

What is BC Assessment? BC Assessment is a provincial Crown corporation that classifies and values all real property in British Columbia. On December 31, BC Assessment sends property owners a Property Assessment Notice telling them the fair market value of their properties as of July 1 of that year.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Start with these steps:

1. Check all details on your Assessment Notice
2. Discuss any concerns or questions with your local assessment area office
3. Request a formal review in writing by filing a written notice of complaint with the assessor by January 31 at 11:59 pm PST

Detailed information is available at www.bcasessment.ca or:

BC ASSESSMENT

2488 Idiens Way - Courtenay, BC V9N 9B5
Phone: (250) 338-6511 Fax: (250) 338-8112

BE SEEN - BE SAFE - Remember to wear visible or reflective clothing when you are out and about. Fog, rainy weather and darkness make it very difficult for drivers to see anyone wearing dark clothing.



YOUR HELP IN KEEPING PUBLIC GRATES AND CATCH BASINS FROM CLOGGING UP WITH LEAVES AND DEBRIS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS CREW.



WINTER DRIVING

Driving HWY 19 - Report highway issues on Highway 19 from Port Hardy to Campbell River to the EMCON Automated Road Hazard and Condition Reporting Line at 1-866-353-3136.

Leave a detailed message such as the type of hazard or incident, the nearest km marker number (if you noted it), the location of nearest point of interest and approximate distance with a direction (e.g.: south of the Mount Cain turn off), number of vehicles involved ...etc.

EMCON updates road conditions at 5:00 am, 9:00 am, and 1:00 pm and updates are then posted on the DriveBC website.

24 HOUR PROVINCIAL ROAD ADVISORY
Tel: 1-800-550-4997 or www.drivebc.ca

BRACING FOR WINTER!

Near hurricane force winds, arctic outbreaks and heavy rains are three severe weather patterns typically experienced in British Columbia each winter. They can result in downed electrical lines, power outages, flooding and hazardous driving conditions. Be prepared! For more information go to: <http://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/campaigns/get-storm-ready.html>



Check your emergency kit supplies. You'll need enough food, water and warm clothing to keep your family comfortable for a minimum of 72 hours.

Heat supply. You may be without heat, water or electricity for even longer. Use fireplaces, woodstoves, barbecues and camp stoves for emergency cooking, just don't use the last two indoors. Consider a home generator as a handy backup during extended power outages and never operate indoors.



Emergency Lighting Store flashlights around the house, remember to have extra batteries on hand and have other back-up lighting options such as glow sticks, candles, crank-flashlights and battery-operated lanterns.

Radio Have a battery-operated radio so you can stay on top of power outage and weather information for your area. If you're social media savvy, make sure your smartphone is charged so you can follow key Twitter accounts. Some good ones to remember are: @DriveBC, @EmergencyInfoBC, @BCHydro and @FortisBC



Create a grab & go kit for your car and office since it's hard to predict where you'll be when bad weather strikes.

Draft a family emergency plan so everyone knows what to do during severe weather, especially if separated.

Winterize your home. Including insulating walls and attics, weather-stripping doors and windows, clearing rain gutters and cutting away tree branches that could fall during strong winds.

Inspect your chimney or flue. This will help prevent structural fires and ensure smoke, carbon monoxide and other potentially harmful gases are properly vented from your home. Install a smoke detector and battery-operated carbon monoxide detector. Test the batteries each month and replace them twice a year.

Hitting the Slopes B.C.'s great outdoors has a lot to offer whether you're sledding, skiing or snowboarding. Just remember, chasing that backcountry adrenaline carries risk. Get the gear: A transceiver, shovel and probe could save your life in avalanche country. Get the training: Take an AST course. All that gear is useless unless you know how to use it. Know before you go: Check for bulletins from the Canadian Avalanche Centre. File a flight plan: Tell friends and family where you're going and when you'll be back.

Hitting the Road Shift Into Winter by making sure you're ready for anything on the road, starting with your vehicle. ➡ Install winter tires and/or carry chains. ➡ Get a maintenance check up (check fluid levels). Change your wiper blades to winter blades. ➡ Make sure your water reservoir is full. ➡ Keep your gas tank topped up. ➡ Carry a charged cell phone with you so you can monitor weather forecasts and road conditions. *If it sounds treacherous, it's always best to stay put.*



Property Owner Account Balances

Home Owner Grants? - You can still apply for 2013 Taxes? - Current, Arrears and Delinquent Utilities? - Water, Sewer, Garbage & Recycling
If you have any questions about your accounts with the District office, please call 250-949-6665

COMMUNITY LEGACY PROGRAM

The District of Port Hardy will accept donations for the purchase of community legacy items such as benches, picnic tables, and trees. Individuals may wish to donate as a dedication to the memory of a loved one, to acknowledge a significant event or someone special. The information and application form can be found on our website www.porthardy.ca From there, type "community legacy" " into the search feature at the top of the homepage. For more information and costs of legacy items please call the Municipal Hall at 250-949-6665.



2014 BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT. PLEASE REMIT BY JANUARY 31, 2014

THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT THANKS ALL WHO SPONSORED FREE CHRISTMAS SWIMS & SKATES

CUPE 401
Fox's Disposal
Pacific Coastal Airlines
Keltic Seafoods
Macandale Rentals Ltd.
N.I. Gazette

Alpha Employees'
Port Hardy Lions
Pacifcus Biological
W. Paul Grier
CIBC
Coastal Community Credit Union

FOR FULL RECREATION INFORMATION VISIT THE RECREATION PAGES AT WWW.PORTHARDY.CA



District of Port Hardy



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Bev Parnham

Councillors: Janet Dorward, Jessie Hemphill, Debbie Huddleston, Rick Marcotte, Nikki Shaw, John Tidbury

DEPUTY MAYOR

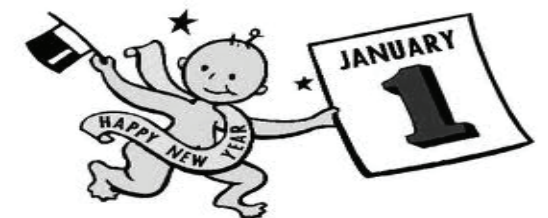
Councillor Hemphill to May 31, 2014

2014 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7:00 PM
2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

JANUARY 14 & 28	FEBRUARY 11 & 25
MARCH 11 & 25	APRIL 8 & 22
MAY 13 & 27	JUNE 10 & 24
JULY 8	AUGUST 12
SEPTEMBER 9 & 30	OCTOBER 14 & 28
NOVEMBER 12 & 25	DECEMBER 9



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DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY 2014 COMMITTEES

Council Committees

- Executive Committee: All Council
- Finance Committee: All Council
- Sustainability Committee: Councillors Hemphill, Huddleston, Tidbury, Shaw
- Economic Development Committee: Mayor Parnham, Councillors Tidbury, Dorward
- Downtown Revitalization Committee: Mayor Parnham, Councillors Dorward, Marcotte, Hemphill
- Operational Services Committee: Councillors Huddleston, Marcotte, Tidbury

Awards Committee: Councillors Dorward, Hemphill, Marcotte

Emergency Planning Committee: Councillor Tidbury, Marcotte, Mike McCulley, Emergency Coordinator

Community Consultative Committee: Councillors Marcotte, Hemphill

Port Hardy Fire Rescue: Councillors Marcotte, Dorward

External Committees

Reg Dist of Mt. Waddington: (4) Mayor Parnham / Councillor Dorward

Reg Dist of Mt. Waddington: (3) Councillor / Tidbury Councillor Shaw

Regional Hospital Board: (4) Mayor Parnham/Councillor Dorward

Regional Hospital Board: (3) Councillor /Tidbury Councillor Shaw

Regional Emergency Committee: Councillor Tidbury

Regional Transit: Councillor Tidbury

BC Ferries Northern Advisory: Mayor Parnham

Island Coastal Economic Trust: Mayor Parnham

Mt. Waddington Health Network: Councillors Shaw/Huddleston, (Housing / Addictions Services)

Mt. Waddington Health Network: Councillor Huddleston (Steering Committee)

NI Heritage Society/Museum: Councillor Hemphill

Port Hardy Twinning Society: Councillor Shaw

Scott Islands Advisory: Mayor Parnham

Seniors Society: Councillors Marcotte / Huddleston

Vancouver Island Regional Library: Councillor Shaw / Mayor Parnham

Vancouver Island North Tourism: Councillor Hemphill

V.I. North Woodlands Advisory Group: Councillor Dorward

Primary Health Care Local Working Group: Mayor Parnham

Deputy Mayor

December 1, 2013 - May 31, 2014 Councillor Hemphill
 May 31, 2014 - December 5, 2014 Councillor Huddleston

PLANNING A TRIP?



Travelling abroad for work, visiting family or for a vacation? To improve your chances of staying healthy, contact your local pharmacy for immunization services

Note: Fees apply. OR visit the Travel Health & Immunization Services North Island at 961 England Avenue, Courtenay BC V9N 2N7 tel: 1-877-233-3346 (250-331-8571)

Services include: Heath Risk Assessment - Travel Risk Assessment - Health Promotion - Disease Prevention - Immunizations -Travel Supplies & Products. Note: Fees apply. Want More info? Website: www.viha/mho/disease/travel_health

Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw 14-2005
 Full bylaw at www.porthardy.ca

Sec 4. Duty to Clean Sidewalks


(a) An owner or occupier of real property shall:

- i) remove snow or ice from a sidewalk or footpath bordering his real property by 10:00 am each day; and
- ii) remove rubbish from a pedestrian facility bordering his real property by 10:00 am each day.

(b) An owner or occupier of real property shall remove snow, ice and rubbish from any roof or other part of any structure thereon adjacent to any portion of any highway or sidewalk if the snow, ice and rubbish constitute a hazard to person or property.

Sec 5. Prohibitions No person shall:

- (a) use any corrosive materials for the removal of ice or snow on sidewalks
- (b) willfully damage any boulevard or any tree, shrub, plant, bush or hedge on any boulevard;
- (c) erect any sign, fence, wall or other structure on any boulevard, except with written permission of the Municipality;
- (d) apply a pesticide to any boulevard; and
- (e) dispose of any vegetation cuttings, rubbish, discarded material or any liquid or solid waste on any boulevard or in any drainage facility.



Save Your Back...shovel the correct way!

PROPER TECHNIQUE FOR SHOVELLING SNOW

Keep feet wide apart. Put weight on front foot. Close hip and use leg to push shovel straight ahead.


Shift weight to rear foot and keep shoulders close to body. Lift with arms and legs, not back.

Turn feet in the direction of throw and pull entire body rather than twisting at the waist.

REMINDER! DOGS OVER 8 MONTHS OLD REQUIRE A LICENSE

2014 dog licenses are available at the Municipal Hall and from the Animal Control Officer.

- Fee for spayed or neutered - \$15
- Fee for not spayed or not neutered - \$50.00



Remember: a dog tag is the fastest and best way to reunite you and your pet when one of you gets lost!

WINTER SNOW PLOWING & SANDING

Snow Removal Priority List

- Hospital, Ambulance, Fire Hall, RCMP
- School bus routes
- Hills
- Main streets and side-walks
- Side Streets, dead end roads & cul-de-sacs



(N.I. Gazette photo)

A REMINDERthe winter sanding and snow plowing season is upon us. *Please do not park vehicles (cars, trucks, trailers, boats etc.) basketball hoops or other equipment on District roadways* as they interfere with plowing and sanding activities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE DISTRICT IN SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS?

- ◇ Expect minor delays after a snowfall and allow extra travel time.
- ◇ Please do your part to ensure safe road travel: use quality tires suitable for winter conditions, reduce your speed and travel only if necessary during and after major snowfalls.
- ◇ When approaching snow removal equipment give them plenty of room to operate.
- ◇ Please do not flag down operators to explain a point or request a favor, this slows down snow removal efforts. If you have questions or suggestions call Public Works at 250-949-7779.
- ◇ Please do not shovel snow from driveway or walkway into the street. This can cause safety issues if a vehicle hits this accumulation of snow and ice.
- ◇ Please park your vehicles in your driveway so the snow plow can clear the roadway in a neat and thorough manner.

2014 STATUTORY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Municipal Hall, Recreation Facilities & Operational Services are closed for all Statutory Holidays

- January 1, 2014 - New Years Day
- February 10, 2014 - Family Day
- April 18, 2014 - Good Friday
- April 21, 2014 - Easter Monday
- May 19, 2014 - Victoria Day
- July 1, 2014 - Canada Day
- August 4, 2014 - BC Day
- September 1, 2014 - Labour Day
- October 13, 2014 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 11, 2014 - Remembrance Day
- December 25, 2014 - Christmas Day
- December 26, 2014 - Boxing Day

UTILITY BILLING DUE DATES

WATER - SEWER - GARBAGE - RECYCLING

2014 RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATES
 \$234.88 per quarter - \$939.52 per year

2014 SENIORS RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATES
When paid by the due date seniors 65 years and over may be eligible for a discount.

SENIOR RATES
 (after discount applied)
 \$176.16 per quarter - \$704.64 per year

DUE DATES

TIME PERIOD		DUE DATE
1st Quarter	January February March	May 15
2nd Quarter	April May June	August 15
3rd Quarter	July August September	November 17
4th Quarter	October November December	February 16

All outstanding utility charges not paid by the due date are penalized 2.5%.

PROPERTY TAXES

2013 PROPERTY TAXES & UTILITIES OUTSTANDING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013 HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES AND ARE ACCRUING DAILY INTEREST

DIY & ASBESTOS AWARENESS
What is it and why is it a health issue?

There is no safe level of exposure to asbestos -- exposure to asbestos is known to cause many cancers including lung cancer. Asbestos is the name for a group of naturally occurring fibrous minerals that are durable, heat resistant and inexpensive. *Many buildings built before the 1990's may contain materials with asbestos fibers.* If asbestos is enclosed or tightly bound in a product, for example in asbestos floor tiles, there are no significant health risks. It is only when these products start to wear out or are broken apart during renovations or demolitions that asbestos is released into the air and becomes a health risk. **What can you do?** If you suspect that a building material in your home has asbestos, then you should have it tested. If you have asbestos in your home that needs to be removed, you should hire a professional contractor experienced in asbestos removal. *You should not attempt to remove the substance yourself.*

More info: www.rdmw.bc.ca/regional-services/solid-waste/and scroll down to asbestos handling