone: 250-434-0300

Together, we can make sure every level of government hears what matters most to Port Hardy!

What do the different levels of government do?

Port Hardy Municipal Government	Mount Waddington Regional District	British Columbia Provincial Government	Canada Federal Government
Road, sidewalk & bridge maintenance	Solid waste management	Highways	Post Office
Utilities (garbage, recycling, water & wastewater)	Residential Services in electoral areas	Schools	Border services, immigration & citizenship
Fire services and bylaw enforcement	Regional parks and recreation	Provincial Courts	RCMP & military
Parks, recreation, arts & culture	911 operation	Health care	Correctional facilities & Supreme Court
Planning & development	Fire services	Environment	Firearms
Economic development	Regional tourism	Social services Mental health	Banking, trade & commerce
Property taxes (municipal portion)	Regional economic development	Housing	Foreign affairs & policy
		Property taxes (provincial portion)	Income taxes & employment insurance