

BUILDING CODE UPDATE



UPDATE! NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROVISIONS IN THE BC BUILDING CODE

Please be advised effective December 19, 2014, the 2012 BC Building Code will be amended to include *new Energy Efficiency provisions*. Building Permits applied for on or after December 19, 2014 will be required to comply with these requirements. There are significant changes in building envelope, air-tightness, service water heating, and ventilation requirements. *Please note the District of Port Hardy will adhere to Climate Zone 5 requirements*. Please go to the following link to the Illustrated Guide to Energy Efficiency Requirements for Houses in British Columbia at: http://www.hpo.bc.ca/sites/www.hpo.bc.ca/files/download/guide/web_Section%209.36_zone%205%20to%207A.pdf

NORTH AMERICAN FENESTRATION STANDARD - DOORS, WINDOWS, SKYLIGHTS

The Canadian Supplement to the *North American Fenestration Standard (NAFS-08)* for doors, windows, and skylights will be in force as of 2013-DEC-20. A years' grace was given to manufacturers after the 2012 BC Building Code was adopted so that they could get their products certified. Building Inspectors will be looking for the proper labels on installed products after this date to ensure that they meet this standard.

SOME OF THE CHANGES TO THE BC. BUILDING CODE:

9.32. Ventilation: The End of Exhaust-Only Ventilation Systems, new requirements are designed to ensure adequate ventilation by helping to improve airflow in dwelling units. This is why exhaust-only ventilation systems are being replaced by a system that includes both exhaust and supply. By requiring an exhaust fan as well as ducted supply air, fresh air will be continuously distributed to every bedroom and exhausted continuously from a principle exhaust fan. The principal ventilation system is intended to create a continuous flow of air through the dwelling unit, making it easier to control issues related to moist and contaminated air, such as mould and mildew

9.36. Energy Efficiency: will require builders to calculate the effective thermal resistance of aboveground opaque assemblies (walls, roofs and suspended floors). Follow the attached link to the Canadian Wood Council Thermal Design Calculator: http://cwc.ca/wall_thermal_design/

9.36.3.2. Equipment and Ducts: transverse and longitudinal joints in ducts must be sealed using an approved tape and sealant when outside the plane of insulation. Ducts must also be insulated to the same level as required for walls if they are outside of the envelope and carrying conditioned air.

9.36.4.4. Service Water Heating Piping: Pipe insulation is required for the first 2m (6.5') of the storage tank inlet and outlet. The insulation must be at least 12mm thick. In cases where piping is located outside the building enclosure or within unconditioned space, the insulation must be installed to a thermal resistance not less than the effective resistance requirements of the exterior above grade wall. In homes with recalculation hot water system, all piping must be insulated.

For more information on the Energy Efficiency Requirements for Houses in British Columbia please contact the District of Port Hardy Building Inspections Department
Tel: 250-949-6665 ext 228 or by email at djones@porthardy.ca

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES - Before beginning construction, please contact the Municipal Inspector about your project. The inspector is available Monday-Friday during regular business hours at 250-949-6665.

Gas and Electrical Inspection Services: The BC Safety Authority is an independent, self-funded organization that is authorized to administer the provincial Safety Standards Act which regulates various safety-related equipment and systems, including those for electrical and gas. For electrical and gas permits and inspections, please contact the BC Safety Authority at 250-952-4444 or visit their website.

Building Permits: Please note the following guidelines as relates to building permits

- Two copies of drawings and plans with details of materials being used are routinely required
- Building permits are necessary to erect, alter, add, move, demolish a building OR to install a new wood burning appliance
- Building permits must be applied for and paid for BEFORE construction begins.

NEW Woodstove / Fireplace Insert / Chimney Installations: Please bring in the make, model, serial number and any certification numbers (ULC, WH, CSA) available. These are often found on a plate on the back of the appliance. New woodstove / fireplace insert / chimney installations require a permit and must be paid for before the first site visit.

Go to www.porthardy.ca for:

- Building Permit Guide
- Building Permit Application Procedure
- Guide to Secondary Suites (2014)
- Building Permit Fees - Schedule J of Bylaw 1035-2014
- Application forms - Go to the Forms & Applications Page



DISTRICT
OF
PORT HARDY



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Hank Bood

**Councillors: Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas,
Jessie Hemphill, Rick Marcotte,
Fred Robertson, John Tidbury**

DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Rick Marcotte to July 31, 2015

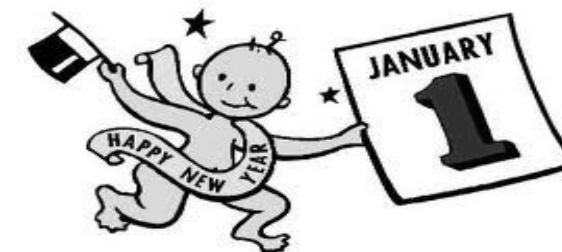
2015 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

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| JANUARY | 13 | 26 (MON) | FEBRUARY | 10 | 24 |
| MARCH | 10 | 24 | APRIL | 14 | 28 |
| MAY | 12 | 26 | JUNE | 9 | 23 |
| JULY | 14 | | AUGUST | 11 | |
| SEPTEMBER | 8 | 22 | OCTOBER | 13 | 27 |
| NOVEMBER | 10 | 24 | DECEMBER | 8 | |

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A Message from Mayor Hank Bood

Happy New Year to the people of Port Hardy and congratulations to our newly elected council members.

The challenge that lies before us is to carry on the good work done by the previous administrations that have made Port Hardy the best place to live and raise a family on the North Island.

The primary task ahead is to map out our goals and objectives as well as a clear path to accomplishing them. We have an ideal mix of experienced and new councillors and all of them are successful individuals with a wide range of backgrounds and interests. With these people as your representative I feel we have all the ingredients for a very successful term of office ahead of us.

The journey for the 2014-2018 Port Hardy Council begins and I look forward to working with all of Council, District staff and the citizens of Port Hardy.

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,
- (f) discarded material or any liquid or solid waste on any boulevard or in any drainage facility.




2015 BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT PLEASE REMIT BY JANUARY 31, 2015

WINTER SNOW PLOWING & SANDING
Snow Removal Priority List
 1. Hospital, Ambulance, Fire Hall, RCMP
 2. School bus routes
 3. Hills
 4. Main streets and side-walks
 5. 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.



 **To Access Health Services in Mount Waddington**
Call: 1-855-902-6048
Text: 250-230-6048

- Serving all communities in Mount Waddington - Phone and texts are answered Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 4:30pm
- After hours, weekends and statutory holidays, you can leave a message and a person will call or text you back by the end of the next business day.
- The phone is answered by a real person who will: Provide information as requested about non-acute health & wellness services offered by Island Health and our Community Partners.
- If appropriate, take initial information and create a referral to Island Health and or Community Partner programs or services .

We're working together to help BC save energy.

Are you looking to save energy and save money on your utility bills?
Let BC Hydro and FortisBC's FREE Energy Conservation Assistance Program help – coming to Port Hardy this Spring!

A few simple changes can make all the difference when it comes to using less energy and lowering your utility bills . The Energy Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) is designed to help households on limited income make these changes – FREE of charge.

By participating, eligible homes* will receive:
 FREE home energy evaluation
 FREE installation of energy saving products, such as:

- Energy-saving light bulbs
- Water-saving showerheads and faucet aerators
- Door weather stripping

FREE personalized energy efficiency advice, tailored to your home.

Some homes may also qualify for an ENERGY STAR® fridge, insulation in walls, attics and/or crawlspaces

Apply Today
 The ECAP program is coming to Port Hardy area in early Spring. Apply today to make sure your home is included. Apply online at bchydro.com/ecap or call the ECAP Contractor at 1 877 806-3242 Ext 4. Eligible homes include houses, townhouses, multi-plexes and mobile homes.

*Must have a BC Hydro residential account. Proof of income is required. A family of four with an annual household income under \$57,200 would be eligible for the program. Products installed depend on the individual characteristics of the home and other program criteria. Only BC Hydro electrically-heated or FortisBC gas-heated single family houses, townhouses and duplexes are eligible for insulation upgrades Visit bchydro.com/ecap for full eligibility details. Offer subject to change.



REMINDER! DOGS OVER 8 MONTHS OLD REQUIRE A LICENSE
2015 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


UTILITY BILLING DUE DATES
WATER - SEWER - GARBAGE - RECYCLING
2015 RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATES
 \$235.61 per quarter - \$942.44 per year

2015 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)
 \$176.71 per quarter - \$706.84 per year

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

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

PROPERTY TAXES
2014 PROPERTY TAXES & UTILITIES OUTSTANDING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES AND ARE ACCRUING DAILY INTEREST
Home Owner Grants? - You can still apply for 2014


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 property 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
 email: courtenay@bcassessment.ca
 Toll Free: 1-800-977-2771*