



DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope this message finds you all well.

The holiday season has drawn to a close. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and now are ready to begin 2026. We had a very productive 2025 and are going into the new year with renewed vigor. We will be up to our full staffing plan by mid-January; our Deputy Finance Officer will be starting mid-month. We have been able to recruit the people and positions that fill our needs. I am excited that we finally have crossed the threshold of being “staffed up”, with qualified people.

I want to thank staff for the great job they did in organizing the Christmas festivities. Given success and feedback I believe we should be doing the same each year going forward!

We had a steady 2025, no major infrastructure failures and we kept ahead of the seasonal work requirements. We were able to have the sewer sludge pond cleaned for the second time since 2015. Sludge removal is important to ensure that our sewage is treated and residue is eliminated as soon as possible.

As we move through 2026, there will be activity at and around the “old store” area. This is a key project in our quest for “Town Center” renewal. I’m excited that a new store with other amenities will bring more interest and projects around the area.

There are many other projects that will come to be this year. Stay Tuned.



UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings
January 13 & 27
7:00 PM

Thought for the day:

“The truth has no defense against a fool determined to believe a lie.”

Mark Twain

Community Spotlight



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2025 Port Edward Community Christmas Party — what an amazing turnout!

A HUGE thank you to the Port Edward Firefighters for volunteering their time and flipping pancakes for all — you truly made the morning extra special.

We were thrilled that Santa made time in his busy schedule to visit with the kids (and the young at heart)!

Community Pancake Breakfast

Did you love the photo booth? We sure did! We'll be sharing some great shots soon — and YES, it will be back again next year.

We're proud to make this an annual tradition and can't wait to celebrate with you again in 2026.



Stay Informed

New Emergency Alert Program

The District of Port Edward is pleased to offer Voyent Alert, a new community alert system designed to keep residents informed during important events and emergencies.

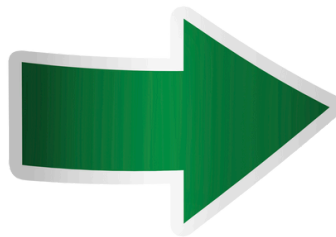
By signing up, you can receive timely notifications about:

- Emergency situations (such as tsunami warnings or hazardous material incidents)
- Water advisories
- Road closures
- Service interruptions
- Important District notices



Registration is quick and easy. Residents are encouraged to sign up online to ensure they receive critical information when it matters most.

*Sign Up
Today*



Staying informed helps keep our community safe and prepared.

Time to Renew Your Dog Licence for 2026!

Dog licences are renewed annually in the District of Port Edward as part of our efforts to keep both pets and residents safe.

Why licence your dog?

- Quick return if lost:
Licensed dogs can be safely returned
- Supports community safety:
Helps monitor animals at large
- Compliance with Bylaw 519:
It's the law, enforcement actions will be taken
- New tags for 2026!

Visit the District Office between
8:00 AM and 4:30 PM to get your 2026 tag.



Prince Rupert Port Authority

CANXPORT Project Updates:

- The salt marsh habitat compensation work is fully complete
- The subtidal reef infill in Porpoise Harbour is also complete and the construction barge has departed
- In early 2026, the focus on-site will be electricity and lighting, laying gravel, and continuing to construct outbound rail tracks.

With any other comments or questions, please reach out to PRPA at:
community@rupertport.com

Grant in Aid

The District of Port Edward is now accepting applications for its 2026 Grant-in-Aid Program. This initiative provides up to \$500 in funding to local non-profit and charitable organizations who are making a difference in our community.

To be eligible, applicants must be a registered non-profit or charitable organization and demonstrate a clear financial need for a specific project or program (not for general reserves).

 Application Deadline: March 31, 2026

 For the full policy and application form, visit www.portedward.ca

Utilities

10% Discount Available Until March 31, 2026

Residents will receive a 10% discount on their 2026 utility bill (including water, sewer, and garbage services) if paid in full by March 31, 2026.

Utility Bills Sent January 13

Utility bills for the 2026 calendar year will be mailed out starting January 13, 2026.

Outstanding Balances Transferred to Taxes

Please note that any outstanding 2025 utility balances will be transferred to the associated property tax accounts as of early January 2026.



CONTACTS

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FOOD RUN

KAPS Food Support & Donation Program

In partnership with Save-On-Foods LOOP Program

The Kaien Anti-Poverty Society (KAPS) continues to support those in need in Port Edward with weekly food deliveries and donation drives.

In Need?

Every Saturday from 12:30–1:00 PM, food runs are provided at the Port Edward Community Centre, generously delivered by Alice Kruta.

- ✓ No registration required
- ✓ Open to anyone in need
- 🔔 Please take only what you need so others can benefit too.

Want to Donate?

You can help support local families by:

- Dropping off food items at the Free Store in Prince Rupert
- Making a cash donation
- Contacting Colleen at 250-624-4366 for more information

Let's come together to help one another
– especially during these winter months.

Thank you to Alice, Colleen,
and everyone who makes this support possible.





Building Permits

Thinking About Spring Renovations or Projects?

As the weather warms up, many Port Edward residents are starting to plan their spring construction projects. Whether it's building a shed, repairing a deck, installing a wood stove, or adding on to your home – don't forget that a building permit may be required.

Under **Building Bylaw No. 716, 2021**, most construction or structural work requires a permit before starting. This bylaw ensures that all building in our community is safe, meets BC Building Code standards, and protects both residents and property values.

Please stop by the District Office to pick up a detailed pamphlet on building permits and speak with staff.

Apply online today!

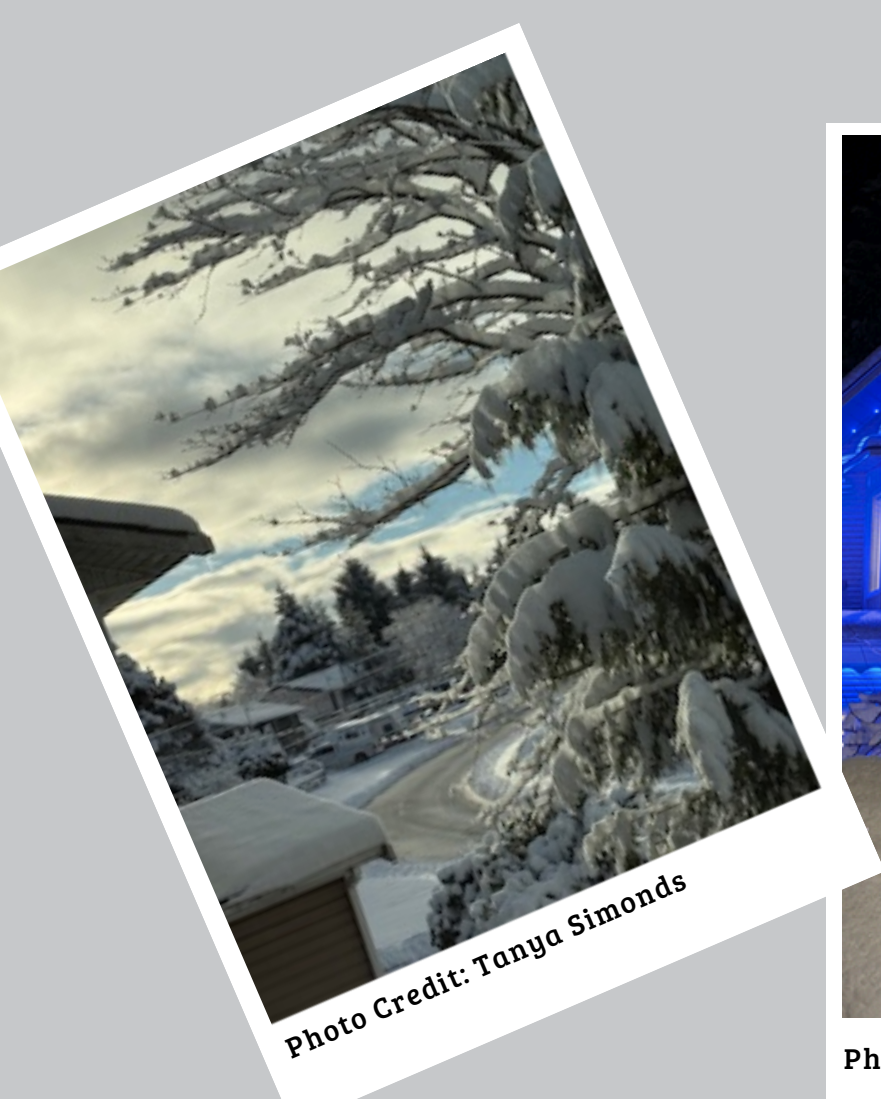


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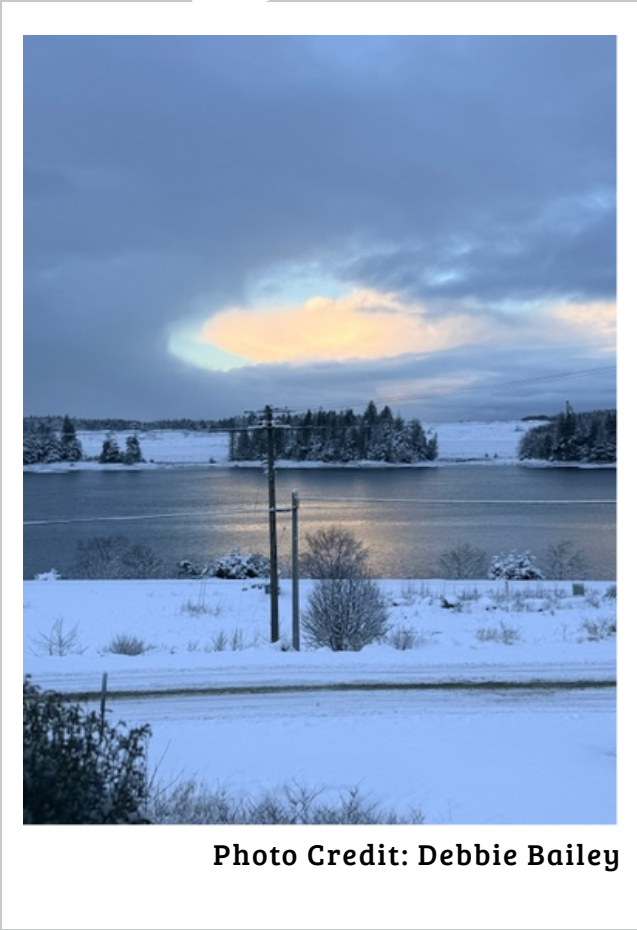


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