

VILLAGE VOICE



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Coming Events:

Council Meetings:
Monday, June 2nd
@ 7:30pm

Monday, June 16th
@ 7:30 pm



Hospital Day

Saturday, June 21st
"Fun in the Sun"
Theme

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

At a recent lunch conversation I was asked, "What is Council's vision for Queen Charlotte over the next ten years?"

This is a continuing conversation, and council discussed it in great lengths while putting together our regulatory documents such as the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. Through that discussion we developed priorities for infrastructure that we believe will encourage business. We now have enough water for future developments and are working towards making industrial land available. The Village also now has access to water transportation through control over a barge site. We continue to support our fishermen and loggers and encourage secondary industry. We work in partnership with the Misty Isles Economic Development Society (MIEDS) and Northern Development Initiative Trust to support the local business community through programs such as the Business Façade program and Haida Gwaii Love.

We work hard with societies such as GwaiiTel so that we can do business across the globe. We partner with MIEDS on all-island tourism and a community forest project that will help keep some of our wood local. We are also working together as advocates for

transportation solutions. We encourage education and lobby the Province to increase education in the trades as well as assist the Haida Gwaii Semester that brings us students from other provinces and even the US.

Most of all, we want to be a community where people want to live. Where we can, we are developing infrastructure that keeps us healthy and safe; walking trails, pedestrian walkways and outdoor parks. There is a new Community Park by the town office with facilities for skateboarding, BMX biking, exercising and picnics. The Youth Centre has a coordinator and hosted the Haida Gwaii Youth Assembly dance. It is open Friday and Saturday nights if you are a teen who wants a place to hang out.

We want to come together with our friends and neighbours. I am encouraged by Spirit Square which has been host to weddings, Celebration of Life events, music, markets, ceremonies and just plain fun. This summer will have more: more music, more food and more memorable occasions.

What's next? Well council will have a formal conversation, but really what's next is up to you and your input to your Mayor and Councilors. I hope to hear from you soon.

-Mayor Carol Kulesha

Property
Taxes
due on
July 2nd

An unclaimed Home Owner Grant is considered outstanding taxes. In order to avoid penalties, you must submit your completed grant application to the Municipal Hall by July

New Drop Box



Dropping something off after business hours?
No problem!
The Village now has a drop box—but please don't use it for cash payments.

2014 PROPEYTY TAXES

Methods of payment:

- In person at the Municipal Hall, 903A Oceanview Drive with either a cheque, money order or cash. **Please note that we do not accept credit or debit cards.**
- Mail a cheque to the Municipal Hall early enough to be received before the deadline (post dated cheques dated July 2nd, 2014 are acceptable). **The post marked date is not accepted as the date of payment, it is the date it arrives at our office.**
- In person at the Credit Union.
- Pay using telephone or online banking services provided by the Credit Union.
- Ask one of our staff members about e-Transfers.

Claiming your HOG online:

- Step 1:** Go to www.queencharlotte.ca
- Step 2:** Click on the button image (shown below) on our home page.
- Step 3:** Enter the Roll Number that appears on the top left of your tax bill, along with your password (top left, below your name and address).
- Step 4:** Click on **Apply Now**
- Step 5:** Choose between the additional or basic grant
- Step 6:** Fill out relevant fields, tick the boxes, and press "Apply Now". Record the confirmation number for your records.



SPIRIT SQUARE SUMMER EVENTS

With summer right around the corner the Village will soon be hiring a Summer Events Coordinator for Spirit Square. In 2013 we saw a wide range of activities at the Square, from Children's Days and Family Dances, to Evening Markets and Fashion Shows. The Village hopes to build on the successes of last year

and introduce more fun activities and events for the residents and visitors of Queen Charlotte to enjoy. If you have ideas we'd love to hear from you. Join the group "Summer Events at Spirit Square" on Facebook or look for posters around the community for your chance to join in on the fun! All events are free of charge.

BYPASS TRAIL PROJECT

Gwaii Trust has approved funding for the Village's Bypass Trail Project. This project will divert pedestrian traffic away from a busy and narrow section of Oceanview Drive, between the high school and Community Park next to the Municipal Hall. The project will be developed in two phases, with phase one to be completed by the end of summer. Phase one (shown in yellow on adjacent map) will include the construction of a trail down the length of the school field from 7th to 8th

Street, and the installation of two foot bridges. Phase two (2015) will complete the trail, linking the school trail to the

Community Park trail network, via a crushed gravel walkway along the south side of Oceanview Drive.



THE SMALL TOWN LOVE IS GROWING IN HAIDA GWAI THIS SUMMER!



Love Haida Gwaii is for:
Retail Businesses
Tourism Businesses
Food Producers & Farmers
Artists, Crafters & Artisans
Service Based Businesses
Select Non-Profit Groups

Workshops are free and drop in. Light refreshments will be provided. Anyone interested in learning more about the Love Haida Gwaii initiative is welcome to attend any of the workshops. If you are interested in participating, but cannot attend a workshop please call Heather or Mary Lou at (250) 559-8050 for more information.

Haida Gwaii is home to many unique businesses that contribute greatly to the diversity, creativity and social fabric of our community. We are building an online community at LoveHaidaGwaii.com to celebrate and showcase these amazing businesses and their owners.

If you are an independent (non-franchise) entrepreneur located on Haida Gwaii you are invited to join us for a free informational workshop about LoveHaidaGwaii.com and its potential benefit to your business.

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

Date	Community	Time	Location
June 15	Queen Charlotte	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Eric Ross Room
June 16	Skidegate	10:00am – 11:00am	Skidegate Youth Ctre.
June 16	Tlell	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Tlell Fire Hall
June 17	Port Clements	8:30am - 9:30am	Village Office
June 17	Old Massett	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Youth Centre
June 17	Masset	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Hecate Strait
June 18	Sandspit	9:00am – 10:00am	Location TBA

This initiative is made possible by funding through Northern Development Initiative Trust and Misty Isles Economic Development Society.

It is also supported by the Old Massett Village Council, the Skidegate Band Council, Gwaalagaa Naay Corporation and Haida Gwaii Community Futures.



CONTACT ANY OF OUR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS FOR MORE INFO OR VISIT WWW.LOVEHAIDAGWAI.COM.

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CHANGES COMING TO RECYCLING

Recycling in Queen Charlotte is available at Tickers Hauling and Storage located at 1205 Oceanview Drive. For the next couple of weeks the outdoor recycle bins will remain in place, however they will soon be moved indoors and recyclables will only be accepted during open hours. These hours will soon be advertised by the Regional District.

- Cardboard
- Paper (mixed, shredded)
- Hard Cover Books
- Soft Cover Magazines and books
- Plastics (oil jugs, milk jugs)
- Tin and Aluminum Cans
- Batteries (household and vehicles)
- Tires
- Electronics
- Small Appliances

Skidegate Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesdays 1:00—5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00am— 3:00pm



VILLAGE OFFERS \$500 BURSARY

Qualifications:

To qualify for this bursary, a student must:

1. be a resident of Queen Charlotte;
2. have graduated from Queen Charlotte Secondary School
3. have completed at least one year of an accredited post secondary education program and be enrolled in the second or subsequent year (post secondary education may include university, college, trade school or apprenticeship);
4. be registered in a full program of courses per semester; and,
5. have attained an overall 'B' average

Applications are available at the Village Office, 903 A Oceanview Drive, Queen Charlotte and on our website at www.queencharlotte.ca Qualified applicants must complete and submit their application by **Sunday, June 15th**

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