



DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As Summer winds down Council and staff are preparing for the arrival of Fall. September will be a busy month. Council will be attending the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) meetings, in Vancouver. We have arranged meetings with cabinet ministers and their staff. The meetings allow staff and Councilors an excellent opportunity to network with Government Officials and other community elected Officials from around the province. I have always found this conference a valuable opportunity to learn about new and innovative ideas to bring back to Port Edward.

As we wind down from Summer, we will be losing some part-time students who will return to school. I wish them success in their studies and their future careers. Each year we hire students to help with our outdoor maintenance program. We will also be losing one of our two water treatment plant workers, who has accepted a similar position in elsewhere. We wish him well in his new position.

New staff has been hire and Council welcomes them to our community. We look forward to working with them.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 10th. The Agenda will be available on our website. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to be included, attend in person or via Zoom.



FALL PLANS

In early fall, Council and staff will commence preparations for the 2025 budget. This budget will prioritize projects according to the Council Strategic Plan highlighted in our Asset Management Plan, along with initiatives put forth by staff and Council members.

Quote of the month: We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn.

BC TRANSIT UPDATE



BUS STOP CHANGE

Due to increased traffic and the closure of the 6th Avenue bridge in Prince Rupert, local bus stops at the courthouse and Museum have been replaced by a new permanent stop at 2nd Avenue by Safeway. A bus shelter will soon be added to enhance convenience.

UMO CARD IS HERE

We are excited to announce the implementation of the UMO system as our new Bus Transit system, designed to streamline your travel experience. Starting December 1st, traditional bus ticket sales will be discontinued. Riders can conveniently manage their fares using the UMO app or by obtaining a re-loadable UMO card available at the Municipal office. This modern system offers a simple, secure, and efficient way to travel, aligning with BC Transit's commitment to improving public transportation accessibility and user experience.



RAIL SAFETY WEEK

The Council has passed a resolution to officially proclaim Rail Safety Week, September 23 - 29, 2024, underscoring our commitment to promoting safety and awareness along our community's rail lines.

The Municipal Office will be closed on September 2 and September 30, 2024

COMMUNITY UPDATES



SPEED LIMIT

As school resumes, we remind our community to respect the 30 km/h speed limit in school zones. Ensuring the safety of our children is crucial. Please drive carefully and remain vigilant during school hours to help keep our young learners safe.

ANNUAL TOY RUN

Every year, the Port Edward Volunteer Fire department supports the Annual Toy Run by donations and hosting Harley Riders, cooking them a home made meal. The community can participate by donating toys at Harley Rider stations directly set up at the Salvation Army on September 7. This event highlights community spirit and support.



HOUSING

The BC Housing Owner Builder Examination poster has been updated! The latest version features updated contact information, a cleaner design, and adherence to accessibility requirements, ensuring it's more user-friendly and accessible to everyone. For more details on the changes and to view the updated poster, please visit our website. This refresh aims to improve the clarity and accessibility of important information for owner builders.



Garbage day will be Tuesday September 3, 2024



LIQUOR LICENSE UPDATE

Effective August 21, 2024, the BC Government mandates that all liquor delivery personnel, including third-party drivers, must have Serving It Right (SIR) certification. This update, aiming to enhance public safety, standardizes requirements across various liquor license types, ensuring compliance with delivery protocols.

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

CONTACTS

CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE: 1-887-952-7277

RCMP 250-624-2136

Emergencies 911

DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD: 250-628-3667

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

@DISTRICT_PORT_EDWARD

