VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE

Port Alice
Gateway to the Wild West Coast

(1) CALL TO ORDER
We are privileged to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Quatsino First Nations.

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for November 12, 2025, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.

(4) DELEGATIONS:

(5) MINUTES:
Pg 3-4 **a.)** ***THAT*** *the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2025, be approved.*

(6) COMMUNICATIONS:
Pg 5-8 **a.)** Legislation brought forward to amend the Utilities Commission Act
November 4, 2025, Letter from Chris Gilmore, Assistant Deputy Minister

(7) REPORTS:
Pg 9 **a.)** Quatsino Chalet Annex
November 4, 2025, Report from CAO/CFO, Bonnie Danyk

Pg 11 **b.)** Resolution for 2026 Regional District and Regional District Hospital Board Appointments
November 4, 2025, Resolution

Pg 13 **c.)** Resolution for 2026 Vancouver Island Regional Library Appointment
November 4, 2025, Resolution

Pg 15 **d.)** Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department Chief's Report for October 2025
November 5, 2025, Report from Fire Chief

Pg 17 **e.)** Canada Summer Jobs Program Application
November 6, 2025, Report from Admin Assistant, Tanya Spafford

(8) BYLAWS:

(9) QUESTION PERIOD:

(10) ADJOURNMENT:
THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held November 12, 2025, be adjourned

INFORMATION ITEMS:
a.) November 7, 2025, Media Release, NIC hosts resource fair to support youth with disabilities transitioning to adulthood

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE

Port Alice
Gateway to the Wild West Coast

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

Absent

Staff
Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO
Tanya Spafford, Admin Assistant

Call to order 6:00pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

82/25 Adoption of Agenda
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for October 22, 2025, be approved, AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.

DELEGATION:

MINUTES:

83/25 Minutes of October 8, 2025, Regular Meeting
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
***THAT** the Minutes from the Council Meeting of October 8, 2025, be approved.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

UBCM CEPF Volunteer and Composite Fire Department Equipment Grant
October 17, 2025, Report from Deputy CAO/CFO, Tanya Spafford

84/25 CEPF Funding
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
***THAT** staff apply to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Volunteer and Composite Fire Department Equipment and Training for funding firefighting equipment for a total grant amount of $30,000 and **FURTHER THAT** the Village of Port Alice will provide overall grant management and will be responsible for any cost overruns.*

Breakwater Update
October 17, 2025, Report from Economic Development Officer, Ryan Nicholson

85/25 REDIP Application
REDIP Application
October 22, 2025, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO / CFO

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
***THAT** the Village of Port Alice apply to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for Capacity funding to continue to support the Economic Development Officer position and **FURTHER THAT** the Village of Port Alice will provide overall grant management and will be responsible for any cost overruns.*

BYLAWS:

QUESTION PERIOD:

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 pm

86/25 Adjournment

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
THAT *the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held October 22, 2025, be adjourned at 6:40 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 October 22, 2025.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CLIFF# 148358

November 4, 2025

Via Email: cao@portalice.ca

Village of Port Alice
1061 Marine Drive
Port Alice, BC
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Dear Bonnie Danyk:

On behalf of the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (Ministry), I am writing to inform Village of Port Alice that the Ministry has brought forward legislation (Bill 31[25]) to amend the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) to:

- Expedite the construction of the North Coast Transmission Line in partnership with First Nations, advancing economic growth and reconciliation;
- Ensure electricity is available for sectors that produce jobs, generate public revenues, and have the greatest opportunity to decarbonize, including mining, upstream natural gas, liquified natural gas and manufacturing; and
- Enable a process for emerging sectors such as data centres, artificial intelligence (AI) and hydrogen to grow in a manner that results in the greatest benefits to people in BC and the economy.

More information about Bill 31 can be found at this link: BC Gov News.

On behalf of the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (Ministry), I am writing to invite Village of Port Alice to participate in a province-wide engagement on the development of regulations related to Bill 31 pending its passage through the legislative assembly. Specifically, these regulations are to implement an electricity allocation framework which would govern how AI facilities, data centres, and certain hydrogen production plants receive electricity.

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[25] Bill 31 2025 – Energy Statues Amendment Act, 2025: Bill 31 – 2025: Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025

Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

Assistant Deputy Minister
Electricity and Utility Regulation Division

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Victoria, BC

BC Hydro is seeing unprecedented growth in industrial interconnection requests, particularly from emerging sectors like AI, data centres, and hydrogen. The province and BC Hydro must balance enabling these sectors while planning to meet future demand.

In response, the Ministry is exploring an interconnection framework to strategically manage clean electricity use for these specific industries, ensuring system reliability and affordability, while looking to achieve the maximum benefit for people in BC.

As part of this engagement process, the Ministry and BC Hydro are hosting an engagement session on:

- Local Government: register here
    - November 27, 9 to 11 a.m.

If you would like to join a session, please register here.

Background materials will be shared closer to the session.

If you would like to be involved in this engagement, please register for a session and/or provide written feedback to electricity.policy@gov.bc.ca **by December 5, 2025**.

Thank you,

Chris Gilmore
Assistant Deputy Minister
Electricity and Utility Regulation Division
Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

Minister of Justice
and Attorney General of Canada

Ministre de la Justice
et procureur général du Canada

The Honourable / L'honorable Sean Fraser, P.C., K.C., M.P. / c.p., c.r., député
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Together, these pillars form a balanced and evidence-based approach, one that protects communities while supporting long-term solutions to crime and safety.

We know municipalities are often on the front lines, dealing with the impacts of repeat offending, public disorder, and community fear. You see firsthand when individuals breach conditions or reoffend shortly after release. This legislation is designed to change that — but its success depends on all orders of government working together.

While provinces and territories are responsible for administering justice, municipalities remain vital partners in ensuring community safety. Your leadership, local insights, and public advocacy are essential to the success of these reforms. I am asking for your continued collaboration, and your public support, as we work to build safer communities across Canada.

A strong Canada depends on a justice system that protects victims, upholds rights, and ensures accountability. The *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act* represents another important step toward that goal.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to the safety and well-being of Canadians.

Sincerely,
Sean Fraser

Canada

Minister of Justice
and Attorney General of Canada

Ministre de la Justice
et procureur général du Canada

The Honourable / L'honorable Sean Fraser, P.C., K.C., M.P. / c.p., c.r., député
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October 27, 2025
To: Mayors and Municipal Leaders across Canada
Distributed via: FCM

Dear Municipal Leaders,

On October 23, 2025, Canada's new government introduced the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act*. The bill is a comprehensive package of reforms to strengthen community safety and restore confidence in our justice system.

Canadians deserve to feel safe in their homes and neighbourhoods. Too many communities are seeing repeat, violent offenders cycling in and out of the system. This legislation responds directly to those concerns, with more than 80 targeted changes to the *Criminal Code of Canada* designed to make bail stricter, strengthen sentencing, and enhance accountability.

Key reforms include:

- **Stronger bail laws** to ensure that individuals charged with serious or violent offences are not automatically released back into communities while awaiting trial.
- **Tougher sentencing provisions** to reflect the gravity of repeat and violent crimes, including new aggravating factors for offences such as organized retail theft and damage to critical infrastructure.
- **Support for prevention and enforcement**, through investments in policing, social housing, mental health, and addictions services that help address the root causes of crime.

These changes uphold the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the presumption of innocence. What is changing is how our justice system deals with serious and repeat criminal behaviour, by strengthening bail, increasing accountability, and prioritizing public safety.

This legislation is part of a broader, three-pillar plan to build safer communities:

1. Stronger laws — targeted reforms to the *Criminal Code* to hold repeat, violent offenders accountable.
2. Stronger enforcement — resources for provinces, territories, and police to ensure laws are properly applied and conditions enforced.
3. Upstream supports — investments in prevention, housing, mental health, and addictions that address the root causes of crime before they escalate.

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VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REPORT TO COUNCIL

To:	**Mayor and Council**
From:	**CAO / CFO**
Date:	**November 4, 2025**
Subject:	**Quatsino Chalet Annex**

On October 7, 2024 the Quatsino Chalet Annex located at 1113 Nigei Street was auctioned at the annual tax sale. There were no bidders on the property, so the Village of Port Alice was deemed the purchaser. The one- year redemption period for the tax sale ended on October 7, 2025 and the property was not redeemed. I am currently in the process of transferring the title to the Village of Port Alice.

The Village of Port Alice Council will need to decide if they would like to sell the building at market value or if they want to renovate it and use it for housing. There is a strong need on the North Island for both subsidized Seniors housing and employee housing for health care and service sectors.

I would recommend that one of the first tasks to be done is a condition assessment on the building. This will give us a baseline of what will need to be repaired immediately as well as an understanding of what services are shared with the Quatsino Hotel (heating, hydro) and what the process would be to sever them. The Village should also work on making the building more secure and consider adding an alarm system.

If the Village decides to keep the building and renovate it for housing, we will need to figure out how to fund it. Current programs such as the Federal Government "Build Canada Homes" and the CMHC "Affordable Housing Fund" are for new builds only. CMHC has a "Apartment Construction Loan Program: Seniors Rental Housing" but there is a minimum of 50 units required. There are funding and loan programs with a strong focus on green infrastructure available through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. BC Housing may also have funding programs or partnerships available. Once the condition assessment is done, these programs can be researched more thoroughly to see what available options are.

Bonnie Danyk
CAO / CFO

Port Alice

Village of Port Alice

CERTIFIED RESOLUTIONS

From the Council Meeting
Held On
November 12, 2025

WHEREAS Council is required under the Local Government Act to annually appoint a Regional District Director and Alternate Regional District Director;

THAT ***Mayor Kevin Cameron*** *is appointed as the Regional District Director for 2026, and that* ***Councillor*** _____ *is appointed Alternate Regional District Director for 2026.*

And

WHEREAS Council is required under the Local Government Act to annually appoint a Regional Hospital District Director and Alternate Regional Hospital District Director;

THAT ***Mayor Kevin Cameron*** *is appointed Regional Hospital District Director for 2026, and that* ***Councillor*** _____ *is appointed Alternate Regional Hospital District Director for 2026.*

Certified true and correct resolutions as passed by Council on the 12th day of November 2025.

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Bonnie Danyk
Chief Administrative Officer

Port Alice

Village of Port Alice

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

From the Council Meeting
Held On
November 12, 2025

WHEREAS the Village of Port Alice representative and alternate representative on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board are appointed yearly by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor_____be appointed as representative for 2026 and FURTHER THAT _____ be appointed the alternate representative for 2026

Certified a true and correct resolution as passed by Council on the 12th day of November 2025.

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Bonnie Danyk
Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief's Monthly Report

For the month October 2025

Active Members	**15**	**Rescue Calls**	**0**
On Leave	**2**	**Fire Calls**	**0**
New/Recruits **	**0**	**Lift Assist Calls**	**0**
Total	**17**	**Ambulance Driver Assist Calls**	**0**
Mutual Aid Calls	**0**	**Public Relation Events**	**0**
Number Of False Alarms	**0**	**Training Events**	**0**

Practices / Events:

Date	Attendance	Purpose
Oct 7	10	Practice: Power point PPE
Oct 14	12	Practice: PPE Skill Sheets
Oct 21	11	Practice: Ventilation Power Point
Oct 28	10	Practice: Month End Checks
Oct 31	6	Halloween Events
PAVFD Updates		
Jan 2025		Received a $3000 donation from the PA Thrift Store – Used it to purchase a New AED Machine
May 2025		Received grant funding to purchase 4 new SCBA's
July 2025		Thrift store purchased a set of turnout gear for 1 member ($3400)
Sept 2025		Thrift store purchased a set of turnout gear for 2 member ($6800)

Fire Chief: _____

Administrator: _____

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

Report to Council

TO:	**Mayor and Council**
FROM:	**Tanya Spafford, Administrative Assistant**
DATE:	**November 6, 2025**
SUBJECT:	**Canada Summer Jobs Program Application**

Background

The Canada Summer Jobs program is accepting applications until December 6th, 2025. In 2025 we were not successful in obtaining this financial assistance to cover the costs of our summer workers.

Research

The program has continued to cover 50% of the wages for up to 16 weeks.

The Tourism Centre is unable to run, affordably, 7 days a week without this position, and Public Works found that they need the extra help to keep up through the heavy growing season and the extra help needed to maintain Link River

Recommendations

That council support applying for 3 Summer Worker grants, one for Tourism and two for Public Works.

Respectfully,

Tanya Spafford, Administrative Assistant

Port Alice

Gateway to the Wild West Coast

INFORMATION ITEMS

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE November 7 2025
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MR25-034

NIC hosts resource fair to support youth with disabilities transitioning to adulthood

NIC Comox Valley is set to host a resource fair to support youth with disabilities transitioning into adulthood.

COURTENAY, BC - Navigating the path to adulthood can be challenging for any young person. To help youth with disabilities and their families find the right supports, North Island College's Accessible Education and Training (AET) department is hosting a Community Resource Fair. The fair is an opportunity to connect with local organizations that promote independence, learning and belonging.

The event, taking place November 24 (1:45-5pm) at the college's Stan Hagen Theatre, will bring together a range of local organizations, including the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), Community Living BC (CLBC) and several others. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about available resources and explore post-secondary options that support an independent, meaningful adult life.

"The transition to adulthood is a big step," said Liz Girard, AET instructor and chair. "This fair brings people together to learn, ask questions and find the supports that fit their next stage in life."

The afternoon will also feature a presentation from self-advocate Sherwin Strong, who is from the Nuchatlaht and Carrier First Nations. Strong, who is also a Comox musician, will share his experiences of overcoming adversity and living as a self-advocate.

Additionally, NIC students in the AET program will display posters reflecting on their own journeys from teenage years to adulthood, while students from School District 71 will showcase art on the same theme.

The event is also supported by the college's nursing students, who are helping organize the fair and connect with participants as part of their community health studies.

"It's exciting to bring so many supports together in one place," said Tanisha Steven, a fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing student. "We hope people leave feeling more connected and aware of the opportunities around them."

North Island College's AET department offers courses for students supporting them in developing personal, academic and employment skills. AET students explore pathways to meaningful employment, with graduates going on to work in areas such as retail, food services, animal care, landscaping and more.

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE

MEDIA RELEASE

The Community Resource Fair is open to all youth with disabilities, their families, educators and community members who want to learn more about local supports for adult living.

Event details:

What: Community Resource Fair for Youth with Disabilities

When: November 24, 1:45 -5 pm

Where: NIC Stan Hagen Theatre

Who: Open to youth with disabilities, families and community members

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