

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 8, 2023, at 6:00 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 February 22, 2023, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.*

**(3) DELEGATIONS:**  
a.) North Island Community Forest Update

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**(4) MINUTES:**  
a.) *THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2023, be approved.*

**(5) OLD BUSINESS:**

**(6) COMMUNICATIONS:**

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**(7) REPORTS:**  
a.) Accounts Payable Listing for January 2023  
March 2, 2023, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

**(8) BYLAWS:**

**(9) QUESTION PERIOD:**

**(10) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO 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:**

**(10) ADJOURNMENT:**  
*THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held March 8, 2023, be adjourned*

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a.) February 28, 2023, UBCM News Release, BC Budget Highlights
- b.) March 3, 2023, Office of the Premier News Release, Growing Communities Fund helps B.C. communities serve people better



VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023  
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE



**Present**  
Mayor Kevin Cameron  
Councillor Holly Aldis  
Councillor Russell Murray  
Councillor Sean Watson (Via phone)  
Councillor David Stewart

**Staff**  
Bonnie Danyk CAO / CFO  
Ryan Nicholson, Economic Development Officer  
Tanya Spafford, Admin Assistant

**Call to order 6:00 pm**

14/23  
Adoption of  
Agenda

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**  
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

*THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 22, 2023, be approved;  
AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.*

**DELEGATION:**  
Port Alice Sea Otter Tours  
January 27, 2023, Ron Halcrow, Owners of Port Alice Sea Otter Tours

15/23  
Minutes of  
February 8,  
2022

**MINUTES:**  
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED  
*THAT the Minutes from the Council Meeting of February 8, 2023, be approved.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Environmental Quality (ICIP-EQ)  
February 7, 2023, Letter from Brian Bedford, Executive Director, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

BC Building Stronger Communities with \$1-billion Growing Community Fund  
February 10, 2023, Letter from Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs

BC Active Transportation Grants Program Announcement  
February 13, 2023, Email from BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Team

Destination Development Fund  
February 13, 2023, Email from the Destination Development Fund Team

Ombudsperson British Columbia Office  
February 14, 2023, Letter from Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson

**REPORTS:**

Fire Chief's Monthly Report – January 2023

January 31, 2023, Report from Jerry Rose, Fire Chief

**BYLAWS:**

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING 6:32pm**

16/23  
Resolution to  
proceed to  
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 (c) labour relations or other employee relations;*

*Section 90 1 (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*

**RECONVENE: 7:17pm**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

17/23  
Adjournment

*THAT the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held February 22, 2023, be adjourned at 7:18 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 22, 2023.

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE**  
**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING FOR JANUARY 2023**

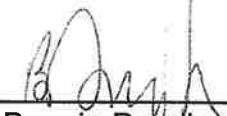
Total Payment of Accounts: \$82,174.99

Wages Payable: \$37,404.58

**Total Accounts Payable Listing** **\$119,579.57**

If you have any questions regarding the cheques on this month's Accounts Payable Listing, please ask me.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Bonnie Danyk  
CAO / CFO



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Cheque #	Bank	Pay Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Description	Invoice Amount	Hold Amount	Paid Amount	Void
001009	002	06/01/2023	A-045	ALSCO UNIFORM & LI	LNAN859849	PW Coveralls	77.06		77.06	
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001013	002	06/01/2023	K-101	KATHY O'REILLY TAY	2035	Advertising, Proce	792.67		792.67	
001014	002	06/01/2023	L-084	LADY FAER DESIGNS	Dec 2022	December Janitoria	630.00		630.00	
001015	002	06/01/2023	N-072	NORTH ISLAND WASTE	Dec 2022	Garbage Collection	7,355.25		7,355.25	
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001020	002	18/01/2023	R-003	REGIONAL DISTRICT	3618	Wood Bin Tipping F	118.80		118.80	
001021	002	18/01/2023	T-057	THE SOURCE	450690	Power Cord for Sca	44.90		44.90	
001022	002	18/01/2023	T-195	TEX ELECTRIC LTD	2850	Flow Meter Wiring	2,609.19		2,609.19	
001025	002	19/01/2023	C-115	CIVICINFO BC	2023-0029	Membership 2023	157.50		157.50	
001024	002	19/01/2023	A-082	APPLEWOOD FORD - P	IF10135 IF10133	Element Truck parts	110.25 344.30		454.55	
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001026	002	19/01/2023	M-009	MUNICIPAL INSURANC	L2023-214	Annual Insurance	9,841.00		9,841.00	
001027	002	19/01/2023	M-090	MERRYTRAIL CONTRAC	011123	Dike Clearing	11,269.13		11,269.13	
001028	002	19/01/2023	M-153	BUREAU VERITAS CAN	VA10800975	Sewer Water Sample	403.07		403.07	
001029	002	19/01/2023	N-008	NORTH ISLAND COMM.	A104188	Radio Maintenance	56.00		56.00	
001030	002	19/01/2023	N-089	N.I. INDUSTRIAL AU	942-484832	Funnel with Filter	48.92		48.92	
001031	002	19/01/2023	V-001	VANCOUVER ISLAND R	1st Quarter 2	2023 1st Quarter L	7,212.75		7,212.75	
001032	002	26/01/2023	A-852	REAPER SIGNS KILLE	1433	Mill Road Sign	291.19		291.19	
001033	002	26/01/2023	D-103	DRYCAKE BY VANDERB	19-696	teknobags	9,665.60		9,665.60	
001034	002	26/01/2023	G-060	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS	011-917542	Water and Shop Sup	479.72		479.72	
001035	002	26/01/2023	I-075	Island Instrumenta	1763	3 x Transducers	7,896.00		7,896.00	
001036	002	26/01/2023	M-015	Financial Services	EMI536386	324 Effluent Pemi	677.47		677.47	
001037	002	26/01/2023	M-094	MURRAY, RUSSELL	1092	Computer Honorariu	302.38		302.38	
001038	002	26/01/2023	P-157	PROVIDENT	230121-03	On & Off Duty Insu	2,118.00		2,118.00	
001039	002	26/01/2023	Z-001	ZEP SALES AND SERV	9008201179 9008204916	Odour Destroyer Village Janitorial	530.77 3,101.45		3,632.22	
Total:							78,206.33	0.00	78,206.33	

Cheque #	Bank	Pay Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Description	Invoice Amount	Hold Amount	Paid Amount	Void
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2023-01	001	09/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	easyhost Jan	Webhosting - Janua	17.85		17.85	
2023-01	001	09/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	PDF 0123	PDF Program	149.13		149.13	
2023-01	001	10/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	P-9654	LGMA Membership	648.90		648.90	
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2023-01	001	12/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	00357G	UBCM Calendars	31.73		31.73	
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2023-01	001	14/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	Staples retur	Staples Refund	67.19-		67.19-	
2023-01	001	14/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	1826721	Marina and CC Jani	242.37		242.37	
2023-01	001	16/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	INV184426447	Zoom - January	44.80		44.80	
2023-01	001	18/01/2023	C-222	CIBC CORPORATE VIS	FCABC2023_130	Fire Cheifs Assoc	264.00		264.00	
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<b>Total:</b>							<b>3,968.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,968.66</b>	

Payment Summary		
Description	Qty	Amount
Cheque	0	0.00
EFT	15	3,968.66
Direct Deposit	0	0.00
Credit Card	0	0.00
Void	0	0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3,968.66</b>

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# INFORMATION ITEMS



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British Columbia News

# Growing Communities Fund helps B.C. communities serve people better

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/28303>

Local governments are receiving a \$1-billion boost through one-time funding to address the needs of their growing communities.

Grants will be distributed to municipalities and regional districts using a funding formula that reflects population size and growth.

“Our communities are growing and this puts more pressure on community centres, parks and swimming pools that families rely on. To help, we’re providing the single largest provincial investment in communities in B.C.’s history,” said Premier David Eby. “The new Growing Communities Fund will help local communities get building. Growing communities need our support and this funding will make a big difference for everyone.”

On Feb. 10, 2023, government announced the Growing Communities Fund, which provides a one-time total of \$1 billion in grants to all 188 B.C. municipalities and regional districts.

Grants will be distributed using a formula that incorporates an initial \$500,000 per municipality or district, and further adjustments for population size and per-capita population growth between 2016 and 2021, based on BC Stats data. This method considers the impacts of service and amenity demands on smaller and rural communities and the additional pressures experienced by faster-growing communities. Grants will be distributed to local governments by the end of March 2023.

“I know that our local governments are working hard to keep up with the growing demands of their communities. Through cross-government co-operation, we can address the unique needs in each community to ensure they can thrive into the future,” said Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs. “These grants will support projects that each community needs the most, like new affordable housing and child care facilities, road improvements or recreation centres.”

All local governments are required to report on the use of funds in their annual audited financial statements. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs will provide further guidance to municipalities and regional districts on the use of their funds in the coming weeks.

“The transfer of these funds provides massive investments for every local government in the province,” said Jen Ford, president, Union of B.C. Municipalities. “This new funding will allow communities to accelerate the replacement of aging systems, and expansion to current services to better meet the demands of growing populations. The approach of providing funding upfront will ensure that these funds are directed to the most urgent priorities identified in each community.”

## Learn More:

For a breakdown of funding by local government, visit: [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BG\\_GrowingCommunitiesFund.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BG_GrowingCommunitiesFund.pdf)  
([https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BG\\_GrowingCommunitiesFund.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BG_GrowingCommunitiesFund.pdf))

For information about the Growing Communities Fund, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/28220>  
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## **Acknowledgment**

The B.C. Public Service acknowledges the territories of First Nations around B.C. and is grateful to carry out our work on these lands. We acknowledge the rights, interests, priorities, and concerns of all Indigenous Peoples - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit - respecting and acknowledging their distinct cultures, histories, rights, laws, and governments.

### Growing Communities Fund grants to local government

The Growing Communities Fund helps local governments prioritize local infrastructure and amenities projects, including supporting affordable housing, upgrading water management facilities and building recreation centres. Local governments are responsible for determining how the grants will be allocated based on the unique needs of their communities.

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Abbotsford	27,420,000
Alert Bay	658,000
Anmore	1,730,000
Armstrong	2,450,000
Ashcroft	1,076,000
Barriere	1,316,000
Belcarra	759,000
Bowen Island	2,287,000
Burnaby	28,784,000
Burns Lake	1,208,000
Cache Creek	958,000
Campbell River	8,587,000
Canal Flats	817,000
Castlegar	3,094,000
Central Saanich	5,501,000
Chase	1,547,000
Chetwynd	1,464,000
Chilliwack	16,392,000
Clearwater	1,521,000
Clinton	718,000
Coldstream	4,148,000
Colwood	6,642,000
Comox	4,693,000
Coquitlam	18,635,000
Courtenay	7,655,000
Cranbrook	5,571,000
Creston	2,350,000
Cumberland	2,777,000
Daajing Giids	863,000
Dawson Creek	3,942,000
Delta	16,060,000
Duncan	2,135,000
Elkford	1,581,000
Enderby	1,707,000
Esquimalt	4,710,000
Fernie	2,626,000
Fort St. James	1,476,000

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Fort St. John	5,724,000
Fraser Lake	850,000
Fruitvale	1,278,000
Gibsons	2,314,000
Gold River	969,000
Golden	2,159,000
Grand Forks	1,981,000
Granisle	616,000
Greenwood	767,000
Harrison Hot Springs	1,256,000
Hazelton	634,000
Highlands	1,661,000
Hope	2,874,000
Houston	1,759,000
Hudson's Hope	905,000
Invermere	2,032,000
Kamloops	15,692,000
Kaslo	919,000
Kelowna	26,228,000
Kent	2,742,000
Keremeos	1,446,000
Kimberley	3,414,000
Kitimat	2,968,000
Ladysmith	3,406,000
Lake Country	6,778,000
Lake Cowichan	1,936,000
Langford	16,464,000
Langley, City	7,186,000
Langley, District	24,306,000
Lantzville	1,910,000
Lillooet	1,282,000
Lions Bay	988,000
Logan Lake	1,538,000
Lumby	1,378,000
Lytton	619,000
Mackenzie	1,723,000
Maple Ridge	16,586,000
Masset	764,000
McBride	780,000
Merritt	2,891,000
Metchosin	2,438,000
Midway	763,000
Mission	8,839,000

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Montrose	903,000
Nakusp	1,161,000
Nanaimo	16,088,000
Nelson	4,151,000
New Denver	704,000
New Hazelton	748,000
New Westminster	15,850,000
North Cowichan	7,686,000
North Saanich	4,459,000
North Vancouver, City	10,986,000
North Vancouver, District	10,254,000
Northern Rockies - REGM	1,920,000
Oak Bay	4,773,000
Oliver	2,769,000
One Hundred Mile House	1,265,000
Osoyoos	2,556,000
Parksville	4,789,000
Peachland	2,766,000
Pemberton	2,002,000
Penticton	7,177,000
Pitt Meadows	5,370,000
Port Alberni	5,269,000
Port Alice	783,000
Port Clements	600,000
Port Coquitlam	9,462,000
Port Edward	669,000
Port Hardy	1,971,000
Port McNeill	1,370,000
Port Moody	6,734,000
Pouce Coupe	819,000
Powell River	4,218,000
Prince George	12,498,000
Prince Rupert	4,068,000
Princeton	1,936,000
Qualicum Beach	3,346,000
Quesnel	3,217,000
Radium Hot Springs	900,000
Revelstoke	3,331,000
Richmond	20,354,000
Rosland	2,154,000

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Saanich	14,634,000
Salmo	1,130,000
Salmon Arm	6,089,000
Sayward	622,000
Sechelt	3,759,000
Sechelt Indian Government	783,000
Sicamous	1,731,000
Sidney	3,820,000
Silverton	585,000
Slocan	624,000
Smithers	2,320,000
Sooke	5,939,000
Spallumcheen	2,398,000
Sparwood	2,025,000
Squamish	6,285,000
Stewart	673,000
Summerland	4,533,000
Sun Peaks	1,151,000
Surrey	89,928,000
Tahsis	650,000
Taylor	1,095,000
Telkwa	1,159,000
Terrace	4,633,000
Tofino	1,946,000
Trail	2,979,000
Tumbler Ridge	1,530,000
Ucluelet	1,489,000
Valemount	954,000
Vancouver	49,119,000
Vanderhoof	2,083,000
Vernon	9,575,000
Victoria	12,852,000
View Royal	4,665,000
Warfield	1,193,000
Wells	588,000
West Kelowna	10,212,000
West Vancouver	8,000,000
Whistler	4,962,000
White Rock	5,711,000
Williams Lake	3,728,000
Zeballos	553,000



<b>Regional Districts</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Alberni-Clayoquot	1,833,000
Bulkley-Nechako	1,764,000
Capital	11,559,000
Cariboo	3,947,000
Central Coast	830,000
Central Kootenay	4,025,000
Central Okanagan	6,950,000
Columbia Shuswap	3,796,000
Comox Valley	4,497,000
Cowichan Valley	5,649,000
East Kootenay	3,667,000
Fraser Valley	8,801,000
Fraser-Fort George	3,531,000
Kitimat-Stikine	2,064,000
Kootenay Boundary	1,774,000
Metro Vancouver	50,780,000
Mount Waddington	1,029,000
Nanaimo	7,929,000
North Coast	1,162,000
North Okanagan	3,953,000
Okanagan-Similkameen	4,483,000
Peace River	2,383,000
Qathet	1,367,000
Squamish-Lillooet	1,525,000
Strathcona	2,638,000
Sunshine Coast	2,221,000
Thompson-Nicola	5,441,000



## BC Budget highlights

**Publishing Date:** February 28, 2023

Finance Minister Katrine Conroy tabled the provincial budget earlier today. Budget 2023 projects a series of deficits over its three-year fiscal plan: \$4.2 billion in 2023-24; \$3.8 billion in 2024-25; and \$3.0 billion in 2025-26. The budget also provides \$5.7 billion in contingencies through the fiscal plan period for climate and emergency response; Clean BC and other spending uncertainties. Significant new spending has been earmarked for healthcare and housing.

Funding commitments over the three-year fiscal plan of interest to local governments include the following:

### Housing

A refreshed housing plan will be funded through \$4.2 billion in operating and capital funding, including:

- \$1.7 billion in operating and capital funding for *BC Builds* and *Building BC* programs, which includes:
  - \$394 million for transit-oriented development; and
  - \$66 million in operating funding to support new housing developed through the Rapid Housing Initiative.
- \$575 million in capital funding over three years to create post-secondary spaces in high demand areas;

- \$230 million to renew BC Housing aging rental stock;
- \$91 million for a pilot project that will provide financing incentives to encourage homeowners to develop new secondary suites;
- \$11 million to implement legislation, including the *Housing Supply Act*; and
- \$57 million to unlock new homes through new residential zoning measures and reducing the time and cost associated with local government approval processes.

\$1.5 billion in operating and capital funding to help reduce homelessness, including:

- \$228 million over three years to establish new multi-disciplinary teams to provide rapid response for regions responding to encampments;
- \$44 million for those living in encampments to access temporary modular housing;
- \$97 million in operating funding to support health-focused services and resources at complex care sites;
- Up to \$640 million over three years in operating and capital funding for the Supportive Housing Fund; and
- \$109 million to expand shelter and low-income assistance programs.

Budget 2023 introduces a new property transfer tax incentive to encourage the construction of new purpose-built rentals. It also provides a Renters Tax Credit that will save low- and moderate-income renters up to \$400 per year.

## **Healthcare**

\$6.4 billion (including contingencies funding) to strengthen the public health care system, including:

- \$2.6 billion to address growing demand and increasing costs, including:
  - \$270 million for the BC Cancer Care Plan; and
  - \$150 million for BC Cancer Foundation.
- \$1 billion for a health workforce strategy; and
- \$1.1 billion for a primary care strategy.

\$1 billion to support those who struggle with mental health, addiction or substance use, including:

- \$867 million for mental health and addictions services across the continuum of care, including prevention, harm reduction, safe supply, treatment and recovery;
  - \$586 million of this spending will add new treatment and recovery beds throughout BC and fund a new model of “seamless support”.
- \$169 million in capital investments over three years to create additional complex care beds.

\$11.2 billion for healthcare infrastructure.

### **Critical Community Infrastructure**

\$450 million for Critical Community Infrastructure to support targeted projects located in each economic development region in B.C. This includes supplying reliable, clean drinking water, effectively managing wastewater and solid waste, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is fully allocated, this funding will help to address key projects to ensure continuation of infrastructure improvements in B.C. communities, including Indigenous communities.

## **Climate Action and Adaptation**

\$567 million in operating and capital funding to support climate mitigation and adaptation measures, including:

- \$100 million to help local governments improve active transportation infrastructure; and
- \$64 million in capital funding for the B.C. Wildfire Service over five years (2022/23 to 2026/27) for firefighting equipment.

## **Forestry**

\$21 million over three years to support 8 Forest Landscape Planning Tables in partnership with First Nations.

## **Community Safety**

\$317 million for policing and enforcement, including:

- \$87 million for programs to address repeat offending; and
- \$230 million to hire 256 RCMP officers.

\$65 million for *Police Act* modernization, cannabis licensing and decriminalization.

\$150 million for a local government Next Gen 911 Readiness Fund.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

*Budget 2023* provides \$85 million to increase emergency management capacity in the province and provide new investments in disaster risk assessment, preparedness and mitigation. Funding will also support more cross-ministry coordination, including working collaboratively with local governments and First Nations.

## **Connectivity**

\$85 million for Highway and Community Cellular Connectivity.

## **Libraries**

\$45 million to address local priorities and support accessibility, inclusion, and reconciliation. The funding will also support steps to improve access to books, digital collections, programs, spaces, literacy, technology and operating hours.

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