VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA



TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE

(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 September 7, 2022, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

(3) DELEGATIONS:

a.) Official Community Plan Presentation to Council John Watson Consulting

$_{\text{Pg 3-4}}$ (4) MINUTES:

a.) THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2022, be approved

(5) COMMUNICATIONS:

a.) Strathcona Emergency Program

(6.) REPORTS:

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a.) <u>Economic Diversification Roundtable</u>
August 25, 2022, Report from Ryan Nicolson, Economic Development Officer

(8.) BYLAWS:

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a.) Bylaw 675, Tax Exemptions for 2023

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw – 675 to Exempt Specific Properties from taxation for the year 2023 be given first, second, and third reading.

(9.) QUESTION PERIOD:

(10.) ADJOURNMENT:

THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held September 7, 2022, be adjourned

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. August 31, 2022, News Release, North Island Coalition Works Together to End Regional Power Outages, Island Coastal Economic Trust

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2022 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE

Present

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

Staff

Bonnie Danyk CAO / CFO Ryan Nicholson, Ec Dev Officer

Tanya Spafford, Administrative Assistant

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

76/22 Closed 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;

RECONVENE - 7:00pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

77/22 Adoption of Agenda Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for August 10, 2022, be approved; AND **THAT** all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received for information

DELEGATION:

MINUTES:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

78/22 Minutes of July 27, 2022

THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2022, be approved.

Minutes from the June 2, 2022, Public Works Committee Meeting (For Information only) Minutes from the June 2, 2022, Recreation Committee Meeting (For Informational only)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter of Concern requiring Action

July 26, 2022, Letter from Concerned Citizens

79/22 Bottles at ballpark Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Village of Port Alice send a letter to the Lions Club regarding the bottles being left at the ballfield requesting that a better practice be put into place for the collection if it is going to continue.

REPORTS:

<u>Fire Chief Monthly Report – July 2022</u> July 27, 2022, Report from Fire Chief, Jerry Rose

Official Community Plan Review

July 29, 2022, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

NOTICE OF MOTION:

End of Cost of Living increase (COLA) Clause for Politicians Aug 5, 2022, Notice of Motion from Councillor Lloyd

80/22 COLA Increase Moved, Seconded and Defeated

THAT the COLA clause for elected officials be eliminated.

BYLAWS: None

QUESTION PERIOD:

ADJOURNMENT:

81/22 Adjournment Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held August 10, 2022, be adjourned at 7:17 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 August 10, 2022.

Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer

DATE:

August 11, 2022

TO:

Mayor and Council

FROM:

Bonnie Danyk

RE:

GRANT OPPORTUNITY PARTNERSHIP – DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

PURPOSE

To consider a regional grant application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) 2022 Disaster Risk Reduction / Climate Adaptation grant in order to fund a screening of Vancouver Island Tsunami History documentary in Port Alice. The Strathcona Regional District would be the primary applicant, whereas the Village of Port Alice would be a partner applicant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The intent of the DRR-CA funding stream is to support eligible applicants to reduce risks from future disasters due to natural hazards and climate-related risks through the development and implementation of an accurate foundational knowledge of the natural hazards they face and the risks associated with BC's changing climate; well as effective strategies to prepare for, mitigate, and adapt to those risks.

Under Phase 2 of the Northwest Vancouver Island Tsunami Mapping Project (NVITMP), Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) is developing a documentary that showcases First Nation stories and the history of tsunamis on Vancouver Island. It is proposed that funding from this grant would be utilized for ONC to travel to the communities involved in the NVITMP and show a screening of this documentary to the public. ONC would also provide information about tsunami preparedness and answer any questions the public may have about the documentary.

In order to be considered as a partner, the Village of Port Alice is required to submit a Council Resolution that clearly states that the Village of Port Alice authorizes the Strathcona Regional District to provide overall grant management. Protective Services, through the SRD, would provide overall supervision and coordination of the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT as part of the Village of Port Alice's ongoing work in relation to tsunami preparedness, that an application for financial assistance under the Stream 2 portion of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2022 Disaster Risk Reduction / Climate Adaption grant be authorized for submission to the UBCM, in collaboration with the Strathcona Regional District (SRD); and

THAT the Village of Port Alice agrees to the SRD submitting an application on their behalf, and that if funded, agree to the SRD managing the grant and being the recipient of all funding

Respectfully

Bonnie Dany CAO/CFC



VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE REPORT TO COUNCIL

To:

Mayor & Council

From:

Ryan Nicholson, Economic Development Officer

Date:

Aug 25, 2022

Subject:

Economic Diversification Roundtable

On Tuesday Aug 23, 2022 I attended a Rural Economic Diversification Roundtable at the Port Hardy Civic Centre with representatives from our North Island communities and Roly Russell the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural and Regional Development to the Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation. The discussion was centred around 2 questions Mr. Russell was looking for feedback on.

The first question was "How prepared is your community for a future natural disaster, pandemic, or market disruption?"

The second question was "What solutions to economic diversification are attainable in the next 12-24 months, and what barriers exist to those?

While each of the communities on the North Island are facing their own unique challenges, it was encouraging to hear a lot of similar comments from the participants. I hope that will provide Mr. Russell with some very clear issues that need to be addressed.

On the topic of community preparedness, the majority of participants spoke of our fragile hydro system and how many outages we face on a regular basis. Another major issue raised by most is our lack of food supplies. I mentioned Port Alice is still working through its largest market disruption being the mill closure, however we are now facing major additional pressure due to changes in 2 of our largest remaining economic drivers being forestry and fishing. The majority of participants also spoke of the changes in those industries, and the negative impacts those are having in our communities.

As for solutions to economic diversity, there was a lot of talk about the need to continue offering and expanding skills training for workers, and looking towards the "Blue Economy" of ocean related opportunities. In my opinion, the most important topic brought up on this, was all of our communities need for major financial assistance with funds that are easily accessible. Port Hardy's CAO Heather Nelson-Smith did an excellent job of explaining the serious difficulties our small communities with minimal staff are having accessing available grants. We simply do not have the staff and resources needed to complete a lot of these complex grant applications. Mrs. Nelson-Smith pointed to the existing gas tax model that provides our municipalities with funds much quicker and with far fewer hoops to jump through, as a much better way of financial assistance.

Respectfully,

Ryan Nicholson

Economic Development Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

BYLAW NO. 675

A BYLAW TO EXEMPT SPECIFIC PROPERTIES FROM TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2023

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Port Alice, in open meeting assembled, enacts that the following lands and improvements thereon, are hereby exempted from taxation, imposed under Section 197 (1) of the *Community Charter*, for the year 2023:

1. THE WHARF AT JEUNE LANDING

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

2. ECUMENICAL AND PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

- Plan 18774, Lot 3, Block 7, D.L. 2137, Rupert District, located at 1100 Nigei St Property registered in the name of the Port Alice Ecumenical Society Roll No. 00648.000
- 2.2 Plan 33023, Lots 13 & 14, D.L. 2137, Rupert District, located at 850-860 Marine Dr Properties registered in the name of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Roll No. 00788.030 & Roll No. 00788.031

3. THE LEGION HALL

3.1 The Legion Hall, Plan 22668, Lot 1, D.L. 2137, Rupert District Registered to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #180

Roll No. 00779.000

3.2 The portion of Plan 22668, Lot 1, DL 2137, Rupert District, which contains a residential housing unit is exclusive of this Bylaw

4. THE YACHT CLUB

4.1 Rupert Land District, District Lot PT304 Roll Number 27506.940
The property registered in the name of the Port Alice Yacht Club

Roll No. 27506,940

5. PORT ALICE GOLF CLUB

Eastern portion of District Lot 1187, Rupert Land District which is identified and assessed by BC Assessment as Recreation / Non-profit.
 Property registered in the name of Neucel Specialty Cellulose Ltd.
 Roll No: 00075.000

6. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemption Taxation Bylaw for the Year 2023, Bylaw No. 675, 2022."

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.

READ A FIRST, SECOND & THIRD ADOPTED THE 12 th DAY OF OCTO	O TIME THE 7 th DAY OF SEPTEN OBER 2022.	MBER 2022.	
Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer		
Certified a true and correct copy of By	/law No. 675, as adopted on the	day of	, 20
Chief Administrative Officer			

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE 2023 STATEMENT OF PERMISSIVE EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY TAXATION Based on 2022 Tax Rates

For Information Only

Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemptions Bylaw No. 675, 2022

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Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer



Information Items

treasurer@portalice.ca

From:

Island Coastal Economic Trust <info@islandcoastaltrust.ca>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:14 AM

To:

mayor@portalice.ca

Subject:

North Island Coalition Works Together to End Regional Power Outages

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Building a diverse and sustainable economy.

NORTH ISLAND COALITION WORKS TOGETHER TO END REGIONAL POWER OUTAGES

Regional effort will explore alternative power supply opportunities to boost reliability



The Cape Scott Wind Farm produces clean energy for Vancouver Island communities and industries, yet when the North Island has power outages, local communities cannot access this local supply of clean electricity.

COURTENAY, 31 August 2022 – Communities on Northern Vancouver Island are working together to mitigate the impact of power outages and stabilize backup sources of supply, with funding support from Island Coastal Economic Trust's Investment Readiness Program.

The North Island Sustainable Power Coalition is made up of the communities of Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Port Alice, Alert Bay, the Regional District of Mount Waddington, and the 'Namgis, Quatsino, Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'xw and Kwakiutl First Nations. The Coalition has been meeting since mid-2021 after experiencing 29 power outages in a single year.

"We're seeing more and more weather-related power outages, and climate change will only exacerbate supply reliability," explains Coalition member and Port Hardy Mayor Dennis Dugas. "An intermittent and unreliable power supply fundamentally affects the security and safety of our economy and people."

This project aims to identify affordable, reliable sources of power to backup the electrical grid. It will review existing production and storage capacity against

load distribution and consumption and explore opportunities to modify or expand existing generating assets and develop new generation capabilities.

"It is unfortunate that communities the size of Port Hardy have had to spend over one million dollars installing backup generators to ensure that potable water and sanitary sewer services are maintained," explains Dugas.

The Coalition identified concerns including residents with limited incomes where power outages can be life threatening. People who rely on CPAP machines, dialysis, or oxygen need to have backup power to keep their health up or they may be at risk of adverse health effects. In terms of economic investment, the Coalition cites the lack of sustainable power across Northern Vancouver Island as affecting current businesses, stating "if we want to see advancement in economic opportunities, we need to provide sustainable power to support these opportunities."

North Island power outages can last for hours or days and occur for a variety of reasons including weather-related events, and aging BC Hydro transmission and distribution equipment. There are power generating assets in the region that provide power to the BC Hydro grid however, when the grid is down, those assets are not able to generate and supply power.

"It's inspiring to see this partnership of First Nations and local governments working to create a path for people across the North Island to have access to the wind and run-of-river energy being created locally in their region. This initiative shows us yet again how local leadership, regional partnerships, and the Trust are combining our efforts to build a more sustainable and resilient coastal economy," stated Aaron Stone, Chair, Island Coastal Economic Trust.

The Analysis of Opportunities for Electrical Backup on the North Island is funded through the <u>Investment Readiness Program</u>. The Trust will contribute \$12,500 to the total project cost of \$25,000. The project is expected to get

underway shortly, with a December 2022 completion date.

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About Island Coastal Economic Trust

Founded by the Province of British Columbia in 2006, the Island Coastal Economic Trust works to build a sustainable and resilient coastal economy in reciprocal relationships with First Nations, municipalities, and regional districts across Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, and islands and inlets from the Salish Sea to Cape Caution. Serving over half a million residents, we partner with communities in the development and financing of their economic infrastructure and diversification efforts through our unique structure that is led by, and accountable to, communities.

Since our inception, Island Coastal Economic Trust has approved more than \$55 million to economic development initiatives that have attracted over \$270 million in new investment to our region. These investments have created over 2,750 permanent jobs, and countless positive impacts, across the coast.

Island Coastal Economic Trust acknowledges that we work for communities across the ancestral and unceded territories of the Kwakwala, Nuučaanuł, Éy7á7juuthem, Ligwilda'xw, Pəntl'áč, She shashishalhem, Hul'q'umi'num', diitiid?aatx, SENĆOŦEN, Lekwungen, and T'Sou-ke speaking peoples.

For more information, please visit www.islandcoastaltrust.ca

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