

To the Residents of Port Alice,

We are the Village of Port Alice newly elected Council and acclaimed Mayor. We are proud and honoured to represent you and will be moving forward in a progressive, positive manner. Your Council is totally new to this venue but is fortunate enough to have a Mayor who has worked extensively with the Regional District of Mt. Waddington for the past thirty years, and though this venue is new to her as well, Mayor Jan Allen has extensive knowledge and training in municipal government.

We want Port Alice to grow and expand. In the mid 1980's our population was approximately 1,800. We have dwindled to just over 800. We need to encourage families to return to our Village and the following are a few factors limiting this success:

1. Limited access to our Community Centre
2. No licensed daycare available
3. No bus or taxi service to Pt. Hardy or Pt. McNeill
4. Limited housing

We need to utilize the assets of Port Alice to their fullest extent. We have a Community Centre that has recently had a two million dollar upgrade. The Community Centre was once the focal point of Port Alice and we need to return to utilizing this building extensively. Effective January 3, 2012, it will be open M/T/W/T/F from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 9:00 p.m. We can continue with a morning walking club should there be a demand for it. Programs will include 50+ computer time, arts & activity, homework club, after school programs, adult coffee time, tot time, open gym and so much more. Come see the new computer lab complete with sectional couch and flat screen TV. Let's use this facility!!

Not that long ago we had 300 students enrolled at SeaView School. We currently have approximately 34 students. We want to encourage families to stay and we want to encourage families to relocate to Port Alice. A huge problem for families in Port Alice is day care. In early January 2012 we will be advertising for an Expression of Interest to qualified providers to open a Day Care facility in our Community Centre (this could be a local group or a satellite location from an existing north island provider or possibly someone who wishes to relocate to provide this service). Neucel has written us a letter of support for this venture and is working with us to provide this needed service.

There has been an expressed desire to join the current north island bus transit system. We want to keep people here and for a multitude of reasons some people don't or can't drive. There are many residents who do not have a vehicle, have lost their license or don't have a license, do not like to drive the Port Alice road in the winter or have lost their confidence in driving. We need to accommodate everyone and this service should have been provided years ago. We have received a letter of support from Neucel for this venture and will be working with them on exploring this initiative. We are currently working with the Regional District of Mt. Waddington and hope to hold an information meeting, complete with financial figures, within our community early in 2012.

We need some new housing. Many homes have been purchased by seasonal dwellers and this has limited the availability for full time residents. There are also many existing residences in need of significant upgrades prior to being brought up to a standard that would be considered acceptable by most. We need to encourage some expansion and upgrades to existing homes. There has been a purchase of 220 acres of land that surrounds our Alice Lake/Link River Campsite. The intent of the purchaser is to subdivide and sell 17 ten-acre lots. There is also other property that was purchased (close to Jeune Landing) and the owners have plans to expand into large parcels of land allowing new homes to be built.

We have visions for a better Port Alice and look forward to working with you to achieve this goal. We would like to thank you for your support and encourage you to contact us with your questions, complaints or ideas.

Sincerely,

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