

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 2024, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.*

**(3) DELEGATIONS:**

**(4) MINUTES:**

a.) *THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2024, be approved.*

**(5) COMMUNICATIONS:**

a.) Canada Community-Building Fund: First Community Work Fund Payment for 2024/2025  
August 23, 2024, Letter from Councillor Trish Mandewo, UBCM President

**(6) BYLAWS:**

a.) Procedure Bylaw Amendment No. 692

Recommendation:

*THAT the Amended Procedure Bylaw No 692 be given second and third reading.*

**(7) QUESTION PERIOD:**

**(8) 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:*

*(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;*

*(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;*

**(9) RECONVENE:**

**(10) ADJOURNMENT:**

*THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held September 11, 2024, be adjourned*

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. August 26, 2024, Letter to Hon David Eby from Campbell River, re: Urgent Request for Provincial Support in Addressing Homelessness in Campbell River
2. August 29, 2024, Letter to Hon David Eby from Mission, re Infrastructure Investment for Complete Communities.
3. August 29, 2024, News Release re Expanded travel programs support cancer patients.

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VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024  
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE



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

**Absent** Councillor David Stewart

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

**Call to order 6:00pm**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

62/24  
Adoption of  
Agenda

*THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for August 14, 2024, be approved;  
AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.*

**DELEGATION:**

**MINUTES:**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

63/24  
Minutes of  
July 10, 2024

*THAT the Minutes from the Council Meeting of July 10, 2024, be approved.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Fire Safety Act

64/24  
Fire Safety Act

August 1, 2024, Letter from Brian Godlonton, Fire Commissioner

*THAT Fire Chief, Jerry Rose, be invited to a committee of the whole meeting to discuss the new requirements.*

**REPORTS:**

Economic Development Report

August 7, 2024, Report from Ryan Nicholson, Economic Development Officer

Accounts Payable Listing for June 2024

Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO

Summary of Revenue and Expenses for June 2024

Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO

Waterfront Parks Plan

August 23, 2024

Mayor Kevin Cameron and Council  
Village of Port Alice  
Box 130  
Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0

Dear Mayor Kevin Cameron and Council:

**RE: CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND: FIRST COMMUNITY WORKS FUND  
PAYMENT FOR 2024/2025**

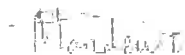
I am pleased to advise that UBCM is in the process of distributing the first Community Works Fund (CWF) payment for fiscal 2024/2025. An electronic transfer of \$48,530 is expected to occur in August 2024. This payment is made in accordance with the payment schedule set out in your CWF Agreement with UBCM (see section 4 of your Agreement).

CWF is made available to eligible local governments by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Administrative Agreement. Funding under the program may be directed to local priorities that fall within one of the eligible project categories.

Further details regarding use of CWF and project eligibility are outlined in your CWF Agreement and details on the Canada Community-Building Fund can be found on our [website](#).

For further information, please contact Canada Community-Building Fund Program Services by e-mail at [ccbf@ubcm.ca](mailto:ccbf@ubcm.ca) or by phone at 250-356-5134.

Sincerely,



Councillor Trish Mandewo  
UBCM President

PC: Bonnie Danyk, Chief Administrative Officer Chief Financial Officer

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
BYLAW NO. 692, 2024**

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 677, 2022

**AMENDMENTS:**

The Village of Port Alice Procedure Bylaw No. 677, 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 8 is amended by striking out subsection 8 (c) and replacing it with the following subsection:

(c) Council members may participate by electronic means in any portion of a meeting closed to the public under the Community Charter, Section 90 providing they are alone and in a private location.

**TITLE:**

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Village of Port Alice Procedure Bylaw No. 677 2022, Amendment Bylaw No. 692, 2024."

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 14th day of August 2024.

*Notice posted in accordance with Section 94 of the Community Charter.*

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 11th day of September 2024.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 11th day of September 2024.

READ A FORTH TIME AND ADOPTED THIS 25th day September 2024.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor

Certified a true copy of Village of Port Alice Procedure Bylaw No. 677 2022, Amendment Bylaw No. 692, 2024



# INFORMATION ITEMS



City of Campbell River  
From the Office of the Mayor

August 26, 2024

The Honourable David Eby  
Premier of the Province of British Columbia  
Via email: [Premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Premier Eby,

**Re: Urgent Request for Provincial Support in Addressing Homelessness in Campbell River**

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Campbell River to express our deep concern regarding the challenges our community is facing in providing adequate temporary shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. Provincial case law establishes the obligation of local governments to provide an adequate location for overnight camping (temporary shelter) for unhoused persons. However, the sites currently available on City land are limited and do not fully meet the needs of the community or the individuals who require these services.

For a location for overnight temporary shelter to be adequate, it must be relatively close to services and supports typically accessed by individual experiencing mental health, substance use and other health conditions who are also homeless. The location of these services in Campbell River is primarily in the downtown core. The provincial decision to place these services in proximity of residential, commercial, cultural and recreational assets means the City has very limited options in terms of land availability outside of parking lots, and high value Parks and green spaces enjoyed by our residents and visitors.

Considering these challenges, we respectfully request that the Province of British Columbia take immediate action by making provincially regulated land available for temporary overnight camping in Campbell River. We understand the provincial position on use of sites such as off season use of the Quinsam campground given that the aim is to have such assets available for the recreating public and not set precedent for their use as alternative housing. However, the City would respond that these camp sites are not used during the off season and are typically closed; moreover, the City faces the very same challenge when it comes to use of our Parks and green spaces but is nonetheless forced to move forward with this under the circumstances. The availability of provincial land would greatly enhance our ability to provide safe and appropriate spaces for those in need. In that instance, the City would agree to provide all necessary services including fencing, portable washrooms, garbage bins and removal, contract security, bylaw enforcement and ongoing monitoring.

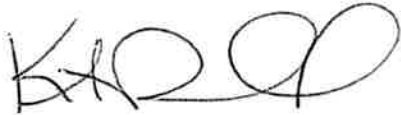
Furthermore, we ask that the province provide additional funding to expand our winter shelter program. By doing so, we can reduce the demand for temporary overnight shelter, especially during colder

months, and ensure that those without permanent housing have access to safe, warm, and secure environments. We would also like to explore funding availability to establish a Homeless Encampment Action Response Team (HEART) to better integrate the response of the City, RCMP and service providers to homelessness and complement our partnership on the HEARTH rapid housing initiative.

The City of Campbell River is committed to working collaboratively with the provincial government to address the pressing issue of homelessness in our community. We believe that with the province's support, we can make significant progress in providing the necessary resources and spaces to meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kermit Dahl', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kermit Dahl  
Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FILE: 01-0410-02

August 29, 2024

The Honourable David Eby  
Premier and President of Executive Council  
Via Email: [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Premier Eby:

**Re: Infrastructure Investment for Complete Communities**

During the City of Mission's Regular Council meeting of August 19, 2024, our Council unanimously carried the following resolution:

1. *That the City of Mission write to the Premier to express:*
  - o *Mission's continued support for the creation of affordable and supportive housing;*
  - o *The need for simultaneous provincial investment in schools, healthcare, safety and infrastructure to sustainably accommodate growth; and*
  - o *Mission's intention to review our housing bylaws after one year to ensure that sustainable growth is occurring; and*
2. *That the letter be copied to all UBCM members.*

The City of Mission acknowledges the significant need for affordable housing in our community and across the entire country. We have witnessed the dramatic increase in people living in unsafe and unstable conditions and are acutely aware of the need to accelerate housing production in the marketplace. Further, we are alert to the visible growth in unhoused persons in our midst, demonstrating the need for more supportive housing options in our community.

Because we share the Province's concerns about housing, we have been hard at work at the local level, finding ways to incentivize the development of affordable housing, accessible medical spaces and supportive housing. In the last four years, we have:



- Created a density bonusing program for builders who create below market housing and medical spaces.
- Authorized Mission's first 11-storey building because it offered 100% affordable housing, as well as community kitchen and laundry space.
- Created our *Neighbourhood Engagement Policy* to improve and expedite community engagement.
- Planned the *Stave Heights Neighbourhood* to add multi-family housing for 3800 people (with many units already under construction).
- Added to our Planning and Building Department staffing and made affordable housing applications a top priority.
- Invested in new software and technology to expedite development and building applications.
- Hosted educational Builders' Forums, in partnership with the Fraser Valley Homebuilders Association, to help builders avoid delays.
- Contributed park space to BC Housing for supportive housing and offered more public land to BC Housing and local agencies.
- Approved and implemented an innovative *Community Wellness Plan* in conjunction with every social and healthcare agency in our City.
- Hosted two housing forums to encourage partnership in developing more below-market housing.
- Dedicated approximately 100 acres (1/3) of land in our Waterfront Revitalization Strategy to multi-family housing.
- Adopted a suite of new policies to ensure affordable housing, including an amnesty program to allow registration of unauthorized secondary suites and a bylaw to protect residents of Mobile Home Parks.

We are doing all we can, with even more work in our pipeline, and it is showing in Mission's dramatic growth numbers. I am absolutely confident that other communities across BC are working with the same earnestness and creativity.

The policy and legislation changes brought forward by your government are sure to have a profound effect on our housing supply, but I hope you will agree with Mission when we say that there is much more that needs to be done to ensure that we are creating not just houses, but homes.

In consultations with our advisory committees, local organizations, and community engagement, we continuously hear a series of challenges that we believe will undermine our

shared housing efforts if not addressed. Three solutions have emerged from this work:

1. **Ensure that the Province funds investments in social and physical infrastructure to facilitate growth.** We cannot continue with the existing and long-standing practice of only adding to schools, healthcare, transit, highways, and policing once demand has reached crisis levels. The development community has expressed these same concerns. People need housing in areas where their children can access schools and medical services. Without simultaneous investments in provincial infrastructure, we will create significant inequities at the community level and will force local governments to accept further downloading.
2. **Address parking concerns in communities that have traditional downtowns that are not-yet-fully transit ready.** Across BC, there are many communities like Mission with constrained downtowns. While the obvious solution to the parking issues of these areas is enhanced transit, it must be acknowledged that working residents and parents simply cannot rely on transit as a substitute for cars at this time. While our community has invested in major transit improvements (with more on the way) we cannot anticipate that residents, workers and consumers in that neighbourhood will be able to entirely rely on transit for their daily mobility. Mission strongly supports Transit-Oriented Development. Indeed, it is fundamental to our Downtown and Waterfront Revitalization initiatives, but we have already been told to expect that multiple in-stream applications will now be altered to remove resident parking. Mission has created a parking plan for the area - grounded in a costly analysis - but the government's policy leaves no room for that evidence to come into our planning.
3. **Restore the dexterity that comes with developer-municipality partnerships in master developments.** As you have recently heard from Coquitlam and Burnaby, many master developments rely on place-making to benefit both existing residents and newcomers. Building around shared public spaces is desirable to the private and public sector, facilitating investment and financing, and allowing for a vision that the public can embrace. Density-bonusing, phased development agreements and other negotiated approaches are needed in our toolkit if we are to realize our Waterfront Revitalization. In short, true density and transit-oriented development will be hampered or halted if we are left with the tool of ACCs. As an example, the expected addition of more than 10,000 home in our master-planned Silverdale area would simply not have been possible were it not for our ability to share staffing costs, arrange for future public lands and establish mechanisms for front-ending underground servicing with Polygon. When it comes to large scale projects, we believe the Province needs to create exceptions wherein win-win negotiations are possible.

The City of Mission may not be the largest municipality in the Province, but we pride ourselves on being progressive and resourceful. We have engaged in master planning for our housing future as far back as 1966. While we support the Province's view that affordable housing must be a priority, we believe it will be much more constructive to work in a collaborative fashion, and to see concomitant development by the province of the physical and social infrastructure that defines healthy communities.

Mission has recently adopted our versions of SSMUH and TOA bylaws, and we will adopt revised DCC and ACC legislation soon. In each case, those new bylaws include a one-year review clause. We will be looking to the Provincial government to ensure that there is room for learning, revision and, most importantly, considerable investment in community-level infrastructure.

Allow me to close by saying, Mission is keen to participate in dialogue. If our City can play a role in providing feedback, data or other insights, please do not hesitate to reach us.

Sincerely,



PAUL HORN  
MAYOR

Cc. The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing [HOUS.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HOUS.minister@gov.bc.ca)  
The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure [Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca)  
The Honourable Pam Alexis, Minister of Agriculture and Food and MLA, Abbotsford-Mission  
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British Columbia News

# Expanded travel programs support cancer patients

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More cancer patients, especially those living in rural and remote areas, will benefit from improved access to life-saving cancer care as the Province further invests in medical-travel supports, reducing costs and financial barriers.

“To ensure all cancer patients can access treatment, we’re continuing to collaborate with the Canadian Cancer Society to further expand their medical travel and accommodation programs in B.C.,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “Already, thousands of patients and caregivers have benefited from the expansion of their programs since last year. Now, even more cancer patients who need to travel for care can focus on their treatment without the added worry of costs and travel arrangements.”

The Province is providing an additional \$20 million over two years to the Canadian Cancer Society to support travel and lodging for cancer patients. This funding builds on a previous investment of \$10 million in 2023.

“Living with cancer is a challenge in itself, especially for those living in rural and remote communities,” said Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health. “By partnering with the Canadian Cancer Society, we’re supporting more patients by alleviating the challenge of logistics like booking and paying for travel, ensuring no cancer patient is left behind, regardless of where in B.C. they live.”

In 2023-24, 1,398 cancer patients from 249 communities received travel-support funding through the Canadian Cancer Society Travel Treatment Fund, representing a 742% increase from the previous year.

“Less than a year after launching the program, we’ve seen a remarkable increase in the number of cancer patients we’ve been able to serve,” said Dr. Sandra Krueckl, executive vice-president of mission, information and support services, Canadian Cancer Society. “We’re providing more financial assistance, free rides and free accommodations to people in B.C. travelling to and from cancer care. The additional funding from the Province will enable us to serve even more people going through cancer treatment, making costs one less thing they and their families need to worry about.”

The Canadian Cancer Society travel-support programs in B.C. include: the Travel Treatment Fund (TTF), which provides grants to patients for travel expenses; the Wheels of Hope program, which matches patients with volunteer drivers; and its four lodges, which offer accommodation and meals for patients and their caregivers near cancer centres in Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna and Prince George.

“Our care teams are committed to supporting patients at every stage of their cancer journeys, whether they live close to one of our six regional centres or in a remote, hard-to-reach part of our province,” said Dr. Kim Nguyen Chi, chief medical officer, BC Cancer. “We are grateful for our partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society to provide critical support for patients who struggle with the cost and stress of travelling for cancer care.”

In addition, 11,722 nights at Canadian Cancer Society lodges were provided free to patients last year, which was previously \$55 a night. The provincial investment also helped patients who travelled to Vancouver for leukemia/bone-marrow transplants with a grant of as much as \$4,000. Last year, the bone-marrow grant program did not exist and patients had to pay out of pocket for the costs of staying in Vancouver for as many as four months.

This work is supported through the Province's recent investments to improve cancer care. As part of Budget 2024, government is investing \$270 million over the next three years to support B.C.'s 10-year B.C. Cancer Action Plan. The plan outlines steps to better prevent, detect and treat cancers, and deliver improved care for people facing cancer, while preparing for growing needs. In addition, investments in medical-travel programs have been vital in reducing the significant expenses associated with long-distance travel for those living further from the specialized care they need.

To increase capacity and keep up with demand, the Province is adding more cancer centres in B.C., upgrading existing hospital space through renovation and expansion, including the addition of new diagnostic imaging equipment, and hiring new physicians and clinical support staff.

#### **Quick Facts:**

- The Canadian Cancer Society is Canada's largest national cancer charity and the largest national charitable funder of cancer research in Canada.
- The Canadian Cancer Society continues to work closely with its partner Hope Air to seamlessly provide travel supports to people with cancer in B.C.
- The Canadian Cancer Society offers trusted cancer information, and practical and emotional-support programs nationwide, and advocates for healthy public policies to make healthy living easier for all.

#### **Learn More:**

To learn more about the Province's partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society, visit:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HLTH0119-001514> (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HLTH0119-001514>)

To learn more about B.C.'s 10-Year Cancer Care Action Plan, visit:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024HLTH0090-001025> (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024HLTH0090-001025>)

To learn more about the support offered by the Canadian Cancer Society, call 1 888 939-3333 or visit: <https://cancer.ca/en/> (<https://cancer.ca/en/>)

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