

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 2024, 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 April 10, 2024, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.*

**(3) DELEGATIONS:**

**(4) MINUTES:**

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a.) *THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2024, be approved.*

**(5) NEW BUSINESS:**

**(6) COMMUNICATIONS:**

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a.) Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing – Toolkit for Local Governments  
March 2024, Manual from the Ministry of Housing

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b.) Letter from Rachel Blaney – re stepping down as NDP Whip  
April 4, 2024, Letter from MP for North Island – Powell River Rachel Blaney

**(7) REPORTS:**

**BYLAWS:**

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a.) Bylaw 690-2024 Financial Plan for Port Alice 2024-2028

Recommendation:

*THAT Bylaw 690-2024 Village of Port Alice Financial Plan Bylaw 690-2024 be given third reading.*

**(9) QUESTION PERIOD:**

**(10) ADJOURNMENT:**

*THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held April 10, 2024, be adjourned*

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

a.) 2023 Impact Report - Cops for Cancer

b.) February 29, 2024, Letter from Osoyoos Mayor, Sue McKortoff, re request for support for resolution re on legislative changes regarding personal and defamatory attacks on Municipal leaders.



VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2024  
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE



**Present**  
Mayor Kevin Cameron  
Councillor Holly Aldis  
Councillor David Stewart  
Councillor Russell Murray  
Councillor Sean Watson

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

**Call to order 6:00pm**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

25/24  
Adoption of  
Agenda

*THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for March 27, 2024, be approved;  
AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.*

**DELEGATION:**

**MINUTES:**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

*THAT the Minutes from the Council Meeting of March 13, 2024, be approved.*

26/24  
Minutes of  
March 13,  
2024

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

2024 Cops for Cancer

March 8, 2024, Letter from Ashley Boese, Local Contact for CFC Tour de Rock events

27/24  
Cops for  
Cancer 2024

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

*THAT the Village of Port Alice provides use of the Community Centre and use of the Arena showers for the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock.*

**REPORTS:**

**BYLAWS:**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

Bylaw 689-2024 to Amend Rates and Fees Bylaw 687-2024

28/24  
Bylaw 689  
Marina Rates

*THAT Bylaw 689-2024 to Amend the Village of Port Alice Rates and Fees Bylaw 687-2024 be given fourth reading and adoption.*

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

Bylaw 690-2024 Financial Plan for Port Alice 2024-2028

29/24 Bylaw  
690 – Finance  
Plan

*THAT Bylaw 690-2024 Village of Port Alice Financial Plan Bylaw 690-2024 be given first and second reading.*

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

30/24  
Adjournment

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

*THAT the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held March 27, 2024, be adjourned at 6:05pm.*

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held March 27, 2024.

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Mayor

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



# **Small-Scale, Multi-Unit Housing**

## **Toolkit for Local Governments**



March 2024

## Purpose of this Resource

*This resource is intended to help local governments and their community members understand the legislative changes introduced in 2023 related to small-scale, multi-unit housing (SSMUH). The information in this tool kit is for guidance only and is not a substitute for provincial legislation. It is not legal advice and should not be relied on for that purpose.*

## Introduction – B.C.’s New SSMUH Legislation

In the fall of 2023, the Province of British Columbia introduced changes to the Local Government Act and Vancouver Charter to require local governments to permit between 2-6 housing units in residential zones that are otherwise restricted to single-family dwellings and duplexes (referred to as *Restricted Zones* in the legislation). Local governments are required to update their zoning bylaws before June 30, 2024, to comply with this new legislation related to small-scale, multi-unit housing.

### What is small-scale, multi-unit housing?

Small-scale multi-unit housing (SSMUH) refers to a range of housing unit configurations that can provide more affordable and diverse options than single-family homes. Examples include:

- secondary suites in single-family dwellings,
- detached garden suites (e.g., accessory dwelling units (ADUs) or laneway homes)
- duplexes,
- townhomes, and
- house-plexes.

The modest increase in density resulting from these forms of housing is typically compatible in scale and form with existing low-density neighbourhoods. These forms of infill housing can produce significant benefits for neighbourhood vibrancy, inclusiveness, and environmental and economic sustainability.

### Why has the Province introduced these changes?

The aim of the SSMUH legislation is to increase housing supply, create more diverse housing choices, and over time, contribute to more affordable housing across BC. The cost of single-family detached homes are out of reach for many people in a growing number of

BC communities. However, zoning regulations that exclusively permit single-family detached homes often cover 70-85% of the privately held, residential land base in communities. Even though they are less expensive to rent and buy, multi-unit forms of housing are not permitted in most areas of our communities. The approval processes for multi-family buildings are also often longer, more costly, and more uncertain than for single-family homes.

These conditions make it challenging to build multi-unit housing throughout the province. This historical approach to zoning regulations has limited the diversity of housing supply required to meet the changing needs of people in BC's communities.

The Province is addressing this by requiring local governments to allow secondary suites or ADUs throughout BC, and in over 80 communities, to also allow multiple units of housing on single-family and duplex lots without the need for the property owner to go through a rezoning process. Similar approaches have been used successfully by cities, states, and countries around the world to create more inclusive, affordable, and resilient communities.

Local governments have a critical role to play in the implementation of these legislative changes, and much to gain from its success. The legislation establishes requirements for the minimum number of units that must be permitted in single-family or duplex zones based on lot size and location. Local governments have the discretion to permit higher densities than the legislative requirements in the zones impacted by the new legislation.

While updating their zoning bylaw(s), local governments are required to consult the Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards, as well as any technical or policy bulletins published by the Province. Local governments have the flexibility to implement zoning bylaw regulations (e.g., setbacks lot coverage) that reflect their unique circumstances. However, the zoning bylaw updates cannot be designed to limit the use or density of use required by the legislation due to the need for more housing across the province.

To support local governments with the additional work load associated with implementing these changes, the Province has delivered \$51 million in new funding to help build capacity. Over time, it is expected that the suite of legislative changes introduced in the fall of 2023 related to local government land-use planning will help reduce administrative work loads for local governments that are associated with processing development applications.

## Where do the SSMUH requirements apply?

All municipalities and regional districts in BC are required to comply with the SSMUH legislation applicable to their situation. The legislation applies to residential zones restricted to single-family homes, and in some case, duplexes. The requirements are explained below and the exemptions are described on the next page.

## Secondary suite or accessory dwelling units on lots in single-family zones

A minimum of one secondary suite or one detached ADU must be permitted on each parcel of land zoned for single family use in *Restricted Zones*. Local governments may choose to permit either a secondary suite or an ADU, or both.

## Three to six units on lots in single-family and duplex zones

Unless an exemption applies, three to six dwelling units must be allowed on each parcel of land zoned for single-family or duplex use that is in a *Restricted Zone* and is:

- a) wholly or partly within an urban containment boundary established by a regional growth strategy, or
- b) if (a) does not apply, wholly or partly within an urban containment boundary established by an official community plan within a municipality with a population greater than 5,000 or
- c) if neither (a) or (b) apply, in a municipality with a population greater than 5,000.

Minimum Number of Units	Characteristics of the lots to which the requirements apply
Minimum of <b>three</b> units	A minimum of three (3) units must be permitted on each parcel of land 280 m <sup>2</sup> or less in a <i>Restricted Zone</i> .
Minimum of <b>four</b> units	A minimum of four (4) units must be permitted on each parcel of land greater than 280 m <sup>2</sup> in a <i>Restricted Zone</i> .
Minimum of <b>six</b> units	A minimum of six (6) units must be permitted on each parcel of land in a <i>Restricted Zone</i> that is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) wholly or partly within 400 metres of a prescribed bus stop, and</li><li>b) is 281 m<sup>2</sup> or greater in area.</li></ol>



## Exemptions

Areas subject to hazardous conditions, that cannot be reasonably mitigated, can be exempted based on a report prepared by a qualified professional for the local government. Lands subject to the Islands Trust Act or a rural land use bylaw, as well as manufactured home zones, are not subject to the legislated SSMUH requirements, including the requirements for secondary suites and ADUs.

There are a several additional exemptions for the 3-6 units per lot density, including:

- land protected for heritage conservation purposes at the time when the SSMUH legislation came into force (see the legislation for specific exemption provisions),
- land that is not connected to a water or sewer system provided as a service by a municipality or regional district (must be connected to both),
- land within an area designated as a Transit-Oriented Area, or
- parcels of land that are greater than 4,050 m<sup>2</sup> in size and land within a zone in which the minimum lot size for subdivision is greater than 4,050 m<sup>2</sup>.

If local governments have identified exempted lots, after their zoning bylaws are updated to comply with SSMUH legislation, they must provide written notice to the Minister of Housing that identifies:

- a) the land to which the exemption applies, and
- b) the section(s) of the legislation relevant to the purpose of the exemption.

## Extensions

Local governments may apply for extensions to comply with the SSMUH legislation for areas within their jurisdictions. One or more extensions may be granted by the Minister of Housing, if the Minister is satisfied that the local government is unable, by June 30, 2024, to comply for any of the following reasons:

- a) the local government is in the process of upgrading infrastructure that services the specific area or lots for which the extension is being requested;
- b) the infrastructure that services the area where SSMUH would apply is such that compliance by June 30, 2024, is likely to increase a risk to health, public safety, or the environment in that area; or
- c) extraordinary circumstances exist that otherwise prevent compliance in relation to the area.

Requests for infrastructure-related extensions must be received by June 1, 2024. Additional guidance on extensions will be issued in a Technical Bulletin in early 2024.

## Local Government Responsibilities

The legislation and regulations will require most local governments to update zoning bylaws before June 30, 2024 to permit small-scale, multi-unit housing in single-family and where applicable, duplex zones in accordance with the required minimum densities in the legislation. In doing so, local governments are required to consider the Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards, and any additional technical guidance issued by the Province to support SSMUH implementation.

Local governments must not use their authorities in such a way that unreasonably prohibits or restricts the use or density of use required to be permitted under the legislation. For example, the legislation prohibits local governments from using development permit areas, heritage conservation areas, or heritage alteration permits to unreasonably restrict the use or density required by SSMUH legislation, as well as land use regulation bylaws or land use permits. Under the legislation, local governments are also not permitted to do the following:

- require on-site parking on lots that must be permitted to have a minimum of six units,
- use density bonusing as the means for approval of the minimum densities they are required to permit under the legislation (an exception is the lots for which the requirement of a minimum of six units applies, where conditional density bonus rules may be established for only **one** of the **six** housing units), or hold a public hearing on a zoning bylaw update proposed for the sole purpose of complying with the SSMUH legislation.

## More Information

The Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards sets out detailed provincial expectations for local government compliance with the SSMUH legislation. It also contains a set of site standard packages with zoning regulations that local governments must consider in developing their own bylaws to conform to the various SSMUH density requirements. Additional technical guidance may be issued by the Province as needed to support implementation of SSMUH requirements.

Any questions about the new legislation may be directed to:

Ministry of Housing  
Planning and Land Use Management Branch  
Telephone: 205-387-3394  
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April 4, 2024  
Campbell River, BC

Dear Mayor Kevin Cameron and Council,

This letter is to advise you that I have recently met with my caucus and leadership to advise them of my intentions to step down as NDP Whip as of April 4, 2024.

A strong sense of duty and social commitment initially brought me to politics after years of serving my community in the non-profit sector. I have had the honour of serving the constituents of North Island-Powell River for the last 9 years however family circumstances, which I had not anticipated, will require my attention in the coming years. I have therefore decided not to run in the next federal election. I will remain your Member of Parliament until the next election, which must be held by October 2025.

It has been an incredible journey and a true privilege to serve as Member of Parliament for the people of this riding. I have resigned the position as Whip so that I may use the rest of my term to focus on my increasing family and constituency needs.

I thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration for the betterment of the communities we serve and look forward to working together until the end of my term.

Sincerely

Rachel Blaney, MP / Députée (she/her/elle)  
North Island - Powell River  
Coast Salish, Kwakwaka'wakw and Nuu-chah-nulth Territory



**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
BYLAW NO. 690, 2024**

BEING A BYLAW FOR THE VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2024 - 2028

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 2024 – 2028, Revenues and Expenditures.
2. Schedule “B” attached to and forming part of this Bylaw is the Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2024 – 2028 Statement of Objectives and Policies.
3. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2024 - 2028 Bylaw No.690, 2024".

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION HELD APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.

RECONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.

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Mayor

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

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No.690, as adopted by Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Chief Administrative Officer

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
BYLAW NO. 690, 2024**

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2024 - 2028  
Bylaw No. 690, 2024 - Schedule 'A' REVENUES**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
<b>Property Taxes</b>	\$759,465	\$805,798	\$843,421	\$907,813	\$934,996
Utility/Grant in Place of Taxes	\$22,000	\$22,660	\$23,340	\$24,040	\$24,761
<b>Total Taxation</b>	<b>\$781,465</b>	<b>\$828,458</b>	<b>\$866,761</b>	<b>\$931,853</b>	<b>\$959,757</b>
<b>Fees and Charges</b>					
Garbage Rates/Penalties	\$90,000	\$92,700	\$95,481	\$98,345	\$101,296
Recreation Supplies and Services	\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914	\$16,391	\$16,883
Recreation Facilities Rentals	\$27,000	\$27,810	\$28,643	\$29,504	\$30,389
Licenses/Permits	\$11,610	\$11,958	\$12,317	\$12,687	\$13,067
Water Utility	\$61,000	\$62,830	\$64,715	\$66,656	\$68,656
Sewer Utility	\$142,000	\$146,260	\$150,648	\$155,167	\$159,822
Other Revenue	\$233,525	\$240,531	\$247,747	\$255,179	\$262,834
<b>Total Fees and Charges</b>	<b>\$580,135</b>	<b>\$597,539</b>	<b>\$615,465</b>	<b>\$633,929</b>	<b>\$652,947</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>					
Federal Govt Grants	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Provincial Govt Grants -	\$2,406,098	\$478,310	\$489,959	\$501,958	\$514,317
Regional District of Mt. Waddington	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,412,398</b>	<b>\$484,610</b>	<b>\$496,259</b>	<b>\$508,258</b>	<b>\$520,617</b>
<b>Appropriation from Reserve</b>					
Appropriation from NICF Funds	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriation from Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriation from Deferred Revenue:Gas Tax Fun	\$795,000	\$95,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Appropriation from Covid Recovey Funds	\$70,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriation from Climate Action Funds	\$75,000				
<b>Total Appropriation from Reserve</b>	<b>\$1,020,000</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Funds Transfers</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
BYLAW NO. 690, 2024**

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2024 - 2028  
Bylaw No. 690, 2024 - Schedule 'A' Expenditures**

EXPENDITURES	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
<b>Debenture Debt Interest</b>					
Community Centre Upgrades    Matures - 2036	\$33,900	\$34,917	\$35,965	\$37,048	\$38,155
<b>Total Debenture Debt</b>	<b>\$33,900</b>	<b>\$34,917</b>	<b>\$35,965</b>	<b>\$37,048</b>	<b>\$38,155</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>					
General	\$2,574,935	\$95,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Water Utility	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer Utility	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,574,935</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Other Municipal Purposes</b>					
General Government, & Fiscal Services	\$509,500	\$474,545	\$501,170	\$502,953	\$517,806
Fire & Protective Services	\$108,000	\$80,340	\$82,750	\$85,233	\$87,790
Public Works	\$461,800	\$475,654	\$489,294	\$504,621	\$519,760
Health & Environmental Services	\$390,500	\$294,065	\$302,887	\$311,974	\$321,333
Recreation Services	\$293,200	\$301,996	\$311,056	\$320,388	\$329,999
Water Utility	\$55,000	\$56,650	\$58,350	\$60,100	\$61,903
Sewer Utility	\$112,200	\$115,566	\$119,033	\$122,604	\$126,282
<b>Total Other Municipal Purposes</b>	<b>\$1,930,200</b>	<b>\$1,798,816</b>	<b>\$1,864,540</b>	<b>\$1,907,873</b>	<b>\$1,964,873</b>
<b>Transfers to Reserves</b>					
General Fund	\$219,163	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Water Fund	\$6,000	\$6,180	\$6,365	\$6,556	\$6,753
Sewer Fund	\$29,800	\$30,694	\$31,615	\$32,563	\$33,540
<b>Total Transfer of Funds</b>	<b>\$254,963</b>	<b>\$126,874</b>	<b>\$127,980</b>	<b>\$129,119</b>	<b>\$130,293</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,793,998</b>	<b>\$2,055,607</b>	<b>\$2,058,485</b>	<b>\$2,104,040</b>	<b>\$2,163,321</b>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
BYLAW NO. 690, 2024**

**Schedule B  
Statement of Objectives and Policies**

In accordance with Section 165 (3.1) of the Community Charter, the Village is required to include in the Five-Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165 (7) of the Community Charter;
2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes, and
3. The use of permissive tax exemptions.

**Funding Sources**

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2024. Property taxes normally contribute to the greatest proportion of the Village’s revenue, however, in 2024 the largest proportion is Grant Revenue which is directly related to Capital Projects. The property tax revenue source offers several advantages. For example, it is simple to administer, and it is easy for residents to understand. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for local government services that are simply not practical or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These services include general administration, fire protection, police services, bylaw enforcement, solid waste management, recreation, and local transportation services (i.e) maintenance & upkeep of local roads and streets.

User fees and charges form the fourth largest portion of planned revenue. Many services can be measured and charged on a user-pay basis. Services that are effectively charged on a user fee basis include water and sewer services, garbage collection, building permits, and the sale of other goods and services such as recreation and cemetery services. Village Council and Staff support the value of user fees that are relative to the cost of the service to avoid the service being subsidized by taxation.

**Objective**

Over the next 5 years, the Village of Port Alice will review the proportion of revenue that is received from user fees and charges and increase current levels as required.

**Policies**

The Village will annually review all user fee levels to ensure they are adequately meeting the delivery costs of service.

Where possible, the Village will endeavor to supplement revenues from user fees and charges, rather than taxation, to lessen the burden on its limited property tax base.

**Table 1: 2024 Sources of Revenue**

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Revenue: Percentages of Total Budget</b>	<b>Dollar Value</b>
Taxation	16%	\$781,465.00
Fees, Charges & Other Revenue	12%	\$580,135.00
Government Grants	50%	\$2,412,398.00
Approp. from Surplus & Deferred Rev.	21%	\$1,020,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$4,793,998.00</b>



**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
BYLAW NO. 690, 2024**

**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. BC Assessment changed the Class of the Major Industrial property to Business in 2020 and significantly reduced the value.

**Objectives**

The Village Council continues to work with all levels of government and local business 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.

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 taxpayers 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: 2024 Distribution of Property Tax Rates  
Based on Preliminary Values**

<b>Property Class</b>			<b>Percentage of Total Property Taxation</b>	<b>2024 Dollar Value</b>
Residential ( 1)			80.73%	\$613,143.00
Utilities (2)			7.4%	\$56,380.00
Major Industrial (4)			0.00%	\$0.00
Light Industrial (5)			4.51%	\$34,287.00
Business (6)			7.26%	\$55,148.00
Recreation (8)			0.067%	\$507.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>100%</b>	<b>\$759,465.00</b>

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
BYLAW NO. 690, 2024**

**Schedule B Continued**

**Permissive Tax Exemptions**

The Village of Port Alice Council reviews all existing permissive tax exemption bylaws on an annual basis. Council bases their consideration on the following criteria:

The tax exemption must demonstrate benefit to the community and residents of Port Alice by enhancing the quality of life (economically, socially and culturally) within the community.

The goals, policies and principles of the organization receiving the exemption must not be inconsistent or in conflict with those of the Village of Port Alice.

The organization receiving the exemption must be a registered non-profit society, as the support of the municipality will not be used for commercial or private gain.

Permissive tax exemptions will be considered in conjunction with: (a) other assistance being provided by the Village; (b) the potential demands for Village services or infrastructure arising from the property; and (c) the amount of revenue that the Village will lose if the exemption is granted.

**Objective**

The Village of Port Alice will continue to provide permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies that contribute social, economic and cultural benefits to the community.

**Policies**

Council will continue working with all the non-profit societies for the betterment of the Community.

Reviewed and adopted by Council on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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Mayor

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



# INFORMATION ITEMS





## Changing the future of childhood cancer

Since its inception in 1997, Cops for Cancer has raised more than \$54 million directed at life-saving research to change the future of childhood cancer forever. These funds also support vital programs like Camp Goodtimes, which gives families of children diagnosed with cancer the opportunity to spend time together in a stress-free and medically supervised environment.

Over the past 5 years, the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) has invested more than \$16.4 million specifically towards childhood cancer research. Thanks to your ongoing support, research has led to new and more effective treatments for childhood cancers.

On behalf of CCS, we would like to thank you for your commitment to helping us save and improve the lives of children affected by cancer and their families.





## Enhancing the lives of children and families impacted by cancer: Michael and Eli's story

When Michael's son, Eli, was diagnosed with leukemia, his family's lives changed forever. Eli spent 139 days at the hospital during his first year of treatment, with Michael driving over 30,000 km in total to and from the BC Children's hospital in Vancouver, 900km from their hometown of Prince George.

An additional stressor for the Daykin family was that Eli has Down syndrome, which put him at risk for further health complications during treatment. This factor fuels Michael's passionate support for research.

"People with Down syndrome have a slightly higher risk of leukemia. In 1980, the life expectancy for somebody with Down syndrome was in their 20s. Today it's in their 60s," Michael explains. "A lot of that comes back to cancer treatment. And that research isn't only improving the outcomes, it's also shortening the amount of time that somebody needs to be in treatment."

Amidst the countless trips to the hospital, the emotional stress, and the exhausting task of taking care of a sick child, Camp Goodtimes was able to offer the whole family a necessary break.

"I slept most of the first day, probably the first chance I'd had in a while," Michael shares. "For the first time, we weren't stressed about Eli's well-being because if anything happened, the doctor was right there."

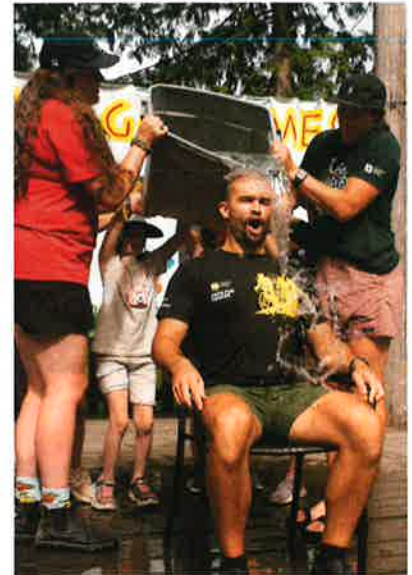
During Eli's treatment, CCS approached the Daykin family with an opportunity to be part of the Cops for Cancer program. Eli and his sister Katie were invited to be honorary members with Cops for Cancer Tour de North.

"We were absolutely honoured to be a part of it," Michael shares, "They really honoured Eli."

Eli was filled with excitement at the chance to ride in a police car, and the entire event proved to be fun and uplifting for the whole family.

"One of the great things about Cops for Cancer is the local sponsors, the community involvement," Michael. "It's great to see the passion, the love and the commitment that those riders have."

Eli finished treatment in August, 2023, and has now returned to school full-time. Thanks to your support, Camp Goodtimes allows kids like Eli to just be kids, and parents like Michael can connect with other families who understand what they are going through.



## Research projects you've enabled

Thanks to your generous donations, CCS continues to be the largest national charitable funder of research into all types of cancer. Last year, we invested **\$44.33 million** into life-saving cancer research, **\$1.41 million** of which was devoted towards childhood cancer research. Below is an example of an ongoing childhood cancer research initiative that was made possible because of your support.





## Advancing childhood ependymoma research

Ependymoma is the third most common malignant brain tumour diagnosed in children for which few treatment options exist. The overarching goal of Dr Vijay Ramaswamy's project is to understand the genetics behind ependymomas and translate that knowledge to more personalized treatments for children.

In the 3 years since he established his lab, Dr Ramaswamy has made outstanding progress in starting a high-impact research program focused on understanding the genetics behind ependymomas and translating that knowledge to more tailored treatments. These brain tumours are resistant to chemotherapy, so the current standard of care is aggressive radiation and surgery, which can lead to devastating long-term cognitive challenges and disabilities.

Over the past year, they have made significant advances in refining our understanding of childhood ependymoma. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, this project is creating new models of ependymoma that allow the discovery of new treatment options in the lab, including specific and personalized treatments. Their progress includes a breakthrough where they have now been able to generate a new way of studying a subset of infant ependymoma in the laboratory that could inform tailored treatment strategies for children with cancer to help them live longer, fuller lives.

### Thank You

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

Name

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## Cops for Cancer 2023





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This year marked the 26 years of Cops for Cancer cycling tours in BC. Since the inaugural Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock in 1997, you have been instrumental in raising over **\$54 Million** towards childhood cancer research and support programs, spreading hope to kids, youth, and families in BC and across Canada.

This past year, you helped us raise **over \$2 million**, which is being invested to support high-quality childhood cancer research and to provide and make Camp Goodtimes possible for kids and teens affected by cancer. We are looking towards the upcoming year, where we will be celebrating 25 years for Tour de Coast and Tour de Valley.

**Thank you, to our incredible support teams. We would not be able to do this without you!**





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## **Cops for Cancer 2023**

In 2023, 4 Cops for Cancer Tours took place across British Columbia raising over \$2 million.  
**Tour de Rock | Tour de Coast | Tour de Valley | Tour de North**

**\$2 million+  
raised**

**85 riders**

**3,650 km**

**120+  
schools**

**80+  
communities**





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**Pedal for Hope** cycling team in Ontario pedaled their way into their **19th tour** for Cops for Cancer this year! Driven by agencies from Durham Regional Police, O.P.P., Metrolinx, Peterborough Police Service and Port Hope.

The team was thrilled with the participation from over **23 schools** in the **Peterborough and Durham Region**.

The ongoing generosity from donors, sponsors and communities motivated the first responder personnel riders to **surpass their goal by 250% and raising over \$141K**.

Delivering their message of hope and inspiration to children and families living with a cancer diagnosis. **Funds raised from Pedal for Hope fund the Pediatric Family Counselling Service** in addition to pediatric cancer research across Canada.







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## Cops for Cancer Head Shaves and Fundraisers

In addition to the Cops for Cancer Tours and Pedal for Hope, many agencies across Ontario took part in fundraising efforts hosting BIG head shaves, movement challenges, and even a winter trek of 200 kms, pulling a 200lb sled.

**Agencies across Ontario raised over \$160K!**

The challenges our participants endured were not only to raise funds but to show children living with cancer they are not alone; **we are united in the face of cancer.**





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## **Cops for Cancer in the Media**

**The program is beloved and resonates with so many communities.**

**1300+ media  
stories**

**394.5 million  
impressions**

**9.3%  
decrease in  
coverage YOY**

**92 cities**



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## Your Impact in 2023

We are all truly having an impact on kids and their families.



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**CAMP  
GOODTIMES**

**65% increase** in overnight kid and youth programs from 2022 and we served more families at Family Camp than ever before



**Research**

**\$1.6 million invested** by the Canadian Cancer Society into pediatric cancer research

"Camp Goodtimes is such a healing environment, where our family feels totally supported and surrounded by wonderful people and nature."

- 2023 Family Camp Family

The Canadian Cancer Society continues to be the **largest national funder of pediatric cancer research** thanks in part to Cops for Cancer.









February 29, 2024

*Via Email*

UBCM Member Municipalities

Dear UBCM Members:

**Re: Support for Resolution**

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I am writing to you on behalf of Osoyoos Town Council to request your support for our proposed resolution on legislative changes regarding personal and defamatory attacks on municipal leaders at the upcoming SILGA Convention, in advance of the UBCM Convention this fall.

Municipal leaders across the province are facing increasing levels of personal and defamatory attacks, which not only impact our ability to effectively serve our communities but also have a negative impact on the overall functioning of local government. It is imperative that we address this issue and advocate for legislative changes that provide better protection for municipal leaders.

At the February 27, 2024, Regular Open Council Meeting, Town Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas Local Governments recognize the importance of fostering respectful and constructive dialogue within the community; and

Whereas personal and defamatory attacks on local government leaders, including both senior staff and elected officials, undermine the integrity of the democratic process and create a hostile working environment, and

Whereas current legislative and legal frameworks, including those of WorkSafeBC and Workers Compensation Act, do not provide adequate protection against such attacks, thereby hindering the ability of local government leaders to carry out their duties effectively,

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate for legislative changes that address the issue of personal and defamatory attacks on local government leaders; and

Further be it resolved that these changes should aim to strengthen protections for local government leaders against unfounded, defamatory and malicious accusations while also upholding principles of freedom of speech and transparency;

Further be it resolved that UBCM is encouraged to collaborate with other relevant stakeholders, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, including legal experts and advocacy groups, to develop comprehensive proposals for legislative reform.

Together, we can work towards creating a safer, more respectful environment for all municipal leaders to effectively carry out their duties on behalf of their communities. We look forward to and appreciate your support on this matter.

**Attachments:**

ToO Background Information SILGA Resolution

Yours truly,



Sue McKortoff  
Mayor

c: Town Council  
R. Risling, CAO  
Brienne Hillson, Director of Corporate Services  
Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs

## **Legislative Changes - Personal and Defamatory Attacks on Municipal Leaders**

### **Background Information:**

There has been a concerning rise in the frequency and severity of personal and defamatory attacks directed toward municipal leaders (including Council members and staff). These attacks are often through various channels, including social media, and create a hostile working environment and hinder the ability of municipal leaders to carry out their duties effectively. The repercussions of defamatory personal attacks extend beyond the municipal realm and can detrimentally affect Council members who are working professionals by impacting their livelihood. The damaging effects of the personal attacks are not confined to professional settings; they often infiltrate into the personal lives of both staff and municipal council members, including incidents outside of business hours.

