



DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope this message finds you all well.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. 2024 is over and soon we will be working on the budget priorities for 2025. On the top of the budget list will be road and utility line repairs to most of the remaining streets in Port Edward. The council will be meeting to discuss the priorities and the timeline of this work early in the New Year.

We will also have a public meeting during a council session to receive input on budget priorities. If there are any issues or concerns with our infrastructure you can forward them to staff at any time. We welcome the residents' input.

A new work camp for AltaGas' new facility on Ridley Island is now operational on a site across from Kristoff's Trucking. AltaGas has informed us that this camp will house up to 250 workers required to construct their new facility. Construction will require 30 to 36 months. We have an agreement to supply water and sewage treatment for the camp.

We expect the new firetruck to be delivered in the first quarter of the new year. We have been able to solicit donations of \$450,000 from the major port industries to pay for this major piece of equipment. I would like to thank all those companies who so generously donated towards the fire truck.

I am very positive that 2025 will be a very good year

UPCOMING DATES

- Office Closed 01/01
- Fire Hall Open House 01/07, 7PM
- Council Meeting 01/14, 7PM
- Council Meeting 01/28, 7PM



Quote of the month: There are far better things ahead than we leave behind

UTILITIES REMINDER



Per Section 258 of the Community Charter, all utility accounts of municipally-owned utilities are considered liens against the property. Outstanding balances that remain unpaid as of December 31, 2024, will be transferred to Property Tax Arrears for the property where the services were originally provided. These balances will begin incurring interest effective January 1, 2025. Notices regarding this action have been posted on the District's website and other communication platforms. To avoid additional charges, residents are encouraged to ensure their utility bills are fully paid before the December 31 deadline.

COMMUNITY UPDATE



PORTED PLAY GROUP FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Start the year with fun and connection! NCCS Family Connections Centre invites parents and caregivers with children aged 0-6 years to a Drop-in Play Group every Wednesday morning from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Port Ed School. Enjoy activities, snacks, conversation, and coffee while your little ones play and learn in a welcoming environment.

For more information, contact 778-884-5846.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The District of Port Edward is proud to advance our Truth and Reconciliation Project, fostering stronger relationships with local Indigenous communities. With support from the Community to Community (C2C) grant, this initiative focuses on building mutual understanding, cultural awareness, and collaborative partnerships. The grant will help facilitate meaningful dialogue, cultural learning opportunities, and joint initiatives that reflect our commitment to reconciliation and shared progress. Together, we aim to honour Indigenous history, culture, and contributions as we work toward a more inclusive and connected community.



BOAT LAUNCH 2025

We are excited to announce that the District of Port Edward has successfully secured all the funding needed to complete the boat launch project in 2025. This achievement would not have been possible without the generous support of Prince Rupert Grain, Jack Rosenberger (Resident), and AltaGas. Their contributions have ensured that this much-anticipated project will move forward, enhancing community access to our waterfront and supporting local recreation and tourism. We look forward to celebrating its completion with residents in the coming year!



The District of Port Edward will launch a comprehensive Economic Development Plan in 2025, supported by the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP). The plan will focus on industrial and commercial land assessments, tourism opportunities, and community engagement to attract investment, create jobs, and reduce reliance on Prince Rupert.

This initiative aligns with our vision to build a vibrant, self-sufficient, and prosperous community.

Join the Port Edward Volunteer Fire Department and make a difference—attend our Volunteer Drive Open House on January 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Port Edward Firehall, 567 Sunset Drive

COMMUNITY UPDATES



LEARN ABOUT INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Get Hooked on Learning with Free Courses

January is a great time to learn something new! Come in from the cold and explore FREE eLearning courses right at your fingertips!

Wishing you were fishing? Protecting your best fishing spot from invasive species is no fish tale. Take the '[Invasive-Wise Anglers](#)' course, offered by the Invasive Species Council of B.C. (ISCBC), and in just 10 minutes you will:

- Understand the impacts of aquatic invasive species
- Become familiar with the methods of prevention
- Discover the best angling practices to protect B.C.'s biodiversity

Cooler weather making you crabby? Get your claws on something interesting indoors. Take ISCBC's '[Getting to Know European green crab](#)' (EGC) course, and in just 15 minutes you can:

- Learn about EGC's characteristics and key ID tips
- Discover its distribution and impacts and how to report it
- Feel empowered to help stop the spread of invasive species

There's something fishy going on here. Goldfish and other pets don't belong in the wild! With ISCBC's '[Don't Let it Loose](#)' course, in just 10 minutes, you will:

- Learn about the impacts of invasive pet and aquarium species
- Recognize best practices and know how to make a difference
- Feel empowered to help stop the spread of invasive species

Check out these fin-tastic courses and more in [ISCBC's Learning Centre](#). Reel in the opportunity to take a FREE course today!



The District of Port Edward reminds residents that inappropriate or disrespectful behavior toward staff will not be tolerated and may result in refusal of service.

REEF CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

REEF Construction Updates

Holiday update:

Most construction activities will be pausing from December 21st, starting back up in the New Year. Happy Holidays!

- Uplands overburden removal: overburden removal in the uplands area continues to progress.
- Rail, Road, and Utilities Corridor (RRUC): overburden removal and rock blasting for the RRUC work areas continues to progress. The rail offloading foundation concrete work is ongoing and set to complete Q1 2025.
- Permanent concrete works: while work is continuing with rail offloading foundations, concrete foundation work for the balance of plant is set to commence in Q1 2025
- Marine updates: Four derricks are fully mobilized and operational. Crews are continuing with falsework frame installation on piers 4, 6, 7 and 8. On pier 3, crews have installed a permanent jacket and began installation of permanent piles. The third shipment of pile materials arrived Dec. 2 and was off loaded onto material barges.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CORPORATE OFFICER?

The Corporate Office is an important part of the District of Port Edward, helping to keep everything organized and running smoothly. It handles council meeting agendas, minutes, and bylaws while making sure the District follows the rules set by the province. The office is also the main contact for delegations, public questions, and keeping official records safe. In addition, it manages public notices, elections, and freedom of information requests to keep the community informed and involved.

BUSINESS LICENCE

All businesses operating in the District of Port Edward must have a valid business licence, which must be renewed annually to stay compliant with local regulations. The fee for Industrial Operations (General Commercial & Industrial) is \$150 + GST, while all other businesses pay \$100 + GST. Payments can now be made conveniently via Interac e-Transfer to payments@portedward.ca. Be sure to include your business name and the reason for payment in the message section to ensure it is recorded properly. For more details, including requirements and regulations, please refer to Business Licence Bylaw 735.

HOW TO REQUEST TO BE A

DELEGATE AT A COUNCIL MEETING

The District of Port Edward welcomes individuals and groups wishing to present to Council as a delegation on matters that benefit or impact our community. To request to be a delegate, submit a written application using the prescribed form by 12:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting. Delegations are allocated 10 minutes to present, with one appointed speaker unless multiple speakers are approved by Council. The Corporate Officer may reschedule delegations or refer them to an advisory body based on the subject matter. For more information or to submit your application, see our website: <https://www.portedward.ca/municipal-hall/request-to-be-a-delegate>



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