

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TO BE HELD THURSDAY JULY 27, 2023, at 5:00 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 July 26, 2023, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.*
- (3) **COMMUNICATIONS:**
  - a.) Kayak dock issues  
July 8, 2023 email from Kerry Ansell  
July 24, 2023 email from Kerry Ansell
- (4) **QUESTION PERIOD:**
- (5) **ADJOURNMENT:**  
*THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held June 28, 2023, be adjourned*

**From:** Kerry Ansell <kerryansell\_51@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 8, 2023 9:30 PM

**To:** Tanya Spafford <info@portalice.ca>

**Subject:** The continuous contamination of the beach

The foam continues to be spread from the dock. The recent extreme tides have spread it all over so it is not as obvious but every day there is new foam on the beach. Today I noticed what I think is another tear in one of the "floats". I noticed they are in fact loaded with the tiny foam chunks. I had understood the waves hitting the foam broke it down but that is not correct. Each float is loaded with the tiny particles.

I find it unacceptable that the Village chooses to ignore the ongoing contamination of the beach. The "stop-gap" measures did not stop it. You have suggested 2 new floats have been ordered. Are there only two leaking or is the rip I noticed today new? How long is the contamination going to go on while you await the new floats. Does the Village believe it is acceptable to ignore the ongoing contamination? If so I will be forced to report this matter the Environment Ministry due to my strong belief that blatant contamination of the environment is not acceptable. I do not like being a "shit disturber" nor do I wish to waste the time it will take me to file such a complaint but I can no longer ignore this.

The fact that the dock, in my opinion and several Kayakers I have spoken to, is useless for their purposes, as well as the potential hazard I previously pointed out cries for it to be reutilized for something useful and not environmentally a disaster. Putting up signage will not lessen the potential for someone being severely injured. Why does the Village insist the albatross dock must remain. Correcting a mistake should be of paramount importance, not an embarrassment.

I spend several hours a day at Lions Park. I have not seen a kayaker use the dock. There are two 12-year-old, my guess, boys who use it regularly for swimming but that is. Is defending the decision to install the dock, which I totally agreed with at the time, thinking it would be beneficial, so important that the Village of Port Alice can not do the right thing and stop the pollution of our wonderful beach I love so much.

I am writing you, Tanya, but would appreciate it if you could pass this on to Mayor Cameron for a response. As I said, I do not want to be a shit disturber. I love Port Alice and very much appreciate all the things the Village employees do to make our Village the best place to live. I just happen to feel strongly about the environment, something that makes Port Alice so special. I want to keep it that way. as well, my "insurance adjuster" history scares the hell out of me that someone will get badly injured when it need not happen.

I look forward to hearing of Port Alice's plans with respect to this matter.

Kerry Ansell

**From:** kcameron@portalice.ca  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 8:17 AM  
**To:** Bonnie Danyk  
**Subject:** Fwd: The kayak dock and contamination of Rumble Beach

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**Subject:** The kayak dock and contamination of Rumble Beach  
**Date:** Mon, 24 Jul 2023 14:32:03 +0000  
**From:** Kerry Ansell <kerryansell\_51@hotmail.com>  
**To:** "mayor@portalice.ca" <mayor@portalice.ca>, "haldis@portalice.ca" <haldis@portalice.ca>, "rmurray@portalice.ca" <rmurray@portalice.ca>, "dstewart@portalice.ca" <dstewart@portalice.ca>, "swatson@portalice.ca" <swatson@portalice.ca>

The kayak dock continues to contaminate the shoreline. I reported this matter to The Village Office on June 12th. Other than patching 3 floats and covering up a gaping hole, which did nothing to stop the flow of foam pellets, nothing has been done. The excuse being "the floats are on order and have not arrived. " Was the supplier not asked when the floats could be expected. If there was to be any delay other action was necessary.

I have several concerns regarding the kayak dock. They are as follows:

1. The environmental damage which is ongoing. It has to be cleaned up. Nothing has been done by the Village despite claims to the contrary.
2. The safety factor of having a "diving board" where there is no water. I pray that I am over reacting but someone is liable to go for a swim in the wee hours of the morning not realizing the tide had gone out since they previously dove off. Similar things have happened, believe me. I was told "you cannot protect against the stupid " but handing a stupid person a gun is criminal, just as it is to say "let the stupid hurt himself"
3. The Village of Port Alice , being yourselves , is potentially making a huge financial mistake by insisting on keeping the kayak dock and repairing it. Presently I understand the Village has ordered 4 floats. I imagine they are expensive. If that was the end of the story, I would not be including this on my list of concerns. I am convinced there is a lot more damage to the floats than The Village realizes. Remember, the dock was installed in such a way that it crashed on the rocks for a few hours , twice a day , for months. I strongly suggest the bottoms of the floats suffered damage. Common sense tells me that but also my observations tell me there are several floats that have damages. When the wind blows from a certain direction as the tide is going out the floats become charged with static electricity. I have observed this to varying degrees on several occasions. The bottom edges of some of the floats , on those days, are lined with the foam pellets. The pellets appear to have come from underneath and collect at the edge until the static charge wears off. It is always the same floats with this phenomenon. As well, several of the floats appear to be cracking at the seams. What I am observing is exactly what I saw with the float at the far left. The seam at first appeared to be cracked. A few days later it had opened about 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch. I reported this and after a few days it was repaired. I still have

concerns about it cracking further but assume it is one of the floats being replaced. If I am correct in my observations The Village of Port Alice will be faced with ongoing costs to replace all of the floats over the next year or so.

I strongly urge you to listen to me. As offered previously. I would be more than pleased to give anyone a tour of the dock . I do not want to see our beach further contaminated nor do I want Port Alice to get stuck with a "cash pit".

Yours truly,  
Kerry Ansell