



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Village applies for chlorine upgrade grant**
- **Village looks for input on Spirit Square and Park**
- **HWAC seeks new members**
- **Fire Chief gives safety tips**
- **Village looks for new public works employee**

VILLAGE OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE

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VILLAGE VOICE

Message from the Mayor

There is water seemingly everywhere in the form of plenty of rain, puddles seeping out of the ground, household wells and nearby streams. After extensive investigations, hydrological studies and a couple of hundred thousand dollars of test wells; only the Trundle wells have enough volume to serve us and

We are applying for a grant to upgrade our chlorine system for the wells as the gas system we are using is dangerous to our employees (we have had a couple of minor leaks) and it is difficult to deliver a steady amount of chlorine. We are applying for 2/3 funding for a sodium hypochloride system

see if any of the newer technologies will work better for us. Council also needs to plan for the future. Supplying new houses, Skidegate Landing, and our industrial park during the summer will strain our new water supply. We have applied to the province for a study grant for desalination

employee

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wells have enough volume to serve us and they are showing signs of failing. It isn't only the quantity of water that is a problem – the quality (taste, odour, and mineral staining) is as well. The Village has made a great effort to improve the water and has had moderate success. The wells themselves are the problem. Their mineral content changes, dependent on the stress to the aquifer, growth of iron bacteria and salt content. These factors influence the chlorine action and change the taste and odour. Though we are planning to use the Honna River for our next source of water, the wells will still be our back-up system and, given a rest period, we hope to have the aquifer recover.

2/3 funding for a sodium hypochloride system (liquid instead of gas). If we are successful our 1/3 share can come from our water reserve funds. Next step is to have the Honna River up and running. The treatment plant parts have been tendered and we are hopeful that the delays we have encountered will work in our favour as the down turn in the economy decreased building costs. The Honna water will need to be treated for colour, turbidity and bacteria but it will not have the same mineral problems as the wells. When we are using the Honna we will go back and examine the treatment system of the wells. Their plant is a propriety system out of the United States and we need to

province for a study grant for desalination and if it is successful, our share (\$7,500) will let us know the pros and cons of utilizing water from the inlet or shallow wells and the potential costs.

Using inlet water brings us to treating our sewage. Several community members have asked when we will have secondary treatment? Council knows that we need to be more responsible and treat our sewage. We have information from a year 2000 study of water and sewer options. We will investigate these and other options and report back to the community when we have some hard facts to deliver.

*Carol Kulesha
Mayor*



One element will be a tot park

COME JOIN US: TUESDAY, MARCH 24th, 7PM @ THE COMMUNITY HALL

We need your input on the design elements for Spirit Square and the Community Park Phase 2. We will have a diagram of the two areas and some examples of what can be built. We need your ideas of what you would like to see in your town square (Spirit Square) and the next phase of our park (phase one was the skateboard park).

HONNA WATERSHED

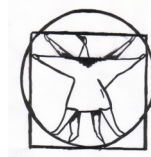
Our Honna watershed is a complex area with multi users: logging, recreation and transportation to list a few. How do we make these disparate uses work with us and for us to ensure a safe and of volunteer professionals who are or were employees of the Ministries of Forestry, Fisheries, Environment, the logging companies and the Drinking Water Officer. We are very fortunate to Watershed Management Plan. One of the recommendations is to continue to gather statistics on daily turbidity levels and how rain, truck traffic and logging practices impact those levels.

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clean water supply? have their assistance This study will guide
The Village has an and cooperation in road closures and
advisory committee the development of a temporary logging
shut downs.

Are you a **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER?**

Are you interested in joining the

Health and Wellness Advisory Committee?



The current members of
the Health and Wellness
Advisory Committee

We advise council on care, cancer care, Are you interested in
all matters of health and building a new joining the Health and
relating to the Village hospital. We have Wellness Advisory
and its residents. We organized health Committee (HWAC)?
speak to issues as fairs, created the Leave your name and
varied as health health services contact information
employment and guide, and the with the Village office.
retention, seniors medical travel guide.

FIRE SAFETY

With fire claiming 2 homes, one in Queen Charlotte and the other in Sandspit, we asked our Fire Chief for some safety tips.

“The best message to send to all residents is the reminder to ensure your home and business has working smoke

detectors and an escape plan. Smoke detectors should be checked annually to ensure they are working properly. Check out the Vancouver Fire department page for more of fire tips.”

<http://vancouver.ca/fire/safety.html>

Do you know the 7 Deadly Sins? Check it out and call us. The first person to call or email the list wins a prize!

“Ensure your home and business has working smoke detectors”

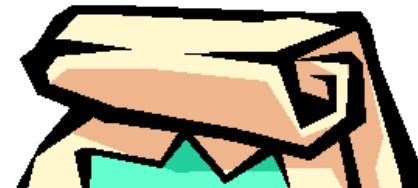


CELL PHONE

UPDATE FROM TELUS



“Our plan is still to commence construction of the site this spring. Work is being done

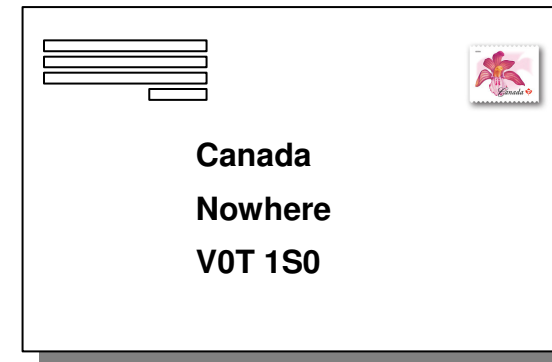




construction of the site this spring. Work is being done now to have the work sent out for tender.”

CANADA POST continues to **not** supply us with normal air mail service. When you complain the complaint reports end up in a “file” which does not travel up the food chain. With your assistance we still think we can have an effect.

If your priority or express post does not arrive within the time limits, report it and collect the refund. Bring in your proof of late delivery of these or regular air mail letters and we will continue to inundate the company and the politicians with your lack of service message.





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PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The Village of Queen Charlotte is seeking another member for its public works team. This position offers varied work. The ideal candidate will have a valid class 3 drivers licence with air brake endorsement , backhoe, bobcat and other machine experience, be able to perform repetitive physical labour and be able to work independently and with the public. A desire to acquire EOCP certification in water, sewer, etc. Plus basic computer skills, mechanical skills, plumbing skills, carpentry skills and a knowledge of electrical systems and water and sewer operations would be an asset. Please submit resumes to the Village Office.



OLYMPIC TORCH CELEBRATIONS

Gwaii Trust was generous and we are very grateful for their support. With their funding we can bring students from the north end of the islands to the celebration, have lunch for them and deserts for everyone. We await NaiKun funding announcements to see if they will supply the cake.

We welcome other donations . A big thank you to Northern Savings Credit Union who has come forth as a donor to our island event with a whopping \$500 cheque and its CEO Mike Tarr who added \$200 personally.

Thank you so much!



The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will begin its 45,000 kilometre, 106-day journey on October 30, 2009.