

VILLAGE VOICE

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Village of Queen Charlotte



Message from the Mayor

Recently Global BC news had a one week special featuring Gwaii Haanas and the Queen Charlotte Islands. The Canadian Association of 50+(CARP) also featured a National Geographic article on the park. The Visitors Information Centre has been busy this season and so are our hotels and bed and breakfasts. Finding rental

We need to be innovative, open to change and willing to take charge of our own development. Queen Charlotte is an active participant in finding, encouraging and supporting economic opportunities for the islands. Misty Isles Economic Development Society (MIEDS) is one of those opportunities.

As Vice Chair of MIEDS I am pleased to tell you a bit

Anneli Rostenski is our managing director. Her educational background is in rural development and she has worked in community economic development for the past thirteen years in both rural and urban communities throughout Manitoba and NW Ontario. As a private consultant she worked with a broad range of non-profit organizations and commu-

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fasts. Finding rental accommodation for family and friends or a tradesman to work on your house is a challenge. On the other hand we are seeing fewer campers passing through. Shut downs have occurred in the forest sector and commercial fishermen face an even shorter season. Increasing costs of fuel, transportation and even food add to the burden.

Our economy is sending us mixed signals and yet if we look even with these problems there is an underlying message of opportunities.

am pleased to tell you a bit about our CEO Jim Green. Jim is experienced in municipal politics having been a Vancouver city councillor and mayoral candidate. He was a professor of Anthropology at UBC and helped found the Urban Field School. He chaired the Four Corners Community Savings, and served on the board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. He has led the development of many housing projects, including the Woodward's building Re-development and is a well-known advocate for the city's Downtown Eastside.

organizations and communities in renewal. She also has experience with micro-lending and rural community development program. The leadership and experience of this team combined with our cooperation and commitment can help our communities find their way through the challenges that face us.

We need and welcome **your** input at our Brown Bag Lunch, Council meetings and forums. If you have an opinion we want to hear from you. Next on the agenda are comments on the draft animal control bylaw and the Official Community Plan. Stay tuned for interest group invitations and open houses.

Mayor Carol Kulesha



Queen Charlotte Islands

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It's our people.

Watch the four part special series on the Queen Charlottes online by searching "Global TV Queen Charlotte Islands"

(<http://www.canada.com/globaltv/bc/microsites/queencharlotte/index.html>)

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Special points of interest:

- Misty Isles Economic Development Society hires new CEO
- Tight water restrictions in effect
- Communities in Bloom Judges here on July 24th.
- Visitor Information Centre predicts strong year for tourism.
- Spot the typo, first one to contact the Village Office received a free gift!

Water Restrictions and Next Steps

Our Trundle well cannot keep our reservoirs full. We have had to add the second well which immediately raised the chloride levels (salt) and may impact taste. By using the second well judiciously we are keeping these levels within water quality standards but this is a serious matter. Chloride levels in our good well have risen from 50mg/l to 160 mg/l and in our second well from 150 mg/l to 300mg/l. At 450mg/l we will be unable to use the well.

Animal Control

Complaints of unleashed dogs interfering with people walking, chasing other dogs and cats and in danger of being hit by a car as

We have begun the Honna River intake and Stanley Lake water structure project by passing the borrowing bylaw, issuing tender documents and ordering materials. The ability to complete the intake river structures will depend on parts deliveries and fisheries windows.

Please assist us by conserving water and following the watering restrictions.

See page 4 for more information.

consultation on the draft bylaw once reviewed by council and our lawyer. Our intent is to provide for safety of humans and pets.

Water Saving Taps & Facts

1. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. **Saves 300 to 800 gallons** per month.
2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. **Saves 20 gallons** per day for every leak stopped.
3. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. **Saves 500 to 800 gallons** per month.
4. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. **Saves 150 gallons** or more each time.

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danger of being hit by a car as well as the issue of dangerous dogs has prompted council to draft an animal control bylaw. We intend to work closely with Skidegate who recently passed a bylaw. We will have public

for safety of humans and pets.

If you witness an incident or have concerns about a dog in your area, please inform the Village Office by writing a detailed description of the event and dog.



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Working Together

Councillors from the Skidegate Band and the Village of Queen Charlotte met to explore our mutual interests and discuss how we might work together. We acknowledged that we share more than borders and that often our successes are because we can

work cooperatively. Our first task is animal control but we also want to examine a variety issues from health care, to a sports fishing dock and BC Ferries. Chief Wilson concluded our meeting saying that “together we are unbeatable”. We agree!

Garbage Pick-up

Please be aware that QC Disposal now begins collecting garbage at 8am!

Communities in Bloom

Communities in bloom is a Canadian program for the improvement of the quality of life through beautification, community involvement, environmental awareness and heritage conservation. This national program assists Canadian communities of all sizes to improve their quality of life while encouraging community involvement and civic pride. The Village is participating in it's second year with the program.

Flowers have been planted at a number of locations throughout the community, including the triangular traffic meridian before the ferry landing, the eastern intersection of Warf and Oceanview, and the community day park across from the high school. Two judges will be coming to Queen Charlotte on July 24th and 25th. We need your help!



We will be rated on:

- General tidiness which includes the ditches and road shoulders
- Environmental awareness
- Citizen participation
- Landscaped areas and floral displays including planters and containers

If you would like the judges to view your garden as part of this community event, please contact the Village Office at 250 559 4765.

New Rules at Boat Launch/ Helicopter Pad

Safety Concerns:

The Queen Charlotte Boat Launch/ Heli Pad is a multi-functional facility that is shared

Please dispose of you fish remains responsibly by returning them to the ocean so that they are not

Trailer Parking:

Stored unhitched Trailers will be towed away at owners expense if left at the boat ramp for a period

Launch/ Heli Pad is a multi-functional facility that is shared by both boaters and helicopter pilots.

Birds which are attracted to fish remains pose a serious danger to helicopters landing and taking off from the pad.

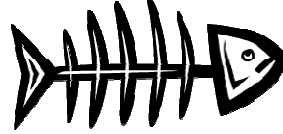
Pencil or Pen?

Rules for voting at referendums or elections are governed under provincial legislation. We asked Elections BC why pencils were supplied for us to use in the past referendum and the answer from their office is:

There is no requirement in Legislation that ballots must be marked with pencil. Anything can

responsibly by returning them to the ocean so that they are not exposed by the falling tide.

Thank you for your co-operation



be used to indicate one's choice on a ballot. Pencils have been used in the voting place to mark ballots because they don't run out of ink. We are able to store pencils in our warehouse for long periods of time and know that they will still do the job, which is not the case with pens where the ink can dry or separate over long

towed away at owners expense if left at the boat ramp for a period longer than 7 days. Unlicensed trailers will be towed immediately.

Please contact the Village Office if you are planning a boating trip that is longer than 7 days .

periods of time.

Every stage of the election process (eg: counting, etc) is transparent, with ballot box security and ballot counting watched by individual scrutineers. This makes it impossible for an election official to erase and change a ballot marking without being detected.





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IMPORTANT NOTICE WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Village of Queen Charlotte water wells are unable to keep up with current demand. Quality is affected by elevated levels of salt water intrusion.

Effective immediately and until further notice water use will be restricted to watering of flower beds, gardens and washing of vehicles with a hand held hose, fitted with a restrictive device to the following schedule.

**Odd numbered houses on odd numbered calendar days
from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**Even numbered houses on even numbered calendar days
from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

These regulations are necessary to provide an adequate supply of water.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these restrictions, please contact 559-4765

Mr. B. Greenough
Superintendent of Public Works



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www.queencharlotte.ca

QC Visitors Information Centre – Facts and Figures

The VIC has just received their first Quality Service Report for the season and was scored at 96%, one of the highest in the province! This is a blind test that looks at the quality and breadth of services as well as the facility itself.

The number of visitors to the centre in June was up by a third over last year's figures. This year's e-mail enquiries were almost

double compared to last year.

Island businesses racking with the VIC (business pamphlets) has also increased from last year and the new booking service has prepared 16 specialized itineraries for visitors.

Overall the season is looking very good for all tourism related business on island this summer!

Family or friends visiting for the summer? Have them check out the VIC for an extensive collection of local island art, clothing, gift cards and souvenirs.

Open 7 days a week
8:30 am - 9:00pm

