



Village of Port Alice Council Agenda Package

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**
TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm
IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



(1) CALL TO ORDER

We are privileged to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Quatsino First Nations.

(2) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING (6:30 pm)

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to the following sections of the Community Charter:

Section 90 (1) (c) Labour relations or other employee relations;

RECONVENE

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for September 26, 2018, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

(4) DELEGATIONS: N\A

(5) MINUTES:

THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 26, 2018, be adopted.

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(6) OLD BUSINESS: N\A

(7) COMMUNICATIONS: N\A

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Acknowledgement of Dr. Hubler and Const. Elijah Parish
October 4, 2018, Notice of Motion – Councillor Bruce Lloyd

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(9) REPORTS:

- a) UBCM Conference
September 27, 2018, Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

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- b) Link River Lease Renewal

July 25, 2018, Report from Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

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(10) BYLAWS:

- a) Bylaw 649 – Exempt Specific Properties from taxation for the year 2019

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Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 649, 2019 – Exempt Specific Properties from Taxation for the year of 2019 be given fourth reading and adoption.

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- b) Bylaw 650 – Exempt Specific Properties from taxation for Port Alice Golf Course

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Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 650, 2019 – Exempt Specific Properties from Taxation for Port Alice Golf Course be given fourth reading and adoption.

(11) QUESTION PERIOD:

(12) ADJOURNMENT:

THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held October 11, 2018, be adjourned.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. September 22, 2018, Press Release re VIRL Library Board innovate and inspires with 2019 Budget from David Carson, Director of Corporate Communications and Strategic Initiatives.
2. October 4, 2018, Letter re October as Foster Family Month in BC, from Hon Katrine Conroy, Min of Children and Family Development
3. October 5, 2018, Email from Claire Trevena, MLA Report

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Present Mayor Jan Allen
Councillor Bruce Lloyd
Councillor Doug Worthington
Councillor Dave Stewart

Absent Councillor Marnie Chase

Staff Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

Mayor Jan Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

112/18
Resolution to
proceed to
Closed
meeting

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING (6:30 pm)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart / Seconded by Councillor Worthington

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Section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

RECONVENE: 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

113/18
Adoption of
Agenda

MOVED by Councillor Worthington/ Seconded by Councillor Stewart

*THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for September 26, 2018, be approved **AND THAT** all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.*

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: Wes Olsen, Detachment Commander, Second Quarter RCMP Report

Wes Olsen provided statistics for the second quarter of 2018 and advised that one RCMP officer will be arriving in October and the second Officer should be here by December. Also there will be an office clerk for the detachment starting soon.

MINUTES:

114/18
Minutes
Aug 8, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Stewart/ Seconded by Councillor Worthington

THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

115/18
Minutes
Aug 27, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Worthington/ Seconded by Councillor Stewart

THAT the minutes for the Special Meeting held on August 27, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Request for Support from the Port Alice Arena Society

September 18, 2018, Letter from Natalie Stewart, Port Alice Arena Society President

116/18
Letters of
Support

MOVED by Councillor Stewart/ Seconded by Councillor Lloyd

THAT the Village of Port Alice provide letters of support for the Port Alice Arena Society's grant applications.

CARRIED

117/18
Arena
opening

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd/ Seconded by Councillor Stewart

THAT if the Port Alice Arena Society provided an amount of \$100,000 to the Village of Port Alice the Doug Bondue Arena would open and run until December 31, 2018

CARRIED

Letter to Hon Adrian Dix from the Port Alice Health Forum Society re: Expressing Concerns About Clinic Staffing

September 19, 2018, Letter from Valerie Eyeford , Port Alice Health Forum, Chairperson

REPORTS:

a) Statement of Work for Depot Collection Service

September 20, 2018 report from Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

118/18
SOW for
Depot
Collection
Services

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd/ Seconded by Councillor Stewart

THAT the Village of Port Alice renew the Statement of Work for Depot Collection Services with Recycle BC.

CARRIED

b) Summary of Revenue & Expenses for July 2018

September 20, 2018 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

c) Accounts Payable Listing for July 2018

September 20, 2018 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

d) Summary of Revenue & Expenses for August 2018

September 20, 2018 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

e) Accounts Payable Listing for August 2018

September 20, 2018 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

f) Fire Chief's Report for July 2018

August 7, 2018 Report from Gerry Rose, Acting Fire Chief

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Stewart / Seconded by Councillor Lloyd

119/18
Adjourn

THAT the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held September 26, 2018, be adjourned at 7:40 pm

CARRIED

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held September 26, 2018.

Mayor

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Oct. 4/18

NOTICE OF MOTION

THE VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE ^{GRATEFULLY} ACKNOWLEDGE
THE FINE SERVICES OF DR. DANA HUBLER AND
CONST. ELIJAH PARRISH IN OUR VILLAGE.

Councilor Lloyd





VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor & Council
From: Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO
Date: September 27, 2018
Subject: UBCM Conference

UBCM held its annual conference in Whistler September 10, 2018 to September 14, 2018.

The theme of the conference this year was Communication, Collaboration & Cooperation.

The sessions I attended:

Advancing Local Government Relations with Indigenous Peoples
Building Community Resiliency- Fire & Flood Prevention in BC
Ammonia Risks in Our Community: The Regulator's Perspective
The Small Talk Forum
AVICC Lunch
CAO Breakfast
Indigenous Relations: How NOT to Tick a Box

The majority of the Conference was held at the Whistler Conference Centre and the Ministry meetings were held at nearby hotels.

Mayor Jan Allen and I met with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff to talk about our tax situation, BC Hydro to discuss the hydro sub-station in the Industrial Park and the Minister of Forest Lands and Natural Resources along with other North Island Community Forest members to talk about expanding our Community forest. In addition we had a quick meeting with Premier John Horgan to talk about our tax situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Danyk
Finance Officer



VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor & Council
From: Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO
Date: October 3, 2018
Subject: Link River Lease Renewal

The lease agreement with the Regional District of Mount Waddington for the Link River Campsite expires on November 30, 2018.

At the June 6, 2018 Public Works and Recreation Committee meeting Council was presented with a report from Jason Yunker and Tanya Spafford recommending that the Village of Port Alice consider not renewing the lease and running Link River Campsite ourselves.

Greg Fletcher the CAO from the Regional District of Mount Waddington was a delegation at the Council meeting on July 11, 2018 and gave a presentation on the capital upgrades that the Regional District has done since the lease was renewed in 2013 as well as operational information.

Attached to this report is a copy of the lease renewal for Link River. The lease has been updated to include the property that was received by the Village of Port Alice during the Brookfield subdivision.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie Danyk
Acting CAO

This Lease dated for reference, November 30th, 2018 is

BETWEEN: **VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE**, a municipal corporation pursuant to the laws of British Columbia and having an address of Box 130, Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0
("Lessor")

AND: **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON**, a municipal corporation pursuant to the laws of British Columbia and having an address of Box 729, Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0
("Lessee")

GIVEN THAT:

A. The Lessor is the registered owner in fee simple of the land and improvements located in the Regional District of Mount Waddington legally described as:

PID: 003-146-162, Lot 1, Plan 23811, District Lot 202, Rupert District;

AND

PID: 029-305-781, Lot A, Plan EPP28699, DL 202, Rupert District.

("Land")

which land and improvements are owned by the Lessor for park purposes, and are known as the Port Alice Link River Park ("Park");

B. The Lessee has for a number of years leased the Land from the lessor and has operated the Land as a park, and wishes to continue to lease and operate the Park;

C. By Supplementary Letters Patent dated February 20, 1989, a community park function was established in Electoral Area "C" of the Regional District of Mount Waddington, which area includes the Park;

D. The Lessor wishes to lease the Land to the Lessee for park purposes, and on the terms and conditions set out in this Lease;

THIS LEASE is evidence that in consideration of the payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) by the Lessee to the Lessor, the receipt of which is acknowledged by the Lessor, and other good and valuable consideration, the Lessee and the Lessor agree with each other as follows:

1. The Lessor hereby demises and leases the Land to the Lessee, for a term of five (5) years, commencing on December 1, 2018, and terminating on November 30, 2023, ("Term"), and on the terms and conditions, and for the purposes set out in this Lease.

2. The Lessee hereby covenants and agrees with the Lessor as follows:
 - a) to pay to the Lessor, in advance, the rent of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the Term, the receipt of which is acknowledged by the Lessor;
 - b) to use the Land and ensure the use of the Land by others only for park purposes;
 - c) not to commit or permit any waste, spoil, destruction, damage or injury to the Land, or to cause, maintain, or permit any nuisance on or from the Land;
 - d) to keep and maintain the Land and all buildings, structures, and equipment in or on the Land in good repair and appearance;
 - e) to carry on and conduct its activities in, on, and from the Land in compliance with all applicable enactments, including without limitation in accordance with all applicable health and safety standards;
 - f) to pay when due, all operating costs, including without limitation all rates, charges and assessments for all utilities and services to the Land;
 - g) to take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of all persons entering onto or using the Land;
 - h) not to permit the bringing onto or presence on the Land of any environmental contaminants;
 - i) to indemnify and save harmless the Lessor from any and all liabilities, actions, damages, claims, losses, costs and expenses whatsoever, arising from the occupation, use, activities and actions of the Lessee or others using the land, or any action or thing done or maintained by the Lessee or any third party, on or in respect of the land, including without limitation for any costs and expenses whatsoever incurred by or asserted against the Lessor with respect to, or as a direct result of the presence of any environmental contaminants on, in or under the Land brought onto the Land during the Term; and
 - j) to obtain and maintain for the Term, at its sole expense, comprehensive general liability providing coverage for death, bodily injury, property loss and damage arising out of the use and occupation of the Land by the Lessee and others, in an amount of not less than \$3,000,000.00 per occurrence, all inclusive, which policy must name the Lessor as an additional insured, and must be on other terms acceptable to the Lessor, acting reasonably, and to deliver a copy of this policy to the Lessor at the beginning of the Term;

3. The Lessee covenants and agrees to manage and operate the Land as a park open to the public, including without limitation providing for overnight camping, day use (including picnicking), and other general park uses. The Lessee agrees that the Park must be open to and available for public use when campsite management services are provided and otherwise by arrangement with the Village of Port Alice, and that a schedule of proposed days and hours of operation must be publicised by the Lessee in the event of any partial or complete closure of the Park to the public.
4. The Lessee agrees that it may charge fees for overnight camping in the Park, and for admission to events held in the Park, but must not levy any fees or charges for general use of the Park by the public.
5. In operating the Park, the Lessee agrees to be responsible for all operating and capital costs, and the Lessor agrees that the Lessee may retain all revenue generated by the operation of the campsite.
6. The Lessee may in its sole discretion undertake capital improvements on the Land, provided that any improvements made to the Land shall upon any termination of this Lease become the absolute property of the Lessor, free and clear of all claims by the Lessee or persons claiming through the Lessee, and the Lessee shall indemnify and save harmless the Lessor from any such claims.
7. The Lessor or its authorized representative may enter upon the Land at all reasonable times for the purposes of inspection of the Land.
8. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Lease must be in writing and may be delivered on either party personally, or by facsimile. Any notice personally delivered or by facsimile is considered to have been given and received at the time of delivery or transmission, as the case may be.
9. The Lessee shall not assign or sublet its interest in the Land or this Lease, and shall not charge or encumber or purport to charge or encumber the Lessee's interest in the land, without the prior written consent of the Lessor, which may be withheld in the Lessor's sole and absolute discretion.
10. This Lease shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.
11. Both the Lessor and the Lessee hereby represent and warrant that each has the power and capacity to enter into and carry out its obligations under this Lease, and that the execution and delivery of this Lease and the performance of the obligations under this Lease have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other action by each party.
12. The provisions of this Lease constitute the entire agreement between the parties and terminate and supersede all previous communications, representations, warranties, covenants and agreements, whether verbal or written, between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Lease.

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

BYLAW NO. 649

A BYLAW TO EXEMPT SPECIFIC PROPERTIES FROM TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, Section 220 of the Community Charter exempts from taxation: 1) land, improvements or both of a public library; 2) a building and the land on which the building stands if title registered in the name of the religious organization using the building and Section 224 of the Community Charter empowers Council, by Bylaw, to exempt from taxation, land, improvements or both owned or held by a charitable, philanthropic or other not for profit corporation that are used for a purpose that is directly related to the purposes of the corporation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Port Alice, in open meeting assembled, enacts that the following lands and improvements thereon, are hereby exempted from taxation, imposed under Section 197 (1) of the *Community Charter*, for the year 2019:

1. THE WHARF AT JEUNE LANDING

- 1.1 Plan 594321, D.L. 188, Rupert District, Wharf Approach, & D.L. 1514, Rupert District, Wharf Properties registered in the name of the Port Alice Marine Rescue Society **Roll No: 00002.000
& Roll No. 01025.00**

2. THE LIBRARY, ECUMENICAL AND PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

- 2.1 The portion of the Community Centre Plan 22443, Lot 3, D.L.2137, Rupert District, located at 951 Marine Drive, for the space known as the Library
Property leased to the Vancouver Island Regional Library **Roll No. 00778.010**
- 2.2 Plan 18774, Lot 3, Block 7, D.L. 2137, Rupert District, located at 1100 Nigei St
Property registered in the name of the Port Alice Ecumenical Society **Roll No. 00648.000**
- 2.3 Plan 33023, Lots 13 & 14, D.L. 2137, Rupert District, located at 850-860 Marine Dr
Properties registered in the name of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada **Roll No. 00788.030
& Roll No. 00788.031**

3. THE LEGION HALL

- 3.1 The Legion Hall, Plan 22668, Lot 1, D.L. 2137, Rupert District
Registered to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #180 **Roll No. 00779.000**
- 3.2 The portion of Plan 22668, Lot 1, DL 2137, Rupert District, which contains a residential housing unit is exclusive of this Bylaw

4. THE YACHT CLUB

- 4.1 Rupert Land District, District Lot PT304 Roll Number 27506.940
The property registered in the name of the Port Alice Yacht Club **Roll No. 27506.940**

5. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemption Taxation Bylaw for the Year 2019, Bylaw No. 649, 2018."

6. SEVERABILITY

If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this bylaw invalid, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

READ A FIRST, SECOND & THIRD TIME THE 8th DAY OF AUGUST 2018.
ADOPTED THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 649, as adopted on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

BYLAW NO. 650

A BYLAW TO EXEMPT SPECIFIC PROPERTIES FROM TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, Section 225 of the Community Charter empowers Council, by Bylaw, to exempt from taxation, eligible golf course property, being land maintained as a golf course.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Port Alice, in open meeting assembled, enacts that the following lands and improvements thereon, are hereby exempted from taxation, imposed under Section 197 (1) of the Community Charter, for the year 2019:

1. **PORT ALICE GOLF CLUB**

Eastern portion of District Lot 1187, Rupert Land District which is identified and assessed by BC Assessment as Recreation / Non-profit.

Property registered in the name of Neucel Specialty Cellulose Ltd. **Roll No: 00075.000**

2. **CONDITIONS**

a.) The property must continue to be operated as a golf course and must be accessible by members of the public.

b.) Neucel Specialty Cellulose Ltd. must continue to pay Village of Port Alice taxes.

3. **CITATION**

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemption Taxation Bylaw for the Year 2019, Bylaw No. 650, 2018."

4. **SEVERABILITY**

If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this bylaw invalid, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

READ A FIRST, SECOND & THIRD TIME THE 8th DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

ADOPTED THE 10th DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 650, as adopted on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Chief Administrative Officer



INFORMATION ITEMS



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VIRL Library Board innovates and inspires with 2019 Budget

September 22, 2018, Nanaimo, BC – The Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board of Trustees is innovating and inspiring with its adopted 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan.

At the September 22 meeting, the Board adopted a balanced budget of \$38,139,948 for 2019. Municipal and rural levies will contribute \$23,140,091 to the library budget, an average increase of 4.74% or a per capita increase of \$1.48.

“By adopting this budget, the Board supports VIRL’s transition to a library of the 21st century,” says Joel Adams, VIRL’s Director of Finance. “We look forward to innovating through programming that meets and exceeds the diverse needs of customers, continuing to invest in our digital collections and technology, and updating our facilities to serve our customers well for years to come.”

The weighted vote amongst Trustees was 100% in favor of the budget.

“VIRL continues to respond proactively to the push for the latest technologies and advancements, ensuring that our branches are well positioned with the spaces, resources, and expertise to guide our customers now and into the future,” says Barry Avis, Chair of the VIRL Board of Trustees. “At the same time, this Budget is responsive to the pull from our communities to maintain core traditional services that libraries have always provided.”

For more information about the 2019– 2023 Financial Plan, visit virl.bc.ca/reports-and-plans. To watch a video about the budget and the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan, [click here](#). An infographic about the 2019 – 2023 budget is [available here](#).

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For more information

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From: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX <Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2018 2:03 PM
To: XT:PortAlice, Village ENV:IN
Subject: Letter from the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

Ref: 239103

Her Worship Mayor Jan Allen and Council
Village of Port Alice
E-mail: info@portalice.ca

Dear Mayor Allen and Council:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am honoured and delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. It is the month that we acknowledge and celebrate foster caregivers for their invaluable support and commitment to children and youth placed in their care.

Foster Family Month is a marvelous opportunity to show our appreciation and thank caregivers for their incredible kindness and generosity in sharing their homes and their lives with vulnerable children and youth in care.

Since commencing my role as Minister, I have had the opportunity to travel around the province and meet with many amazing foster caregivers, as well as former and current children and youth in care. I have been continually struck by the strength of character and depth of commitment in these caregivers. They undertake heroic work which often goes unrecognized, and I invite you to help ensure these families know their work is appreciated.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies provide supports and services for approximately 6,500 children and youth in care across British Columbia. Government relies on foster caregivers to provide day-to-day stability, care and support to these young people.

I encourage you to get involved - take time to host, celebrate, and participate in Foster Family Month appreciation events in your community. Please join me in recognizing the important role of foster caregivers. Extend a heartfelt thank you, express your gratitude, and acknowledge and recognize the commitment and hard work of these remarkable individuals, and their families.

A new provincial recruitment campaign was launched on October 1, 2018, and will conclude March 31, 2019. In combination with regional recruitment events, the provincial foster caregivers' recruitment campaign ensures that the ministry continues to support a vibrant and growing community of foster caregivers to meet the needs of British Columbia's children and youth in care into the future.

The campaign consists of social and digital media, radio public service announcements, and a new, streamlined Web site, FosterNow.ca<<https://fosternow.gov.bc.ca/>>, with a direct recruitment focus. The messaging emphasizes success stories of real foster families and former youth in care and how foster caregivers have supported young people to achieve their full potential.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued recognition and support of foster caregivers in your community who care for this province's children and youth in care.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Katrine Conroy
Minister of Children and Family Development

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<https://www.avg.com>

From: Trevena.MLA, Claire <Claire.Trevena.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 8:39 AM
To: Trevena.MLA, Claire
Subject: MLA Report

MLA Report

It has been an historic week in the Legislature, our first week of the fall session. A final investment decision was announced which will lead to the development of a multi-billion dollar LNG industry in British Columbia. The same day, our government tabled a bill that will lead to a long overdue poverty reduction strategy.

Tens of thousands of jobs will be created during the construction and then operation of the LNG facility in Kitimat along with the construction of the pipeline from the gas fields in northeast BC. It is anticipated it will generate \$23 billion in public revenue over 40 years.

The LNG industry is controversial. Our government has been very clear that we would accept its development if it met certain conditions. They are: a fair return on our resources, guaranteed jobs and training opportunities for the people of BC, that First Nations are fully involved as respected partners and that the province's land, water and air are protected.

The LNG project that was announced will be the world's cleanest in terms of greenhouse gas emissions; and it will be accommodated in our climate action plan, due to be announced later this year. As it is, our government has already committed to meeting stringent GHG targets – at 40 percent below 2007 levels by 2030, 60 percent by 2040 and 80 percent ten years later.

The revenue generated by this project will make a huge difference for the people of BC. It will help pay for housing, for healthcare, for public transit and highways. And it will be a real investment in our fight against poverty.

Over the last number of years we have seen other provinces design and implement poverty reduction strategies, but the previous BC Liberal government did nothing. I am proud that our government introduced a bill which will pave the way for a BC strategy. The bill itself is slight in page numbers but will have a great impact.

It commits government to reducing our overall poverty rate by 25 percent and child poverty by 50 percent in five years. An independent advisory committee will be created which will include those with personal and professional experience dealing with poverty. And there will be annual reporting on government progress. The Strategy will be ready by next spring.

As Minister of Transportation, I have been answering questions in Question Period about our Community Benefits Agreement, the framework under which a number of major projects will

be built. Any contractor, whether they are union or not, can make bids on the projects; the worksites will be union. The benefits are that hiring preference will be given to those living within 100km of the project, that indigenous people, women and those who are not usually able to get work on such projects have opportunities to be hired and that apprenticeships will be guaranteed on projects.

Through this, we will help tackle the skills shortage that BC is facing as well as investing in communities. It is an exciting way forward although not unique. The John Hart Generating Station in Campbell River was built under a similar agreement, as were most hydro projects since the early 1960s.

I've had a number of queries from constituents about when Blair Redlin's report on BC Ferries will be released: it will be later this fall.

Although we have only been back at the Legislature for a week, we will not be there next week, because of Thanksgiving. I am looking forward to the Trailblazers event at Campbell River's Maritime Heritage Centre on Tuesday evening. I will also be doing Ministerial work for a couple of days out of the constituency but be back by the weekend.

As always, I can be reached at Claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca or by phone in Campbell River at [250 287 5100](tel:2502875100) or in Port Hardy on [250 949 9473](tel:2509499473).

Best regards,
Claire



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