

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2022, at 7:00 pm
AT SEA VIEW ACTIVITY CENTRE



(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 February 23, 2022, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

(3) DELEGATIONS:

(4) MINUTES:

- a.) *THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022, be approved*
- b.) January 6, 2022, Minutes from the Public Works Committee, for information purposes
- c.) January 6, 2022, Minutes from the Recreation Committee, for information purposes

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(5) COMMUNICATIONS:

- a.) Response to letter regarding proof of Covid-19 vaccination in BC
February 10, 2022, Letter from Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

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- b.) Request to use the Community Centre or SeaVac for after school program
February 15, 2022, Letter from Trish Weatherall, Mount Waddington Literacy Society

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(6.) REPORTS:

(7.) BYLAWS:

- a.) Bylaw No. 672, 2022, Election Bylaw

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 672 – Port Alice Election Bylaw be given first, second, third reading.

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- b.) Bylaw No. 673, 2022, Mail Ballot Authorization and Procedure Bylaw

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 673 – Mail Ballot Authorization and Procedure Bylaw be given first, second, third reading.

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(8.) QUESTION PERIOD:

(9.) ADJOURNMENT:

THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held February 23, 2022, be adjourned

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a.) February 1, 2022, Letter from Mayor Rod Crowe, Village of Chase, re: BC Wildfires Petition-District of Lillooet
- b.) February 3, 2022, Press Release, STAUTW (Tsawout) First Nation – A Historical Moment, Vancouver Island Economic Alliance
- c.) February 16, 2022, Press Release, Artist Talk speakers explore relationships with water, North Island College
- d.) February 11, 2022, Press Release, NIC's first housing improves access to education for North Island students

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 09, 2022
AT SEA VIEW ACTIVITY CENTRE



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

Staff Bonnie Danyk CAO / CFO
Ryan Nicholson, Ec Dev Officer
Tanya Spafford, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order: 7:00pm

12/22
Proceed to closed meeting

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING (6:00 pm)
THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to the following sections of the Community Charter:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

13/22
Adoption of Agenda

***THAT** the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 26, 2022, be approved; AND **THAT** all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received for information, with the addition of late items, Murals Report (item d), and Tree report (item e)*

DELEGATION:

MINUTES:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

14/22
Minutes January 26, 2022

***THAT** the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2022, be approved.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter re Arena

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

15/22
Letter re arena

***THAT** the mayor and CAO write a letter explaining the fiscal situation the Village is in with regards to the arena operations*

REPORTS:

Accounts Payable Listing for December 2021

February 1, 2022, Report by Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

ICIP Environmental Quality Program

February 2, 2022, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

16/22 ICP
Environmental Quality
Program
funding

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Village of Port Alice apply to Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Environmental Quality stream for funding for trenchless pipe repair and chemical grouting for a cost of \$1,500,000, and **FURTHER THAT** the Village of Port Alice Council supports the project and understands that the Village of Port Alice will be responsible for any costs in excess of the grant funding.

Fire Chief's Report for 2022

February 1, 2022, Report from Jerry Rose, Fire Chief

Late Item: Murals

February 7, 2022, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

17/22 Murals

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Village of Port Alice provide five grants in the amount of \$1000 each to any business who wanted to have a mural painted on their building / Structure within the Village of Port Alice.

Late Item: Trees

February 9, 2022, Verbal Report

18/22 Park
Tree
Removal

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Village remove the danger trees identified at Lions Park as per the assessment done by David Stewart.

QUESTION PERIOD:

19/22
Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held February 9, 2022, be adjourned at 7:16 pm

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 9, 2022.

 Mayor

 Chief Administrative Officer

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES Thursday January 6, 2022
Sea View Activity Centre
Public Works Committee Meeting**



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

Staff Bonnie Danyk CAO / CFO
Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PW 01/22
Agenda Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Agenda for the Public Works Committee be approved with the addition of the letter from Misty Manor as a late item under COMMUNICATIONS; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

MINUTES:

PW 02/22
Minutes
Nov 4/22 Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting on November 4, 2021 be approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PW 03/22
Misty Manor a) January 5, 2022 Letter from Leah Wheeldon, Misty Manor regarding snow removal
Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT a letter be sent to Misty Manor advising them that the Village of Port Alice does not have the capacity to provide snow removal services in a timely manner.

REPORTS:

- a) Public Works Foreman's Monthly Report - November
November 26, 2021, Report from Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman
- b) Public Works Foreman's Monthly Report - December
December 31, 2021, Report from Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman
- c) 740-810 Marine Drive Review and Assessment- Port Alice BC
September 21, 2021, Report from McElhanney Engineering

It was agreed that staff would watch for Grants that could fund this project.

ADJOURNMENT:


PW 04/22
Adjournment Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Public Works Committee meeting of the Village of Port Alice held January 6, 2022 be adjourned at 4:30pm.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Public Works Committee Meeting held January 6, 2022.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, January 6, 2022
Sea View Activity Centre
Recreation Committee Meeting

Present

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

Staff

Bonnie Danyk CAO / CFO
Louisa Moore, Community Centre Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

RC 01/22
Agenda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

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

MINUTES:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held November 4, 2021, be adopted.

RC 02/22
Rec Minutes
2021-11-04

REPORTS:

a) Community Centre Coordinator Monthly Report – November

November 26, 2021, Report from Louisa Moore, Community Centre Coordinator

b) Community Centre Coordinator Monthly Report- December

December 18, 2021, Report from Louisa Moore, Community Centre Coordinator

RC 03/22
Adjourn

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Recreation Committee held January 6, 2022, be adjourned at 4:47 pm.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Recreation Committee held January 6, 2021.


Mayor


Chief Administrative Officer



FEB 10 2022

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Via email: info@portalice.ca

Their Worship Kevin Cameron
Mayor of the Village of Port Alice
PO Box 130
Port Alice BC V0N 2N0

Dear Mayor Cameron:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, 2021, regarding proof of COVID-19 vaccination in British Columbia. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, and apologize for the delayed response.

I appreciate the time you have taken to share the Village of Port Alice's concerns and to advocate on behalf of businesses in your community. The COVID-19 pandemic has been an extraordinary challenge for British Columbians, and we commend business owners who continue to support their community during this time. Their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

As you are aware, by order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required in BC for people attending certain events, services, and businesses. Since October 24, 2021, a complete COVID-19 vaccine series has been required for entry to these settings. Since January 28, 2022, at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine is required for youth 12 years of age. This requirement is in place until June 30, 2022.

Individuals may prove their vaccination status using the digital or paper version of the BC Vaccine Card. Both versions show the minimum level of information and they are not connected to other health records. Every BC Vaccine Card comes with a unique QR code following the requirement of the federal government. For more information on the proof of vaccination requirement in BC, please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof>.

We recognize the challenges businesses have faced in adapting their way of operating during this everchanging global pandemic. To support businesses with the utilization of the BC Vaccine Card, a package of materials that includes an FAQ, posters, and visual guides has been provided to help businesses navigate the implementation of the BC Vaccine Card. Businesses with ongoing questions are encouraged to reach out to their associations or visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof/businesses> for more information.

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Easing restrictions and moving into the later Phases of BC's Restart relies on many factors, such as national and international case counts, vaccine uptake, community immunity, and hospital capacity. The measures implemented during the pandemic are fluid, dependent upon the factors previously mentioned, and we cannot predict what measures will still be necessary even a short time in the future. I understand this can make it difficult to make plans for the future; however, right now our focus should remain on continuing to adhere to all public health measures and taking personal precautions to protect our own health and safety. To stay updated with the most current orders and restrictions, I welcome you to visit the Province-wide Restrictions webpage here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>.

As we continue to open up, we are asking British Columbian's to be respectful of people and communities with different comfort levels and different risk levels, and to be patient with workers and businesses who are working hard to reopen slowly and safely for everyone. With kindness, compassion, diligence, and commitment, we continue to make great strides here in BC, and we are optimistic about our brighter days ahead.

You wrote regarding Human Rights and liberties, and the announcement of BC Vaccine Cards. We understand the distress and anxiety that can arise while navigating this extraordinary global public health emergency and appreciate the time you have taken to outline your concerns.

Regarding your concern, PHO and public health measures aim to balance protection of the health of the population against the rights set out in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. These rights are subject to limitations, including the limits created by the implementation of evidence-based public health measures that prevent deaths and serious illness and work to keep our health system and society functioning. In choosing these public health measures and Orders, the PHO works to ensure these measures have minimal impact on *Charter* rights by implementing the least restrictive measures possible, and by regularly reconsidering measures put in place in the context of the pandemic in BC, including case numbers, hospitalizations, and deaths, vaccination rates, and the transmission of variants of concern.

From the outset of this extraordinary global public health emergency, we have focused on ensuring all measures put in place are proportionate with the current level of risk and are backed by health experts and evidence. We recognize the societal effects and hardships British Columbian's have faced over the last year as a result of the PHO orders, which are put in place to protect the health and safety of the community. It is important to acknowledge, as part of a community, we have a fundamental duty to protect the people in our lives and our communities from hazards to their health and safety. The more people in a community who are immunized and protected from COVID-19, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your concerns. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Adrian Dix', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Adrian Dix
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier (Premier@gov.bc.ca)

February 15, 2022

To: Village of Port Alice, Mayor, and Council
From: Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society
Re: Request to use community centre or SeaVac room for after school program

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society is applying for a United Way School's Out grant to hold free after-school programs in North Vancouver Island communities from April 2022 through June 2023, with a focus on rural communities that have few extracurricular activities.

If we receive the grant, we would like to plan a program in Port Alice to support Seaview School students and any home-schooled students.

Ideally, the program would be held at the school – but due to COVID restrictions the schools are not allowing community use.

We would like to begin a program in mid-April so we are requesting use of the community centre or SeaVac facilities to host the program, two days per week for 8 weeks (mid-April to mid-June) from 3-5:15 (extra time for any set-up and cleanup). Use of a kitchen occasionally would be ideal. We estimate a maximum of 12 children participating.

Our funding will cover the cost of hiring an adult facilitator to run the program (which could be a part-time job for a local!) and program materials.

If possible, we would appreciate an in-kind donation of the space, to allow more funds to go directly to the children's programming.

The School's Out program would continue in mid-September for 3 more 8-week sessions. The school may be able to host community activities at that time.

See the next page for details about the program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Trish Weatherall

Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society

trishliteracynow@gmail.com 25-209-9507

School's Out Program Goals

- connect to community
- promote health and wellness and outdoor activity
- support mental health
- connect to the library

Program Description

Children aged 6-12 will explore their community to learn about local history and food sources from both settler and Indigenous perspectives.

Each 1.5-hour session includes outdoor exploration, hands-on learning and a snack, often that the children will prepare themselves. They will have opportunities to visit the library to find books and resource materials to support their outdoor learning.

Students will decide on a community service project related to local food. (This could be preparing a meal for a seniors' group, delivering foraged foods or prepared food to families, creating food baskets, etc.)

Children and/or facilitators will take photos throughout the program to create a photo-journal of their learning.

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
BYLAW NO. 672, 2022

A Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of Local Government Elections and Other Voting

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 69 of the Local Government Act, Council may, by bylaw, limit registration of electors to registration at the time of voting;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Port Alice wishes to limit registration of electors to registration at the time of voting for all elections under Part 3 and 4 of the Local Government Act;

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

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Local Government Election Bylaw No. 672, 2022.”

2. VOTING DAY REGISTRATION

For the purposes of all elections and other voting under Part 3 and 4 of the Local Government Act, a person may register as an elector only at the time of voting. Registration as an elector under Section 2 of this bylaw is effective only for the voting or other matters on which the opinion of the electors is being sought at the time of voting.

3. ADDITIONAL ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

(a) In addition to the required advance voting opportunity on the 10th day before general voting Day, the following days are hereby established as advance voting opportunities for general local Elections and other voting: **Four (4) business days preceding General Voting Day.**

(b) Advance voting opportunities on the dates specified in subsection 3(a) shall be available
Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 pm at

The Village Office
1061 Marine Drive
Port Alice, BC

4. ACCESS TO NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

As authorized under section 89 (8) of the *Local Government Act*, public access to nomination documents will be provided by posting the nomination documents on the Village website and by making copies available for inspection at the Village Office during regular business hours, being 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election results.

5. NUMBER OF SCRUTINEERS AT VOTING PLACES

As authorized under section 134 (3) of the *Local Government Act*, the number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is one (1).

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6. RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTE AFTER JUDICIAL RECOUNT

In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot in accordance with section 151 of the *Local Government Act*.

7. 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.

8. REPEAL

The following bylaws are hereby repealed:

Village of Port Alice Bylaw No. 644, 2017

READ A FIRST TIME ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

READ A SECOND TIME ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

READ A THIRD TIME ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

READ FOR A FOURTH TIME AND ADOPTED ON MARCH 9, 2022

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No.672, as adopted by Council on the __ day of ____, 2022.

Chief Administrative Officer

Village of Port Alice
Bylaw No. 673, 2022

The Council of the Village of Port Alice in open meeting, enacts as follows:

1. **CITATION**

This bylaw may be cited as "Mail Ballot Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 673, 2022.

2. **AUTHORIZATION AND DEFINITIONS**

2.1 Voting may be done by mail ballot and registration of election may be done by mail in conjunction with mail ballot voting.

2.2 The chief election officer may establish the time limits in relation to voting by mail.

2.3 In this bylaw,

Applicant means an elector who wants to vote by mail and make a request for a mail ballot;

Authorized Person means a person that the applicant has authorized, on the applicant's behalf, to:

- a) pick up a mail ballot package; or
- b) drop off a completed mail ballot package.

Register of Mail Ballots means the records that the Chief Election Officer must keep in order to address any challenges to an elector's right to vote.

2.4 The definitions contained in the *Local Government Act* shall apply in this bylaw.

3. **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

3.1 An Applicant shall apply by giving their name and address to the Chief Election Officer during the period:

- a) commencing forty-five (45) days before general voting day, and
- b) ending at 4:00 pm fifteen (15) days before general voting day.

3.2 Upon the Applicant making a request for a mail ballot, the Chief Election Officer shall, between the time when the ballots are ready and 4:00 p.m. fourteen (14) days before general voting day:

- (a) make available to the Applicant, a mail ballot package which contains:
 - i. the content set out in section 110(7) of the *Local Government Act* [section 72(7) of the *Vancouver Charter*];

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- ii. additional instructions; and
 - iii. a statement advising the elector that
 - a. the elector must meet the eligibility to vote criteria, and
 - b. The elector must attest to such fact; and
 - (b) record in the Register of Mail Ballots and, upon request, make available for inspection:
 - i. the name and address of the elector to whom the mail ballot package was issued; and
 - ii. any other information that the Chief Election Officer deems helpful to maintain the register of mail ballots.
- 3.3 As per the Applicant's direction, the Chief Election Officer may distribute the mail ballot package in any of the following ways:
- a) sending the mail ballot package by Canada Post;
 - b) sending the mail ballot package by courier at the expense of the applicant;
 - c) having the mail ballot package picked up by the Applicant at a designated time and location; or
 - d) having the mail ballot package picked up by an Authorized Person at a designated time and location.
- 3.4 The Chief Election Officer may request that the Authorized Person show identification and sign a form before providing the Authorized Person with the mail ballot package.

4. VOTING PROCEDURE

- 4.1 To vote by a mail ballot, the elector shall mark the ballot in accordance with the instructions contained in the mail ballot package provided by the chief election officer.
- 4.2 After marking the ballot, the elector shall:
- a) place the ballot in the secrecy envelope provided and seal the secrecy envelope;
 - b) place the secrecy envelope in the certification envelope, and complete and sign the certification printed on such envelope, and then seal the certification envelope;
 - c) place the certification envelope, together with a completed elector registration application, if required, in the outer envelope, and then seal the outer envelope; and
 - d) mail, or have delivered, the outer envelope and its contents to the chief election officer at the address specified so that it is received by the chief election officer no later than the close of voting on general voting day.

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Bylaw No. 673, 2022

5. BALLOT ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION

5.1 Until 4:00 pm four (4) days before general voting day, the Chief Election Officer shall, upon receipt of the return envelope and its contents:

- a) immediately record the date of receipt in the Register of Mail Ballots; and
- b) open the return envelope.

5.2 When the Chief Election Officer examines the certification envelope, the Chief Election Officer shall:

- a) confirm the identity of the elector as an Applicant on the Register of Mail Ballots;
- b) determine the fulfilment of the requirements in section 70 of the Local Government and the completeness of any application to register, if required; and
- c) determine the completeness of the certification envelope.

5.3 If the Chief Election Officer is satisfied that the elector has met the requirements in section 5.2, the Chief Election Officer shall:

- a) mark the certification envelope as “accepted”;
- b) place the accepted certification envelope with the other certification envelopes.

5.4 If the Chief Election Officer determines that:

- a) the Chief Election Officer is not satisfied as to the identify to the elector; or
- b) the elector has not completed the application to register properly;

the Chief Election shall mark the certification envelope as “rejected”, indicate the reason for the rejection for the rejection and set aside the rejected certification envelope unopened.

5.5 The Chief Election Officer shall retain in their custody all opened and unopened certification envelopes.

5.6 After 4:00 pm four (4) days before general voting day, the Chief Election Officer, in the presence of at least 1 other person, including any candidate representatives, shall:

- a) deal with any challenges to the electors involving the accepted certification envelopes;
- b) open the certification envelopes;
- c) remove the secrecy envelopes containing the ballots; and
- d) place the secrecy envelope containing the ballot in the ballot box (if manual count) or open the secrecy envelope and run the ballot through the automated voting machine).

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Bylaw No. 673, 2022

- 5.7 If the Chief Election Officer receives a return envelope with its contents after 4:00 pm four (4) days before general voting day but before the close of general voting, the Chief Election Officer shall:
- a) handle those return envelopes in accordance with sections 5.1 at the time that the Chief Election Officer receives the return envelopes;
 - b) retain all accepted certification envelopes until the close of general voting day;
 - c) process the accepted certification envelopes in accordance with sections 5.2 to 5.5 after the close of general voting day.
- 5.8 As soon as possible after all of the secrecy envelopes have been placed in the ballot box, in the presence of at least 1 other person and any candidate representatives, the Chief Election Officer shall supervise:
- a) the opening of the ballot box;
 - b) the opening of the secrecy envelopes and
 - c) the counting of the ballots in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act* [or *Vancouver Charter*].
- 5.9 If the Chief Election Officer receives a return envelope with its contents after the close of general voting day, the Chief Election Officer shall:
- a) mark the return envelope as “rejected”;
 - b) indicate the reason why the return envelope was rejected on the return envelope; and
 - c) place the unopened return envelope with the other rejected return envelopes.

6. CHALLENGE OF ELECTOR

- 6.1 A person who qualifies under section 126 of the *Local Government Act* may challenge the right of a person to vote by mail ballot on the grounds set out in section 126 of the *Local Government Act* up until 4:00 pm four (4) days before general voting day.

7. ELECTOR’S NAME ALREADY USED

- 7.1 If, upon receiving a request for a mail ballot, the Chief Election Officer determines that another person has voted or has already been issued a mail ballot in the elector’s name, the Chief Election Officer shall comply with section 127 of the *Local Government Act*.

8. REPLACEMENT OF SPOILED BALLOT

- 8.1 If an elector unintentionally spoils a mail ballot before returning it to the Chief Election Officer, the elector may request a replacement ballot by:

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- a) advising the Chief Election Officer of the ballot spoilage; and
- b) mailing or otherwise delivering by any appropriate means, the spoiled ballot package in its entirety to the Chief Election Officer.

8.2 Upon receipt of the spoiled ballot package, the Chief Election Officer shall, record such fact, and proceed in accordance with Part 4 of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

READ A SECOND TIME ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

READ A THIRD TIME ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

READ FOR A FOURTH TIME AND ADOPTED ON MARCH 9, 2022

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No.673, as adopted by Council on the ___ day of _____, 2022.

Chief Administrative Officer



INFORMATION ITEMS



Village of Chase

PO Box 440, 826 Okanagan Ave,
Chase, British Columbia V0E 1M0
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www.chasebc.ca

February 1, 2022

Via email: mel.arnold@parl.gc.ca

Mel Arnold, Member of Parliament
North Okanagan-Shuswap
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada
K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Arnold:

RE: BC Wildfires Petition-District of Lillooet

At their January 11, 2022 regular meeting, the Village of Chase Council considered correspondence from the District of Lillooet regarding the increasing risk and occurrences of wildfires, landslides and flooding in British Columbia.

In support of the 'Call to Action' petition and the District of Lillooet's motion, the following resolution was passed by Chase Council:

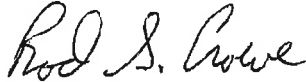
"THAT the Village of Chase send a letter to our Member of Parliament, Mel Arnold and copy our Member of the Legislative Assembly, Todd Stone, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Premier of British Columbia (with copies to the District of Lillooet and all UBCM member local governments) requesting that our Provincial and Federal Governments provide better forest management and wildfire protection practices in British Columbia by reviewing and assessing the current policies and guidelines and inviting feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders, with the sincere intent to make meaningful changes to the forest management and wildfire protection practices in British Columbia to provide better protection for all of us from wildfires, landslides, and floods."

As we are all aware, the wildfires, landslides and floods that have ravaged so much of British Columbia over the past years will only continue to damage valuable forests, businesses, homes and take the lives of humans and animals, if no action is taken to lessen the effects of climate change in BC with particular attention to forest management and wildfire protection practices.

We respectfully request that you share this correspondence with the House of Commons, and that the Call to Action will be answered as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF CHASE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod S. Crowe".

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Cc: Todd Stone, MLA, Kamloops-South Thompson
District of Lillooet
All UBCM Member Local Governments

STÁUTW (Tsawout) First Nation – An Historical Moment

03/02/22

Tsawout First Nation has issued license to Cascadia Seaweed for 20 km of production line – now the largest provider of ocean cultivated seaweed in North America.

In 2018, the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA) using its new designation as FTZVI, Canada's 12th Foreign Trade Zone, developed four business cases to attract Foreign Direct Investment. The business case for Seaweed Aquaculture rose to the top of this list and was quickly pursued by a team of experts and investors to form Cascadia Seaweed Corporation, partnering with Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood LP, to bring Vancouver Island seaweed to rapidly expanding global markets.

On June 16, 2021, the elected leadership of the Tsawout First Nation exercised their right to self-govern and enacted a Marine Use Law. As defined and clarified under the Douglas Treaty, the Constitution, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Tsawout First Nation has jurisdiction and authority over Tsawout lands, waters, resources and interests through unextinguished Aboriginal title. In October, under provisions of this new Law, Tsawout issued a license to Cascadia Seaweed to engage in commercial seaweed farming activities within their territorial waters and on Tsawout's behalf. In November, Cascadia Seaweed installed and seeded one of its largest farms to date, with over 20 km of production line in the water.

The typical process to secure a license from the Province of BC to install a seaweed farm can take anywhere between 8 months to 3 years. Tsawout First Nation recognized the economic and environmental benefit of farming seaweed in their territory and were able to grant a license in under 5 months to what is now the largest provider of ocean cultivated seaweed in North America — Cascadia Seaweed.

Cascadia Seaweed was chosen because they offered the 'greenest of the green projects' said Chrissy Chen, Fisheries Manager for Tsawout. "We are Indigenous people. We are here to conserve and protect the environment while we produce food and create opportunity for our people. Cascadia Seaweed is supporting all of these objectives." Chairman of Cascadia Seaweed, Bill Collins, adds that this is "True reconciliation in action."

On February 25th, Tsawout First Nation will hold a ceremony recognizing the Nation's sovereign rights.

For more information about the seaweed industry, visit seaweedindustry.ca.

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Artist Talk speakers explore relationships with water

NIC's School of Fine Arts and DIGITAL Design + Development is welcoming the Fathom Sounds Collective to the 2022 Artist Talk series.

Fathom Sounds is a multidisciplinary collective of artists who care about the state of water as a living entity and a flowing field of living bodies. Artists Alana Bartol, Kat G Morris, Genevieve Robertson, Nancy Tam and Jay White formed the group to think both collectively and long-term, about the health of water and the role artists play in responding to urgent ecological, political and social issues that collect around water.

They will present Thursday, March 3 from 6-7 pm.

"We're so grateful to have Fathom Sounds join us this term to share their multidisciplinary approach to building relationships, with a focus on the connection to the natural world," said Sara Vipond, series coordinator and NIC fine art faculty member.



Video still from Meniscus by Genevieve Robertson, 2021. Robertson and the other members of the Fathom Sounds Collective will speak at the next Artist Talk event, Thursday, March 3 from 6-7 pm. Tickets are free and can be reserved at nicart.ticketit.ca.

Artist Talk presentations are led by the artists and each last one hour, allowing the audience gain insight in each artist's professional practice. A short question period follows each presentation.

For emerging artists, the *Artist Talk* series is a chance to learn from contemporary artists, including how to develop a robust studio practice, find their own voice within arts-based research, create successful applications for grants, exhibitions and residencies, and cultivate relationships with fellow artists and curators to develop collaborative work and gallery shows.

All Artist Talk events this term are being held online, so audience members can participate from across the region and around the world.

"Since we've transitioned to the online format, it's been immensely positive to see the series grow in popularity," said Vipond. "It speaks to the integrity and expertise of the artists who join us."

Following Fathom Sounds Collective are two more Artist Talk events this term:

- Laura Payne – Thursday, March 17, 6-7 pm
- Comox Valley Art Gallery – Thursday, March 31, 6-7 pm

To register for a free ticket to these events or to learn more about each speaker, visit nicart.ticketit.ca.

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NIC's first housing improves access to education for North Island students

Feb. 11, 2022 – North Island College (NIC) is launching an ambitious plan to improve access to education for students in communities across the North Island with a new \$65.9 million Housing Commons.

The housing is made possible thanks to provincial funding, will include two buildings with a total of 217 beds, including 157 beds for single students and 60 beds for students with families.

"We are so grateful to the Province for supporting NIC's vision to serve the educational, social and economic development needs of the North Island, one student at a time," said NIC President Lisa Domae.

The Housing Commons will offer solutions to students' housing challenges. Its flexible lease lengths and community-first design are a commitment to inclusivity and Indigenization. The complex will be a place where students from across NIC's wide range of programs will come to live and learn.

The Housing Commons will offer a range of apartments, services and rentals to serve all students, from first-year university studies students to trades students, who may need accommodation for only eight weeks as they complete their next apprenticeship level. It will also include common areas, garden beds, an outdoor amphitheatre for all students, an outdoor play zone, and improved pedestrian access to Ryan Road. It will meet BC's Step 4 energy goals and is one of the first mass timber construction projects on Vancouver Island.

Located on NIC's Comox Valley campus, the Housing Commons will be built on the unceded and traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation. The concept was developed in consultation with the K'ómoks First Nation and the Indigenous Education Council at NIC. When completed, the Housing Commons will welcome students from across the North Island and create places where every student belongs and is supported in their learning experience.

"Family housing would have allowed me and my family to live together while I was taking my carpentry program in the Comox Valley last fall," said Josh Hanrath, a third-year apprenticeship student. "I tried to return home to Port McNeill on weekends to be with my wife and one-year-old daughter, but with the price of gas, rents in the Comox Valley and a mortgage in Port McNeill, it was quite expensive."

The next step will be a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a team to lead the design and construction of the Housing Commons. The RFQ is expected to be issued by the end of February, with the design/build team expected to be selected this spring. The first students are anticipated to move in in September 2024. For more information, to ask a question, or learn how you can be involved, visit www.engage.nic.bc.ca/housing-commons.

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NIC's Student Housing Commons at the Comox Valley campus will improve access to education for students in communities across the North Island.

