

# Village of Port Alice Council Agenda Package

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## VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA



#### TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2019 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 February 27, 2019, 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:
- Pg 3-4 a.) **THAT** the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2019, be adopted.
- Pg 5-6 **b.)** January, 2019 Tourism Committee Minutes
  - (6) OLD BUSINESS: N\A
  - (7) COMMUNICATIONS:
    - a.) Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge from District of Highlands
      February 26, 2019, Letter from Ken Williams, Mayor of Highlands
  - (8) NEW BUSINESS: N\A

#### **REPORTS:**

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- a.) <u>Councillor Report 2019 Elected Official's Seminar Report</u> February 19, 2019, report from Councillor Bruce Lloyd
- **b.)** Fire Chief's Monthly Report for February 2019
  February 2019, Report from Acting Fire Chief Gerry Rose
- (9) BYLAWS: N\A
- (10) QUESTION PERIOD:
- (11) ADJOURNMENT:

THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held March 13, 2019, be adjourned.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. March 1, 2019, MLA Report March, Claire Trevena

# VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA



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2. February 24, 2019, Letter to Dr. Bjarnason re Future Care in Port Alice

# VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



# WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2019 IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present

Mayor Kevin Cameron Councillor Holly Aldis Councillor Warren Beatty Councillor Bruce Lloyd Councillor Angela Yunker

Staff

Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** 

16/19 Adoption of Agenda MOVED by Councillor Beatty / Seconded by Councillor Yunker

**THAT** the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 27, 2019, be approved **AND THAT** all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS: None** 

MINUTES:

17/19 Minutes Feb 6, 2019 MOVED by Councillor Yunker / Seconded by Councillor Lloyd

**THAT** the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) <u>Approved Funding for Canada Day Celebrations</u>
  January 18, 2019, Letter from Emmanielle Sajous, Director General Canadian Heritage
- b) <u>Protection of Groundwater, request to support AVICC resolution</u>
   February 12, 2019, Email from Bruce Gibbons, Merville Water Guardians

18/19 Letter re: Water MOVED by Councillor Yunker / Seconded by Councillor Lloyd

**THAT** a letter be sent to AVICC supporting the Protection of Groundwater Resolution from the Merville Water Guardians.

**FAILED** 

c) <u>Resignation of Fire Chief Don Rethmeir</u>
 February 15, 2019, Letter from Don Rethmeir

19/19 Letter to D. Rethmeir

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd / Seconded by Councillor Aldis

**THAT** a letter be sent to Don Rethmeir thanking him for his service.

CARRIED

 d) 2019 UBCM Resolution and background info for Off Road Vehicle Management Framework Resolution.

February 16, 2019, Email from Mike Coulter, Campbell River ATV Club Director

MOVED by Councillor Aldis / Seconded by Councillor Lloyd

20/19 ATV Club **THAT** a letter be sent to AVICC supporting the Off Road Vehicle Management Framework Resolution.

**CARRIED** 

e) <u>Fire Chief's Monthly Report for January 2019</u>
 February 2019, Report from Acting Fire Chief Gerry Rose.

#### **REPORTS:**

- a) <u>Summary of Revenue and Expenses for January 2019</u>
  February 21, 2019 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer
- b) Accounts Payable Listing for January 2019
   February 21, 2019, Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd / Seconded by Councillor Aldis

18/19 Adjournment **THAT** the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held February276 2019, be adjourned at 7:20 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 February 27, 2019.

Mayor	Deputy Chief Administrative Office

# VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

# Monday January 21, 2019 Village Office Council Chambers



Present

Councillor Angela Yunker

Louisa Moore Michael Basran

Mayor Kevin Cameron

Staff

Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Bonnie Danyk called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

TAC 01/19 Agenda MOVED by Mayor Cameron / Seconded by Louisa Moore

**THAT** the Agenda for the Tourism Advisory Committee be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

**THAT** Councillor Angela Yunker be appointed Chair of the Tourism Advisory Committee for 2019

**THAT** Michael Basran be appointed Vice-Chair of the Tourism Advisory Committee for 2019.

#### **MINUTES:**

TAC 02/19 Minutes MOVED by Mayor Cameron / Seconded by Michael Basran

**THAT** the minutes for the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held on November 26, 2018 be approved.

**CARRIED** 

#### **REPORTS:**

Report from Angela Yunker requesting an increase the Tourism Budget Report for approval/comment from the Tourism Committee

TAC 03/19 Tourism Budget

MOVED by Louisa Moore / Seconded by Michael Basran

**THAT** a request to add \$12,000 to the Tourism Budget be forwarded to the Finance Committee for the purpose of upgrading our webpage and advertising with Certified Folders Display Service.

**CARRIED** 

#### **DISCUSSION:**

a) Could the Community Market be held outdoors? Passerby are not aware of Market in

Community Centre.

- b) Can we order corkboards for Community Centre hallway to put up heritage displays?
- c) Bring cost to have Tourism back in the Heritage office to next meeting
- d) Website improvements should contain links to eco tours and fishing charters, also should have an events calendar
- e) Possible event, Sea Otter Days. Not on a holiday weekend.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**THAT** the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held January 21, 2019 be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting of held November 26, 2018.

air Deputy Chief Administrative Officer



File: 0400,04

February 26, 2019

Association of Vancouver Island Costal Communities Local Governments

Dear Neighbour:

#### **RE: MUNICIPAL SURVIVOR CLIMATE CHALLENGE**

The District of Highlands Council would like to challenge all of the AVICC Local Governments to a **Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge**.

The goal of the challenge is to initiate a fun and friendly local government competition with each participating council measuring their average "One-Planet Living" footprint of the Mayor and Council members, who then take steps in their daily lives over the next year to reduce their average footprint. Highlands Council believes this fun competition can show community leadership while assisting in education and building local resilience in the face of a rapidly changing climate.

The calculator we are using is: <a href="https://www.footprintcalculator.org">https://www.footprintcalculator.org</a>. This easy to use online tool gives the following data based on subjective inputs by individuals:

- 1. How many Earth's would be required if everyone lived like that person
- 2. Ecological footprint (how many hectares of land are required)
- 3. Carbon footprint (tonnes of CO2)

The District of Highlands hopes to launch this competition on Earth Day 2019 (April 22) and the competition would run for one year, until Earth Day 2020.

#### What would be involved?

Each council member would determine their personal results prior to April 22, 2019 using the footprint calculator. Your Council's average results for the three items above would be calculated (this responsibility could be assigned to a council or staff member) and the averaged results would be forwarded to the District of Highlands via the Corporate Officer: <a href="mailto:tneurauter@highlands.ca">tneurauter@highlands.ca</a>. Then throughout the year council participants would work towards lowering their initial results. Come Earth Day 2020 the same participants will once again take the challenge and the councils average would then again be forwarded to the District of Highlands. Highlands will summarize the results and relay them back to you. Again, these are combined averages and not individual results.

#### Goals of the Challenge:

- to educate
- to engage community and the region in a simple fun way
- to invite information community participation by expanding the survey to residents
- to attract media coverage
- to demonstrate community leadership in responding to the climate crisis
- to build local resilience
- to gain more support for climate policies and initiatives
- to empower individuals to take action

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#### Join our carbon footprint duel!

Two documents are attached for your reference; a one-page poster including District of Highlands Council's average figures, and the original information memo from Councillor Ann Baird.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact the District of Highlands at 250-474-1773.

Yours truly,

Ken Williams, Mayor District of Highlands

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# Highlands Council Challenges your Council to a carbon footprint duel with the launch of the Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge

#### LAUNCH DATE APRIL 22, 2019

In our concern for climate change, Highlands Council would like to challenge your Council in a friendly competition to take the Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge to compare ecological footprints and to strive to take steps in daily life to reduce your Council's average footprint. Only council averages will be used for comparison, and no individual results will be made known. We would also like councils to encourage their residents to take the challenge, the District of Highlands advertized the challenge in its Spring issue of its newsletter.

# The calculator we have used is located at: <a href="https://www.footprintcalculator.org">https://www.footprintcalculator.org</a>

# It takes only a few minutes to fill out. This tool gives the following data based on subjective inputs by individuals:

- How many earths would be required if everyone lived like that person
- The ecological footprint (how many hectares of land would be required)
- The carbon footprint (tonnes of CO2)

#### Highlands Council average figures are:

- 2.4 earths
- 4.14 hectares
- 6.94 tonnes of CO2

#### Bragging rights go to the Council that:

- Starts with the lowest number of earths.
- · Has the largest reduction over one year
- · Has the lowest number at the end of one year

And the fossil award would go to the council with the highest average.

#### The goals for this challenge are:

- To educate
- To engage community and the region in a simple and fun way
- To invite informal community participation
- To attract media coverage
- To demonstrate leadership in responding to the climate crisis
- To build local resilience
- To gain more support for climate policies and initiatives
- To empower individuals to take action

#### Will you accept the challenge?

#### DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS



# From the Desk of Councillor Ann Baird Council Member Motion/Recommendation

To: Council Members File: 0530.01

From: Councillor Ann Baird Date: December 13, 2018

Subject: Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge

#### Introduction:

Create a friendly competition between municipal councils challenging them to decrease their ecological footprint with the goal of education, community leadership, and building local resilience in the face of a rapidly changing climate.

#### Background:

The new report of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) (Nov 2018) focuses on the emission pathways to keeping global average temperatures under a 1.5 degree Celsius rise AND the implications of not doing so. The consequences are bad enough even at the 1°C rise we have already experienced, but almost unspeakable if we don't meet this 1.5°C target. The IPCC findings state that global emissions must reduce 45% by 2030 and 100% by 2050. The good news is that scientists and economists say this is possible. The bad news is that we need to change everything immediately. <a href="https://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/pdf/sr15.spm\_final.pdf">https://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/pdf/sr15.spm\_final.pdf</a>

Quote from Sir David Attenborough at COP24 (UN Climate Summit in Poland) on Dec 3, 2018. https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-46398057

"Right now we are facing a manmade disaster of global scale, our greatest threat in thousands of years: climate change. If we don't take action, the collapse of our civilisations and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizon.

"The world's people have spoken. Time is running out. They want you, the decision-makers, to act now. Leaders of the world, you must lead. The continuation of civilisations and the natural world upon which we depend is in your hands."

Quote from António Guterres, the United Nations secretary general on Sept 10, 2018. https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2018-09-10/secretary-generals-remarks-climate-change-delivered

"If we do not change course by 2020, we risk missing the point where we can avoid runaway climate change, with disastrous consequences for people and all the natural systems that sustain us."

#### Details for The Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge:

To initiate a fun and friendly municipal competition with each participating council measuring their average "One-Planet Living" footprint of the mayor and council, who then take steps in their daily lives over the next year to reduce their average footprint. Suggested calculator: https://www.footprintcalculator.org/

This tool gives the following data based on subjective inputs by individuals:

- 1. How many Earth's would be required if everyone lived like that person
- 2. Ecological footprint (how many hectares of land are required)
- 3. Carbon footprint (tonnes of CO2)

Bragging rights and possible award would be for the council that:

- 1. Starts with the lowest footprint (how many earth's)
- 2. Has the biggest reduction over one year
- 3. Has lowest at the end of the year
- 4. And perhaps the fossil award to the highest average footprint council

#### Goals:

- 1. Education
- 2. Community and regional engagement in a simple and fun way
- 3. Invite informal community participation or expand to a community footprint survey
- 4. Media coverage
- 5. Leverage existing pathways of inter-municipal interactions to expand climate awareness
- 6. Demonstrate community leadership in responding to the climate crisis
- 7. Shift the cultural story around climate action
- 8. Build local resilience
- 9. Gain more support for climate policies and initiatives
- 10. Empower individuals to take action

Many people say that individual actions don't make a difference. To this we can say:

- 1. Individual actions add up. Think of a drop of water, a puddle, a pond, a lake, a river, an ocean.
- 2. It's about ethics and doing the right thing. Demonstrate climate leadership to our community and to our region.
- 3. People that take personal action are more likely to take political action and support/request meaningful changes locally, provincially, federally, and globally.
- 4. Personal changes now will make us more resilient to climatic, ecological and economic shocks.

#### Other Comments:

- Requires very little staff time and has no financial costs
- Easy to use and no individual footprints are shared...only council average
- Individuals who are feeling hopeless or are negatively impacted by the enormity of the climate crisis suffer more health and stress related issues. Offering examples of actions and opportunities can help individuals begin making changes. Personal actions often lead to a sense of control; connection and hope which help reduce stress, anxiety, and fear, thereby leading to a healthier community.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION** for January 7, 2019 regular council meeting:

That council initiates the Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge AND perform our individual global footprint calculations, AND allow the Chief Administrative Officer to average our individual footprint results (including number of planets, CO2e, and number of hectares of land), AND send a letter with Highlands Council averages challenging other AVICC municipalities to do the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Baird

Councillor Ann Baird

Councillor Lloyd's 2019 Elected Official's Seminar Report Feb.13 -15<sup>th</sup> 2019-02-19 I would like to thank the taxpayer for the privilege of attending what was a thought – inspiring and pleasant 2 and one half days in Parksville last week. As usual I enjoyed the seminars as well as the "fat in the fire" interaction with a lot of pleasant and intelligent people who make it feel for at least a couple of days that you have had the privilege of going back to university!

This was an especially well done set of seminars, some of which were quite pertinent this year. The chance to listen to 2 bright and hard —working women staffers and the politicians who led the Campbell River region through the loss of their pulp mill was especially pertinent. Their encouragement to "be conservative" was both instructive and haunting, and has me intent on re-visiting our budget discussions with that in mind. I attended the Local Emergency Planning seminar for Returning Politicians while the other members of council attended Rights, Risks and Responsibilities. Most memorable was the surprising diversity of design and variableness of the systems inherent. The tsunami system is still under construction and incomplete it seems! Wildfire plans are the big concern now.

Similarly, I attended current legal issues for returning politicos while the other members attended the BC System Structures seminar. It was in large part a focus on the legal aspects of cannabis legislation which might become pertinent to us. Such things as land use, retail policy, clean air bylaws and the like were discussed.

I usually find the standard aboriginal and council's working together seminars quite colloquial and less than what they could have been to be frank – but this particular seminar with Tofino Mayor Josie Osborne and Chair John Jack of the Alberni – Clayoquot Regional District was neither! Jack's depth was evident as was Josie's. I will confess to missing the Post – Election seminar and Frank Leonard's "Game Show" though I like and respect Leonard highly. Similarly, I opted out of the media seminar given my background.

Sustainable Community Planning presented by a Climate Change Panel was the most stimulating of all the seminars for myself. Again, I attended this one for returning politicos while the rest of council were in the Planning seminar. We steered this one around the balancing act of sustainability of financial matters given the large amount of hyperbole and even now apparent financial waste that unfortunately comes along with such topics as that. Suffice it to say that politicians have a duty to ensure that balance is to be achieved through diligent study and careful fact – checking when apocalyptic claims are made to somehow make us cast aside our due diligence in financial matters. Finally, I would say that it was well worth the time invested in a dozen or so seminars which imparted a lot of pertinent information. This is not always the case in such gatherings. The added benefit of meeting such people as the Mayor of Ucluelet, Councillor and ex – mayor Charlie Cornfield, Campbell River's City Manager, and a host of others who I discussed our situation with, gave me some strength towards managing our difficult situation. That knowledge and wisdom, combined with the regional input and intelligence I have been getting from staffers and veteran politicians - both retired and active; has me refreshed and looking forward to our difficult days ahead. I know the other Councillors and our Mayor, thanks to these seminars, must feel likewise!

Sincerely, Councillor Lloyd

PS Given our financial plight I feel I have no justification in going to AVICC as well!

#### VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

## Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department

# Fire Chief's Monthly Report For the month of Feb, 2019

Active Members	16	Number Of False Alarms	0
On Leave	1	Mutual Aid Calls	0
Rescue Calls	0	Lift Assist Calls	0
Fire Calls	0	Public Relation Events	0
Honourary Members	1		

#### **Practices:**

Date	Attendance	Purpose
Feb 5, 19	11	Pumper & Hose Practice
Feb 12,19	9	Pumper & Hose Practice
Feb 19,19	9	Swap lines on truck
Feb 26,19	10	Truck checks, association meeting, pumper truck training

Public Relations Events:	
Situation Responses:	
Fire Chief: Rose	
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Administrator:	



# INFORMATION

# ITEMS

#### info@portalice.ca

From:

Trevena.MLA, Claire <Claire.Trevena.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Friday, March 01, 2019 1:31 PM

To:

Trevena.MLA, Claire

Subject:

MLA Report

MLA Report March, 2019

I'm very proud of our government's third <u>budget</u> delivered last week. It's building on the strong foundation of last year's budget and will truly make life better for people in North Island.

It's hard to pick and choose which items to write about but some of the highlights include: the elimination of Medical Services Plan premiums; the introduction of the BC Child Opportunity benefit for families with children younger than 18; and the continued roll out of our 30 point housing plan which is bringing homes to people in our communities.

We're continuing to create a bigger, much more affordable child care system for our province. Not only families, all BCers will benefit from the increased number of spaces and reduced costs. A sustainable child care system is both important social policy and good for the economy. Business often cites the lack of affordable childcare has a problem that, in particular, prevents many women from re-entering the workforce.

BC's economy is doing well and we're continuing to encourage businesses large and small: the small business corporate income tax rate has been cut by 20 percent, and we're eliminating PST on non-residential electricity which will help industry. We are facing a massive skills shortage which we are addressing in part through our Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). When we are building provincial infrastructure, the CBA will require apprenticeships be provided, local workers be hired and will enable those who often don't have easy access to construction jobs - particularly women and Indigenous people - to get work. These initiatives will increase our workforce.

I'm pleased that primary health care remains a focus as it works well for North Island communities resulting in less travel to big centres for care. However we also are making significant investments in other aspects of the health system; for example, we've seen a massive increase in MRI exams and that will continue. Meanwhile through the expansion of Fair PharmaCare more than 240,000 families will find their prescriptions become cheaper.

North Island residents also will see benefits from CleanBC, our climate action plan. We're going to provide assistance for retrofits, such as upgrading windows and doors and taking other measures to improve insulation. And there will be a subsidy to lower the cost of switching to new, more cost-efficient home heating systems.

Our region also will benefit from the \$10 million investment to support the Coast Forest Sector Revitalization. One of the key goals is to rebuild secondary processing so BC logs can create BC jobs. We want to restore public confidence in the management of our public resource.

I'm proud that as Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, we've been able to keep ferry fares frozen after we rolled them back last year; that includes free seniors travel from Monday to Thursday. I'm also very pleased that we're going to be restoring ferry services cut by the previous government five years ago. And, stay tuned, there will be more happening on the ferry file in the weeks and months to come.

We're in the Legislature for another week then I'll be back in the constituency. Plans are for visits to the "real" North Island as well as Gold River. And when not on the road I'll be in Campbell River.

As always I can be contacted by email at <u>claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca</u> or by phone: 250 287 5100 in Campbell River or 250 949 9473 in Port Hardy. You can find me on Facebook or follow me @clairetrevena on Twitter.

Best regards, Claire



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#### GAIL LIND PO BOX 527 PORT ALICE, B.C. VON 2NO 250 284 3960

EMAIL: gailtrent@cablerocket.com

February 24, 2019

Dr. Elin Bjarnason, Vice President Clinical Service Delivery Vancouver Island Health Authority Victoria, BC

c/o Kathryn.blazecka@viha.ca

Dear Dr. Bjarnason

Re: Future Health Care in Port Alice

Thank you so much for coming to Port Alice on February 20<sup>th</sup> and meeting with the community. I was born and raised in Port Alice, as was my mother and father, so it is fair to say that my family is witness to many changes in the community. The most notable change, is the community's transformation from a working two industry town, pulp mill and logging, to logging only and safe haven for young active and older seniors.

The community is working very hard at making this transformation a successful one. On February 20<sup>th</sup> you heard that having a well-functioning medical clinic, with emergency services, is critical to the community in order to maintain the existing population, while attempting to attract future residents. The final decision that VIHA makes, with respect to the health care model for Port Alice, could negatively impact the future of our town if the wrong decision is made.

The community understands only too well the excellent service provided to us by the local ambulance attendants. VIHA is lucky to have this type of dedication, so don't make their job more difficult than it has to be, by reducing the current level of care at the Port Alice Health Clinic. There is no safe way our ambulance crew can transport an ill or injured person to an emergency department, for medical care, within the critical "Golden Hour", if they are forced to drive to the Port Hardy or the Port McNeill hospital. Under the very best conditions, this trip takes forty minutes. This challenge will put untold stress on our ambulance personnel for no good reason, when a local doctor/nurse team can stabilize the patient before moving them to a higher level of care. Do the right thing and post the job vacancies. The community also understands and accepts that not all medical services can be delivered in Port Alice. Our very capable physicians will transfer those cases to a larger centre to be taken care of when it is necessary. We need our physicians, the emergency room and equipment left intact so that they can do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

During my last visit to Dr. Hubler, I expressed my disappointment that she was resigning her position in Port Alice. She indicated to me that the work environment, not at the local clinic level, but at the administration level, was taking a toll and making it difficult for her to continue coming to Port Alice. Too bad, this model worked so well for Port Alice. Perhaps it can be fixed. Dr. Mackenzie loves coming to Port Alice and is a part of our community. It is in everyone's best interest to retain him, while you look for suitable candidates to fill the vacancies.

There is a real concern in the community; that the local administration has or is considering having physicians travel from Port Hardy to see Port Alice patients. This is a very bad idea and one that I hope you will investigate and not consider as part of the solution. While Dr. Grace's stats reveal patient visits at the Port Alice Health Clinic's emergency services, they do not tell the whole story. For example, how would those stats differ if emergency services were available in Port Alice on weekends? Port Hardy and Port McNeill stats are increased every time a Port Alice patient is transported to either one of these hospitals. Also, the stats do not

reflect the lifesaving activity that occurs in our community. Dr. Grace intimated that our physicians may be less practiced in specific life saving techniques because of limited exposure in our small clinic. I can assure you, thanks to living in a small community, we are very aware of, and grateful for, the capabilities of our present physicians who have saved the lives of many of our local residents.

Please find attached a copy of my letter, dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, which was prompted after I learned of how drastic the intended changes would be for health care services in Port Alice.

In closing, I trust that the community's many concerns were heard, and will be addressed with positive results, now that we know money and numbers are not a major factor. We look forward to hearing about your revised health care services plan for Port Alice in the not too distant future.

Yours truly

Bail Line

Gail Lind

Cc: Honorable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

Honorable Claire Trevena, MLA

Mayor and Council, Village of Port Alice

Port Alice Health Forum