



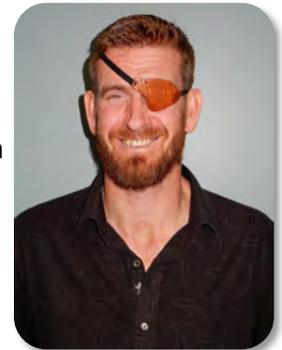
VILLAGE OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE

VILLAGE VOICE

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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Hello Queen Charlotte and I hope everyone had a great summer. I was very happy to see it rain this summer. Last summer was way too dry. I had a lot of fun working in my yard catching up on projects and really enjoying our community. I would like to thank the Village of Queen Charlotte staff for working so hard these past couple of months and everyone who has come out and volunteered this summer at all of the different island events. Earlier this spring, council and staff got together a couple of times to create a strategic plan to outline the direction of our community over the next four years. This plan was adopted on May 22, 2019 with six themes and 33 targets. This information is available online at the Village of Queen Charlotte's website.

This summer our community continued to pave side streets and important areas in town thanks to funding from the Transportation Network Improvement Fund. Since incorporation in 2005 our community has had so many upgrades and I would like to thank staff, community members, previous Mayors and Councillors who have all helped make this possible.

We have started moving forward on the construction of a new fire hall for our community. We should start to see progress shortly as the site gets prepared and is suitable for construction to begin. We are very excited about this project and would like to throw a shout out to our Fire Chief and all of the past and current volunteers on our fire department. This project would not be possible without your decades of hard work.

I am pleased to say that council has awarded the Alternative Energy Feasibility study, Wildfire Protection Plan and 10 dollar Community Child Care Action Plan. Our hope is that these plans will be completed in the near future so we can use them as rationale to access other funding opportunities and turn plans into reality. Our engineering firm is continuing to work on treatment options for our waste water. convention Vancouver.

So much has been going on and I encourage everyone to take a look at the Strategic Plan on our website. We will continue to engage the community as we move forward. Your participation is very important and we look forward to hearing from you. Haawa, Thank you and Merci for allowing me the opportunity to represent our community as your Mayor.

-Mayor Kris Olsen

Happy New Year!

Our next Council meeting:
January 20

Meet your RCMP

In each edition of the Village Voice this year, we will be featuring a different member of our Queen Charlotte RCMP.



SGT. GREG WILLCOCKS

My name is Sgt. Greg Willcocks and I am the new commander for Queen Charlotte detachment starting in January. I am originally from Campbell River B.C. and I have been with the RCMP for 12 years. I have worked in Dease Lake, Kelowna, Burns Lake and I am thrilled to be part of Haida Gwaii. I have always wanted to live out here and when I got the opportunity to come I could not say yes fast enough. I am looking forward to being a part of the community and providing an effective policing service to the people we serve.

I will be living in Queen Charlotte with my wife (who is also an RCMP officer), daughter and son. We are a family that loves to fish, camp and be outdoors as much as we can. For myself, I will play virtually any sport but my favorites are basketball and softball. I have never been to Haida Gwaii before but there are a lot of things I am looking forward to experiencing. Whether it is getting to know the community, exploring the outdoors or catching some salmon I am looking forward to my time in Haida Gwaii and being part of the community.

Looking back at 2019 in Queen Charlotte...

We shared some amazing memories in our community throughout 2019 and we are using this Village Voice to highlight some photos that captured some of these.

- o On **April 6** we had the grand opening of the Tsunami Pole Project, with our Hike to High Grand through town.
- o On **April 17** we had a Neighborhood meeting at Oceanview Restaurant to discuss Wharf Street
- o On **June 22** we all celebrated Hospital Day, and we offered bike decorating workshops and parade candy.
- o On **August 24**, we had a Family Fun Day at the youth centre, including a foam party and pedal bike races.
- o On **September 27**, we had the very first Friday Night Market at the Community Hall



April 6

Featured Volunteer Group: We want to use the Village Voice to feature the volunteer and Not for

Who are we: Please send details of who your group are and what you do: How long has the group been operating in the community, what are the goals and work that you do?



How to get involved: Please tell our readers how they can get involved: what kind of volunteering opportunities are there? Please detail any upcoming events or chances for people to come and meet you.

How to donate: If you need donations for your group then please share a few details on how people can best get these to you and the person to contact.

How to contact: Let people know the key people in your group who people can reach out to with any questions and a phone number and/or email to contact you on

To have your group featured please email development@queencharlotte.ca



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Looking back at 2019 Continued...

- o From **September 23-27** our Council represented us at UBCM
- o On **October 12** we broke ground on our new fire hall.
- o On **October 17** we took part in the Great BC Shake Out
- o On **October 21** we signed the Kagan Bay lease to the North Pacific Timber Company
- o On **November 11** we remembered our veterans.



October 12

December saw a multitude of holiday events light up our community, with the tree lighting ceremony on **Dec 6**, and the Community Club's full calendar of events—including luncheons, the craft and gift fair, movie nights, NYE Family Dance and much more.

We would like to thank to everyone who joined us for our **KNOWvember** series of events, and everyone from Oceanview Restaurant, Haida Gwaii Radio and the Community Club who made it possible, as well as all our speakers and guests.

We invited you to join us at the Community Hall throughout November to 'get in the know' about some of the projects Council has been working on. On October 17, Herb George presented to us on *Completing Confederation*. You can download his presentation online at QCKnowvember.com and listen back to the recording to listen to his and Graham Richard's talks.

On our second night of KNOWvember, we heard from each Councillor about how they have been representing us and from Danny Richardson about the lease of Kagan Bay to the North Pacific Timber Company. On the final night of KNOWvember, we took all your feedback and survey responses to explore some of the most important topics to you. We heard from Barb Roswell and Greg Martin from the QC Housing Society and from Alanah Mountfield of MIEDs. You can listen back to event 2 online and stay tuned for more published notes and questions from the events.

