



District of Port Edward

August 2024



District Update Clean, Neat & Green

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Mayor's Message

I hope this message finds you all well.

Summer is half over and we have seen a few changes to our staff at Port Edward. We have hired a new CFO, and a clerk receptionist, both of who started in July. I welcome these new people who bring a variety of new skills to our management team.

As we move through the rest of the summer, staff is planning for a busy fall, when we will be preparing a budget for 2025 and beyond. The budget for 2025 will be based on our asset management study which is being prepared by an engineering firm that has been engaged in this ongoing work since 2018. Asset management is key to assuring that our infrastructure is being maintained and upgraded to ensure that it meets the needs of our community. I will update the highlights when the report is presented to the Council.

We continue to focus public works on the seasonal jobs, boulevard. We have two seasonal summer students assisting with boulevard maintenance and other jobs around the townsite. These two positions will cease at the end of August. We currently have five full-time positions which focus on the water and sewage plant as well as other maintenance issues. Council only meets twice during July and August except for pressing issues that need to be dealt with between meeting dates.

The Ridley Island construction is still causing problems for residents. Besides the round the clock construction work, a major blasting issue surfaced July 19th when a bigger than expected blast shook the townsite. We appreciate the calls to our office and the Port of Prince Rupert. Your feedback is valuable in building our case with the Port. We have requested a meeting with senior levels of the Port to register our displeasure with the Port's inferior performance in notifying us of the aggressive blast of July 19th.

I hope the rest of summer is pleasurable.

Quote of the Month

You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream.

Contacts

- **Conservation Officer Services**
1-877-952-7277
- **RCMP**
250-624-2136
- **Emergencies**
911
- **District of Port Edward**
770 Pacific Avenue
Port Edward, BC
VOV 1G0
250-628-3667

Highlights from June/July Council Meetings



Council has passed a resolution to approve the following:

- ◇ Canada Community-Building Fund Agreement 2024-2034- Council approved and signed the agreement.
- ◇ 2024-2025 BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement - Council approved the Annual Operating Agreement for BC Transit Services. The services will remain the same.
- ◇ Proposed Waterfront Park- A presentation was made to Council on a concept design for a park along highway 599R.
- ◇ Service Interruptions at the Land Weather Station on Holland Rock - Council agreed to sign a joint letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding the

Council Meeting Schedule

The District of Port Edward Mayor and Council meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; except for July, **August, September and December** which there is only one meeting.

Upcoming Meeting:
August 13th

Meetings are held in Council Chambers and begin at 7:00pm.

If you would like to bring a matter before Council, please submit your information in writing to the Municipal Office no later than 12:00 pm the Thursday prior to the Council meeting or contact the District office at (250) 628-3667.

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings either in person or via Zoom. Zoom links are posted on our website prior to the meeting start time.

Municipal Office Reminder

The Municipal Office will be closed on Monday August 5, 2024

The office will re-open on Tuesday August 6, 2024.

Refuse pickup will take place on Tuesday August 6, 2024 instead of the regular day.

Please make sure to place your garbage on the curb, in a sealed, water tight container with a lid no later than 8:00 am.



Vopak/Alta Gas



Ridley Island Energy Export Facility (REEF) Construction Progress

- Following AltaGas and Vopak’s positive final investment decision (FID) on the Ridley Island Energy Export Facility (REEF) project on May 29, 2024, construction activities are advancing.
 - REEF represents a \$1.35 billion investment to bring Canadian energy to markets across the globe. Phase 1 will include approximately 55,000 barrels a day of initial liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) export capacity, with an expected in-service date of late 2026.
 - REEF is a fully permitted project with First Nations support agreements in place that will drive economic benefits to local communities through construction activities, long-term job creation and community investment focused on delivering positive outcomes for all stakeholders.
 - To date, construction activities have focused on site-clearing, drainage, and preparation for overburden removal. Now, AltaGas is ready to move forward with preparation for expansion of the Road, Rail, Utility Corridor (RRUC). Expansion of the shared RRUC on Ridley Island will allow REEF to deliver product via the CN rail corridor to the new facility for offloading and processing.
 - Contractors for jetty construction activities, including large equipment, construction trailers and permanent piles are mobilizing. Measures to minimize noise pollution and impact to the community are in place.
- AltaGas always wants to hear from you! If you have any questions about REEF construction, please visit reefproject.ca

Parking



⇒ Unlicensed vehicles are not allowed to be parked on the boulevard at any given time.



⇒ The District kindly requests residents to please remove your vehicles from the boulevard to allow the public works crew working in the area, either for mowing grass or other related work.

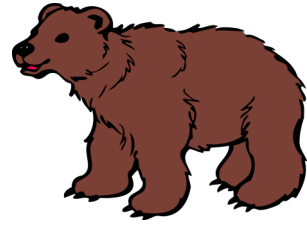
Speed Limit



School is out! Summer is here and kids may be playing outside and enjoying the nice weather, please be aware of your surrounding and make sure you’re not speeding. All streets except Highway 599R the speed limit is 30 kilometers per hour.

Be safe and keep everyone safe by following the speed limit. We want everyone to enjoy the outdoors.

Wildlife Awareness



Summer is here and we would like to request that all Port Edward Residents help out when it comes to keeping bears and wolves out of the community.

To help prevent bears in our community:

- Keep garbage, bird feeders, pet food, BBQ grills, smokers, compost, beehives, fruit and nut trees, petroleum products, rabbits, chickens and small livestock properly managed.
- If you see a bear; remain calm, don't panic. Often the bear is simply looking for food and will move on if it finds nothing to eat.
- Keep away from the bear and go inside with children and pets.
- Never approach the bear and don't run from the bear.
- Warn others of the bears presence, but don't do it by yelling. If the bear climbs a tree, keep people and pets away. Eventually when things quiet down, the bear will come down and leave. This usually happens after dark when the bear feels safe. Once the bear is safely out of the area, check your yard to ensure there are no attractants available.
- Do not act submissively by crouching down or whispering.

If there is a bear or wolf sighting, call the Conservation Officer Service at: **1-877-952-7277** and the District of Port Edward **250-628-3667**.



Fire Ban

Please be advised that there is a Category 2 and Category 3 open fire ban in the Northwest Fire Centre effective 12 p.m. (PDT) on Monday, July 5 2024 and remains in force until further notice.

Campfire ban rescinded throughout the Northwest Fire Centre

Effective at 12 p.m. PDT on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024 until further notice.

For any updates on fire ban information please visit their website:



Business Licence

- ◆ If you are operating a business or providing a service in the District of Port Edward you are required to have a current business licence.
- ◆ Businesses were to submit their application and payment for the licence by May 1st, 2024.
- ◆ Businesses that have not as yet applied and paid for their Business Licence are kindly reminded to do so at the earliest.
- ◆ Failure to comply may result in fines and/or other administrative actions.