



# DISTRICT OF PORT EDWARD NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope this message finds you all well.

Port Edward has had a few changes since my October message. Our former CAO accepted another position and left mid-October. We have engaged a firm to look for a new CAO. In the interim we have engaged Mark Brown as the interim CAO. Mark comes highly recommended and with an extensive background in his field. Mark will here until we hire a permanent CAO. If you have any issues that need to be addressed, please call Mark, he will be happy to assist you.

Public works has geared up for winter. The snowplows and salt and sanding equipment is ready. There will be crews on standby over the weekends as well as after hours. My hope is we have a mild winter.

With the provincial election now over but still not confirmed who will be the new Premier, we will just have to wait. The new government will bring us challenges as, the NDP has lost seven cabinet ministers, so if the NDP forms the government we will need get to know the new ourselves ministers.

North pacific cannery has held five theme dinners, four of them recognizing four ethnic groups that staffed and managed the cannery since its founding in 1889. The dinners were themed after these groups, First Nations, Chinese, Japanese and Caucasians. The dinners were sold out, forty quests each and were put on by volunteers. I wish to thank the volunteers; they did a marvelous job and I thank them. The money raised will go to improve the cannery.

## UPCOMING DATES

- Remembrance Day 11/11
- Council Meeting 11/12, 7PM
- Council Meeting 11./26, 7PM
- Town Hall Meeting - See Social Media for updates

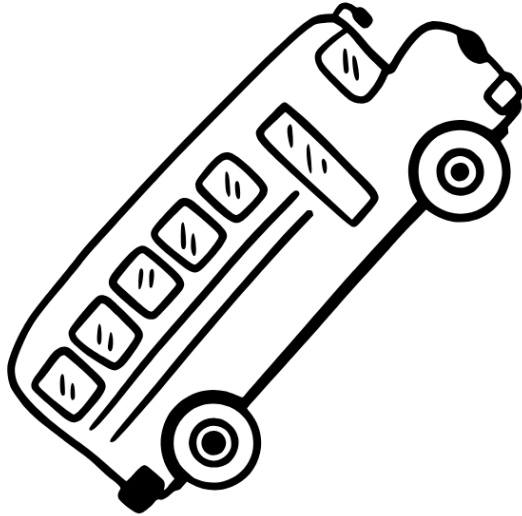


## ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of our Accessibility Plan, a collaborative effort to improve access to services, programs, and public spaces for everyone in our community. This plan focuses on addressing physical, technological, and systemic barriers while promoting inclusivity in all aspects of life within the District of Port Edward. We are committed to creating an accessible environment where everyone can fully participate and enjoy everything our community has to offer.

**Quote of the month:** The way to get started is to quit talking and start doing. Walt Disney

# BC TRANSIT UPDATE



## FARE PRICE UPDATES

We would like to inform the community about important changes to fare prices for Route 60 of the Prince Rupert and Port Edward transit system. Effective December 1, 2024, the new fare structure for Route 60 will be as follows:

- Single Ride (Adult): \$3.00
- Single Ride (Concession): \$2.50
- 10 Rides (Adult): \$27.00
- 10 Rides (Concession): \$22.50
- 30-Day Pass (Adult): \$72.00
- 30-Day Pass (Concession): \$60.00
- Annual Pass (Senior): \$30.00

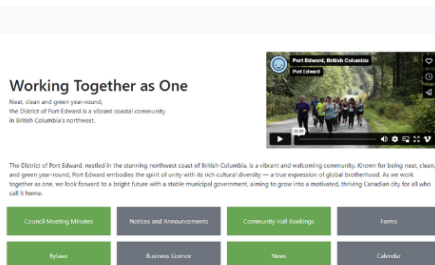
Please note these changes as they will come into effect on December 1, 2024.

## UMO CARD IS HERE

Starting December 1st, we're excited to introduce the UMO system as our new bus transit platform. Traditional bus tickets will be discontinued, and riders can manage fares using the UMO app or a re-loadable UMO card available at the Municipal office. This new system offers a simple, secure, and efficient way to travel, enhancing your experience in line with BC Transit's commitment to better public transportation.



We are excited to welcome Mark Brown as our Interim Chief Administrative Officer, and look forward to his leadership and expertise in guiding the District of Port Edward during this transition.



## NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that we are in the process of upgrading our website to better serve you. Soon, all forms will be fillable online, certain payments will be completed through the website, and all bylaws will be fully searchable. While this is a work in progress, we want you to know that we've heard your feedback and are committed to creating a more efficient and user-friendly experience for the community. Stay tuned for updates as we work towards a better future!

The Municipal Office will be closed on November 11, 2024

# COMMUNITY UPDATES



## ALWYN LAKE AND WOLF CREEK DAM OMS MANUELS COMPLETED

The District of Port Edward is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Alwyn Lake and Wolf Creek Dam Operation, Maintenance, and Surveillance (OMS) Plans and Dam Emergency Plans (DEP). These projects, completed in compliance with BC Dam Safety Regulations, reinforce the District's commitment to dam safety and risk management. The OMS and DEP plans are designed to enhance the safety and operational procedures of both dams, ensuring the continued protection of our community and infrastructure. We thank everyone involved for their hard work and dedication to this important initiative.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING

As part of our commitment to organizational excellence, the District of Port Edward staff recently completed customer service training. This training focused on enhancing service delivery, building trust within the community, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. These efforts are aligned with our strategic goals to provide efficient and responsive services, ensuring the highest standards in our interactions with residents and stakeholders.



## Be safe. Be seen.



### Free pedestrian reflectors

Created in consultation with Indigenous communities, the eagle feather signifies, honour, strength, trust, wisdom, power, freedom and protection.



## FREE PEDESTRIAN REFLECTORS

Visit the Municipal Office to collect your free pedestrian reflector, courtesy of ICBC, while supplies last.

Be safe. Be seen!

Keep an eye on Social Media for the Town Hall Meeting

Uplands updates:

## REEF CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Overburden Removal: The removal process has commenced and is progressing.
- Jetty Abutment Stripping: The process of removing organic material from the Jetty area has been initiated and is ongoing.
- Blast Contractor: Mobilized and final preparations are underway. Blasting will begin in mid-October.
- Power Line Relocation: The first phase of relocation has been successfully completed. Additional power relocating work will begin in 2025.
- Rail Relocation: The contractor for the first phase has begun work in the outbound track area.
- RRUC Foundations: Currently planned to commence before the end of the month.
- PNG Pipeline: Relocation and isolation efforts continue to progress. Once isolated, the line will be decommissioned.

Marine updates:

- Rig Saunders (Pier 3): Finalizing falsework for the installation of the permanent jacket structure. This jacket will support the permanent piles drilled into the ocean floor.
- Rig 6 (Pier 4): Preparing for falsework installation and splicing piles to extend their length for deeper water. Also welding drill shoes to the bottom of permanent piles for better contact with the ocean floor.
- Rig 8 (Pier 2): Installing additional falsework piles due to geotechnical conditions, with the crew is preparing for drilling. Two extra piles are being added to lock the falsework frame in place.

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COUNCIL?

The District of Port Edward's Council plays a vital role in shaping our community's future. Comprised of elected officials who represent the interests of residents, the Council is responsible for making key decisions that impact local governance, infrastructure, and public services. While the Council sets policies and approves budgets, it is important to note that they are not involved in the day-to-day operations of the district. Instead, the Council provides direction to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), who is the only employee directly accountable to the Council. The CAO is responsible for overseeing all other staff and ensuring that the Council's directives are implemented effectively. By fostering transparency and accountability, the Council works diligently to enhance the quality of life for all residents while promoting sustainable growth and development in Port Edward.

## PROCESS TO BE A DELEGATE OR REQUEST AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED

To request to be a delegate or add items to the agenda for a Council meeting in the District of Port Edward, please submit a written application to the Corporate Officer no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting. The application should include the names of the delegates who will be presenting, as well as a copy of the report or presentation, outlining any specific requests or recommendations for Council's consideration. Presentations are limited to 10 minutes unless otherwise agreed upon by Council. If your request concerns an operational matter, it will be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for review. Please note that delegations cannot address Council on matters that are subject to a public hearing.

For more details, please refer to our Council Procedure Bylaw No. 730, 2022, available on the District's website.



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