

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2020 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) ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for March 11, 2020, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

(3) DELEGATIONS:

a.) Community Futures

(4) MINUTES:

Pg 3-4 a.) **THAT** the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2020, be approved.

b.) Minutes from the January Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting

Pg 5-6 c.) Minutes from the February Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting

Pg 7-8 d.) Minutes from the January Committee of the Whole meeting

Pg 9-10 e.) Minutes from the February Committee of the Whole meeting

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(5) OLD BUSINESS: N\A

(6) COMMUNICATIONS:

Pg 13 a.) UBCM Resolution Process

March 4, 2020 Letter from Maya Tait, UBCM President

(7) NEW BUSINESS:

(8) REPORTS:

Pg 15 a.) Fire Chief's Monthly Report

(9) BYLAWS:

Pg 17-19 a.) Bylaw 659 - Village of Port Alice Official Community Plan Amendment
be given Third reading

Pg 21-26 b.) Bylaw 660 - Village of Port Alice Official Community Plan Amendment
be given First and Second reading

(10) QUESTION PERIOD:

(11) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING (Close of regular meeting)

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

Section 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2020
IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Present
Mayor Kevin Cameron
Councillor Holly Aldis
Councillor Sean Watson
Councillor Angela Yunker
Councillor Bruce Lloyd

Staff
Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

19/20
Closed
Meeting

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

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: 7:00 pm

20/20
Adoption of
Agenda

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 26, 2020, be approved: AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

21/20
Minutes
February 12

MINUTES:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on February 12, 2020 be adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Emergency Support Services Modernization

February 21, Letter from Lori Halls, Deputy Minister, Emergency Management BC

NEW BUSINESS:

Displaced Worker Research Study through Decoda Literacy Society

February 20, 2020 email from Leslie Dyck, MW Literacy

REPORTS:

Accounts Payable Listing for January 2020

February 19, 2020 Report by Bonnie Danyk CAO/ CFO

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday January 8, 2020
Village Office Council Chambers
Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting

- Present Mayor Kevin Cameron
Councillor Holly Aldis
Councillor Sean Watson
- Absent Councillor Angela Yunker
Councillor Bruce Lloyd
- Staff Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO
Louisa Moore, Community Centre Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PWR 01/20
Agenda

MOVED by Councillor Aldis/ Seconded by Councillor Watson.

THAT the Agenda for the Public Works and Recreation Committee be approved with the; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

PWR 02/20
PW/Rec Minutes
2019-21-05

MOVED by Councillor Yunker / Seconded by Councillor Watson.

THAT the minutes of the Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting held December 5, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Community Centre Coordinator Monthly Report – December
January 2, 2020, Report from Louisa Moore, CC Coordinator

It was agreed that for February Heart Month the Community Centre can offer a challenge to the community to submit their exercise minutes for the month. Participants will be entered into a draw for a free one month weight room pass.

Public Works Foreman's Monthly Report – December
January 2, 2020, Report from Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman

ADJOURNMENT:

PWR 03/20
Adjourn

MOVED by Councillor Aldis/ Seconded by Councillor Watson

THAT the Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting of the Village of Port Alice held January 8, 2020 be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday February 5, 2020
Village Office Council Chambers
Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting

- Present Mayor Kevin Cameron
Councillor Holly Aldis
Councillor Angela Yunker
Councillor Bruce Lloyd
- Absent Councillor Sean Watson
- Staff Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO
Louisa Moore, Community Centre Coordinator
Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

PWR 04/20
Agenda

*THAT the Agenda for the Public Works and Recreation Committee be approved with the;
AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the
agenda be received for information.*

MINUTES:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

PWR 05/20
PW/Rec Minutes
2020-01-08

*THAT the minutes of the Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting held
January 8, 2020 be adopted.*

REPORTS:

Community Centre Coordinator Monthly Report – January
February 3, 2020, Report from Louisa Moore, CC Coordinator

Public Works Foreman’s Monthly Report – January
February 3, 2020, Report from Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

PWR 06/20
Adjourn

*THAT the Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting of the Village of Port Alice held
February 5, 2020 be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.*

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of
the Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting held February 5, 2020.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020
IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Present Mayor Kevin Cameron
Councillor Holly Aldis
Councillor Sean Watson

Absent Councillor Bruce Lloyd
Councillor Angela Yunker

Staff Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO

CALL TO ORDER: 3:30 pm

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

COTW 01/20 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
MOVED by Councillor Aldis

It was duly moved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

COTW 02/20 **MINUTES:**
MOVED by Councillor Aldis

THAT the minutes of the December 5, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Recreation Programming

The Community Centre will have an open house in February to talk about programs offered and to seek out potential volunteers that may be interested in teaching some classes.

Bonnie to look into insurance requirements in regard to renting space at the Arena

Would like to arrange another session with the Conservation Officer

2. Bike and Hiking Trail Improvements

December 3, 2019, Report from Tanya Spafford

Staff to contact property owner to see if they are interested in an agreement which would allow the bike trail to pass through their land.

Bonnie to research grant opportunities.

Kevin to approach the RDMW for funding.

3. Entrepreneur and Business Attraction Planning Session

November 18, 2019 email from David Mitchell of Community Futures (with attachments).

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2020
IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Present Mayor Kevin Cameron
Councillor Holly Aldis
Councillor Sean Watson
Councillor Bruce Lloyd
Councillor Angela Yunker

Staff Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 pm

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

COTW 03/20 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
It was duly moved that the agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

MINUTES:

COTW 04/20 **THAT** the minutes of the January 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.
CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. OCP Amendment

Draft Village of Port Alice Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 659, 2020
Power Point presentation by Ken Cossey, KWC Planning Services

Next steps: Give OCP Amendment Bylaw # 659, 2020 1st and 2nd reading
Send the Bylaw to organizations and authorities for consultation
Set up public hearing

2. Dog Park

Possible area could be outside of Cemetery
Staff to investigate cost of land clearing, fencing, garbage disposal
Could be funded by grants or proceeds from Park land sale

3. Arena User Fees

Schedule G- Recreation Facilities Rates
January 30, 2020 email from Susan Ackerman, MIABC

Staff to prepare Bylaw to amend Schedule G

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm
Certified Correct

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

March 4, 2020

To: Chair and Board
Chief and Council
Mayor and Council

Re: UBCM Resolutions Process

In response to member feedback, the UBCM Executive is undertaking a review of the resolutions process. This will include consultation with members at Area Association spring conferences, and a subsequent report to the membership at the 2020 Annual Convention. While the review progresses, the Executive has committed to exercise their existing authority more fully, and apply greater rigour to the screening and vetting of resolutions submitted to UBCM for 2020.

With the understanding that a resolutions process review is already underway, the Resolutions Committee of the UBCM Executive has identified measures that UBCM can implement in the immediate term to streamline the process and address the number and repetitiveness of resolutions. In 2020, the Committee will seek to:

- Identify more directly the resolutions that address issues of priority to the membership, and ensure that debate of these priority issues takes place early on.
- Be more firm in sending resolutions back to the sponsor if resolutions do not meet UBCM criteria for format, clear writing, factual information, or relevance to local government administration or operations.
- Standardize language to be gender neutral and, where applicable, refer to local governments or First Nations rather than municipalities or regional districts. The goal is to avoid using debate time to make such amendments.
- Combine similar resolutions, without losing or changing their intent.
- Offer further education and support to members on writing clear, effective resolutions.
- Work more closely with Area Associations to improve the quality of resolutions debated at their spring conventions.

These streamlining measures could affect resolutions that your community submits to Area Associations or to UBCM this year.

Please feel free to contact Reiko Tagami, Policy Analyst (rtagami@ubcm.ca or 604 270 8226 ext. 115), with questions about resolutions streamlining, or the resolutions process review.

Sincerely,



Maja Tait
UBCM President



Claire Moglove
Chair, Resolutions Committee

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief's Monthly Report For the month of February, 2020

Active Members	10	Number Of False Alarms	2
On Leave	2	Mutual Aid Calls	0
Rescue Calls	0	Lift Assist Calls	0
Fire Calls	0	Public Relation Events	0

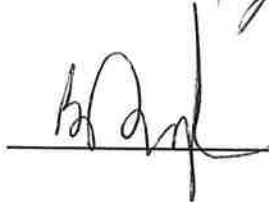
Practices:

Date	Attendance	Purpose
Feb.3/20	3	Alarm at 500 block Taylor Way
Feb.4/20	6	Rope and Knot Practice
Feb.6/20	3	Alarm at 500 block Taylor Way
Feb.11/20	7	Rescue Practice
Feb.18/20	4	Rope Practice
Feb.25/20	6	Equipment Checks and Assoc. Meeting

Public Relations Events:

Situation Responses:

Fire Chief: 

Administrator: 



PORT ALICE
Bylaw No. 659, 2020

A bylaw to amend the Village of Port Alice
Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 568, 2010

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council has deemed it advisable to amend the Village of Port Alice's Official Community Plan Bylaw 568, 2010, the Official Community Plan Bylaw for the Village of Port Alice, as adopted October 27, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, the Mayor and Council of the Village of Port Alice enacts as follows:

1. **CITATION**

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "**Village of Port Alice Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 659, 2020**".

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 For the purposes of this Bylaw, the definitions contained in the Village of Port Alice Zoning Bylaw 200, 1980, are applicable.

3. **TEXT AMENDMENTS**

- 3.1 Official Community Plan Bylaw Number 568, 2010 is hereby amended by deleting the following from section 14.6:

- i) On page 35, under the Category heading the following words "areas within the tsunami-hazard zone,"
- ii) On page 36 under the Justification heading the following words "Lands that are or may be flooded represent a hazardous condition for permanent structures. The west coast of Vancouver Island, identified as Zone C by the provincial Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, is a high-risk seismic zone, known to be vulnerable to flooding in the event of a tsunami. The Village wishes to protect the community against the loss of lives and to minimize property damage, injury and trauma associated with flooding events."
- iii) Guideline (ii) in its entirety,
- iv) Guideline (iii) in its entirety,
- v) In Guideline (iv), any reference to "tsunami inundation."

- 3.2 Official Community Plan Bylaw Number 568, 2010 is hereby amended by inserting section 14.6.1, after section 14.6 and before section 14.7.

- 2/. The risk assessment must provide recommendations to reduce any potential risk of damage to the Building, if applicable.
- 3/. Where applicable, the Flood Construction Levels must be provided by prescribing an elevation above the natural boundary of the potential coastal flooding event.
- 4/. The application must identify all the proposed Buildings on the site, and it must specify the setback distances from the potential hazard area. The setback distance must comply with the setback recommendations contained in the professional report created for the site.
- 5/. In addition to the above Council may require the applicant to enter into a restrictive covenant.”

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2020

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2020

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the “Village of Port Alice Official Community
Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 659, 2020”
adopted by the Council of the Village of Port Alice
this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
BYLAW NO. 660, 2020

BEING A BYLAW FOR THE VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2020 - 2024

WHEREAS, under section 165 of the Community Charter the Council of the Village of Port Alice is required to adopt a financial plan before the annual property tax bylaw is adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Port Alice, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw is the Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2020 – 2024, Revenues and Expenditures.
2. Schedule “B” attached to and forming part of this Bylaw is the Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2020 – 2024 Statement of Objectives and Policies.
3. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2020 - 2024 Bylaw No.660, 2020".

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH 2020.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING HELD ON THE 25th DAY OF MARCH 2020.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH 2020.

RECONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL 2020.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No.660, as adopted by Council on the 8th day of April 2020.

Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
BYLAW NO. 660, 2020

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2020 - 2024
Bylaw No. 660, 2020 - Schedule 'A'

EXPENDITURES	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Debenture Debt Interest					
Community Centre Upgrades Matures - 2036	\$33,900	\$34,239	\$34,581	\$34,927	\$35,276
Total Debenture Debt	\$33,900	\$34,239	\$34,581	\$34,927	\$35,276
Capital Expenditures					
General	\$199,500	\$5,640,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Utility	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Sewer Utility	\$31,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Capital Expenditures	\$245,500	\$5,655,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Other Municipal Purposes					
General Government, & Fiscal Services	\$431,900	\$421,069	\$435,279	\$429,534	\$433,831
Fire & Protective Services	\$77,000	\$77,770	\$78,548	\$79,333	\$80,127
Public Works	\$409,000	\$413,010	\$417,140	\$421,312	\$425,525
Health & Environmental Services	\$397,500	\$199,470	\$201,460	\$203,469	\$205,499
Recreation Services	\$249,100	\$251,591	\$254,107	\$256,648	\$259,214
Water Utility	\$54,500	\$55,045	\$55,595	\$56,151	\$56,713
Sewer Utility	\$127,900	\$129,179	\$130,471	\$131,775	\$133,090
Total Other Municipal Purposes	\$1,746,900	\$1,547,134	\$1,572,600	\$1,578,222	\$1,593,999
Transfers to Reserves					
General Fund	\$86,000	\$86,000	\$86,000	\$86,000	\$86,000
Water Fund	\$6,500	\$6,565	\$6,631	\$6,697	\$6,764
Sewer Fund	\$14,100	\$14,241	\$14,383	\$14,527	\$14,673
Total Transfer of Funds	\$106,600	\$106,806	\$107,014	\$107,224	\$107,437
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,132,900	\$7,343,179	\$1,729,195	\$1,735,373	\$1,736,712
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
BYLAW NO. 660, 2020**

Schedule B Continued

Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Table 2 outlines the distribution of property taxes among the property classes. Historically the major industrial property class provided the largest proportion of property tax revenue. This was appropriate as this class formed the largest portion of the assessment base and was the main reason for the existence of the community. As the assessment base changed the Village has endeavored to reduce the percentage of property tax revenue that the major industrial property class pays.

Objectives

The Village Council continues to work with all levels of government and local business in an effort to attract additional economic opportunities.

The Village also recognizes the need to maintain the property tax rate for business (class 6) at a low rate.

Policies

Supplement, where possible, revenues from user fees and charges to help offset the tax burden on all property classes. This will provide some relief and reduction of dependency on the pulp mill and other rate payers.

Council will continue to maintain and encourage economic development initiatives designed to attract more retail and commercial business to invest in the community. New business investments will help offset revenue dependency on all tax payers by providing a broader tax base.

Align the distribution of tax rates among the property classes with the social and economic goals of the community, particularly to encourage a range of employment opportunities

Regularly review and compare the Village's distribution of tax burden relative to other BC municipalities.

**Table 2: 2020 Distribution of Property Tax Rates
Based on Preliminary Values**

Property Class	Percentage of Total Property Taxation	Dollar Value
Residential (1)	47.5%	\$ 408,898
Utilities (2)	0.4%	\$ 4,209
Major Industrial (4)	44%	\$ 377,242
Light Industrial (5)	3.5%	\$ 30,644
Business (6)	4.5%	\$ 39,446
Recreation (8)	0.1%	\$ 261
Total	100.00%	\$ 860,700



Gateway to the Wild West Coast

INFORMATION ITEMS



February 24, 2020

Dear Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer:

Subject: Interim Business Property Tax Relief Program

On behalf of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I am providing this material for distribution to municipalities to ascertain which communities might be interested in implementing the proposed property tax exemption for 2020.

Today, the Province tabled legislation to provide immediate, short-term property tax relief for tenants in commercial properties who are disproportionately affected by an increase in property taxes, particularly small businesses, non-profits and arts and culture organizations.

This Interim Business Property Tax Relief program would allow municipal governments to give businesses relief for the current tax year, while the Province continues to work with local governments and key stakeholders to develop a permanent solution that works for everyone. Municipalities would choose whether to use the program, as well as how many properties to exempt, and to what extent.

In anticipation of quick implementation, the Province took the exceptional step of pre-announcing the legislation on January 17th and has been working with interested municipal staff to help them prepare for implementation. Staff in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing held a number of meetings with a working group of municipalities, primarily from Metro Vancouver. I want to thank them for their input and advice.

As indicated during those conversations, the Ministry has also developed a user guide, a model bylaw and a sample public notice to help municipalities meet the tight implementation deadline for 2020. BC Assessment has also been working with municipalities to provide data to help them identify potential properties for exemption.

To help you in determining if your municipality is interested in using the legislation, I have attached a backgrounder for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brian Currie at Brian.Currie@gov.bc.ca or (250) 356-6075.

Thank you for support for this interim solution as we continue to work together to find a permanent solution that works for communities of all sizes.

Sincerely,

David Curtis
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs
and Housing**

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Community and Management
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BACKGROUNDER INTERIM BUSINESS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- If passed, the legislation would enable municipalities to provide immediate, short-term property tax relief for commercial property tenants who have been struggling for years with unexpected and significant property tax increases, particularly small businesses, non-profits and arts and culture organizations.
- If municipalities choose to use the tool, they would be able to exempt, by bylaw, a portion of the commercial (Class 5 – Light Industry and Class 6 – Business and Other) property value from taxation; this would result in lower property taxes for commercial lessees who are required to pay all or a portion of these taxes under the terms of their leases.

DURATION OF THE INTERIM SOLUTION

- This legislation would allow municipalities to give targeted relief for up to five years (through the 2024 tax year), while the Province continues to work with local governments and key stakeholders on a permanent solution.
- However, we do not think it will take five years to find a permanent solution that works for everyone; once we introduce a longer-term mitigation strategy, this interim solution would be rescinded, and the permanent fix would replace it.

SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPALITIES

- To help municipalities meet the tight timelines for 2020, we pre-announced the legislation and have been engaged in several outreach efforts with interested municipalities under the terms of non-disclosure agreements. We also extended the bylaw adoption deadline and adjusted notification and adoption requirements for 2020, and BC Assessment is providing property data when requested so municipalities can run some preliminary numbers.
- As well, we have prepared a user guide, model bylaw and sample notice to provide further support for implementation.
- If your municipality is interested in implementing the Interim Business Property Tax Relief program for 2020, please contact Brian Currie at Brian.Currie@gov.bc.ca or (250) 356-6075 for more information.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The legislation would have a basic framework requiring a property to be assessed as commercial and occupied by at least one commercial tenant responsible for property taxes in whole or in part, the amount of which varies with the amount of tax imposed.

26 February 2020

The Honourable Bernadette Jordan
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
200 Kent Street
Station 15N100
Ottawa, On K1A 0E6

File No. 0530-01 Council

Dear Minister,

RE: Implementation of the Recommendations of the Report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

As you may know Ucluelet is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Ucluelet's economy is supported by the commercial fishing industry and its downstream opportunities.

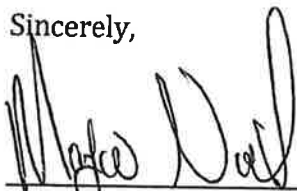
The District of Ucluelet Council is concerned with the current state of commercial fisheries on the west coast of Canada. In particular, the current fishing licence and quota ownership system lacks transparency and makes it difficult to understand who benefits from our fish resources.

In May 2019, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO) provided 20 unanimously supported recommendations to the federal government for changing its current management of commercial fisheries in British Columbia. These recommendations aim to remedy how the current B.C. fisheries management system is adversely affecting Canadians, and, closer to home, our constituents.

With that, the Council of the District of Ucluelet wishes to write to you to show its support for the recommendations put forward by FOPO and would ask that you please see to a timely implementation of the recommendations in Canada's west coast.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District of Ucluelet.

Sincerely,



Mayor Noël
Mayor, District of Ucluelet

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MEDIA RELEASE

Feb. 28, 2020
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MR20-017

NIC draft strategic plan available for feedback

North Island College is inviting the public to provide feedback on its draft Strategic Plan (Plan20-25).

The draft is based on values identified early in the planning process. When complete, NIC Plan20-25 will determine NIC's priorities and goals for the next five years.

"The energy put into this process so far is impressive and I want to thank the entire community for their contributions and insight," said NIC President John Bowman.

In the past year, more than 200 employees responded to an online forum on our organizational values, 1,500 students, employees and community members responded to NIC's first community-wide survey on NIC's mission, vision, values and strategic priorities, and met with community partners in Port Hardy, Port Alberni, Campbell River and the Comox Valley at four Regional Community Forums.

The draft plan sets out new and revised mission and vision statements that:

- Articulate a comprehensive set of College Values Commitments;
- Identify four broad strategic priorities that focus on major elements of the College's Mission and Vision;
- Integrate NIC's Values Commitments; and
- Detail college-wide goals to provide direction for annual College and department-wide planning and operations.

A final version of Plan20-25 is expected before the end of April 2020.

To provide your feedback, please take part in NIC's [Online Survey](#). The survey is open until March 13.

For more information on NIC's strategic planning process and to take the survey, visit www.nic.bc.ca/about-us/the-nic-commitment/strategic-plan/.



NIC President John Bowman at one of four Regional Community Forums in November 2019 on NIC's Strategic Plan.

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