VILLAGE OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE

VILLAGE VOICE

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Coming Events:

Council Meeting
Monday, October 6th
@ 7:30pm

Council Meeting
Monday, October 20th
@ 7:30pm

Nominations for Council
Opens: 9:00am
September 30, 2014
Closes: 4:00pm
October 10th, 2014

Advance Voting Day
Wednesday, November 5th from 8:00am to 8:00pm
Village Office

General Voting Day
Saturday, November 15th from 8:00am to 8:00pm
QC Community Hall

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is both an honour and a pleasure to have served as your mayor. It has always been interesting, challenging and best of all, very satisfying. It is very rewarding working for a community that has such a warm and generous heart. Queen Charlotte has seen many changes over these years and it has been my privilege to have had a part. Once governed by the Regional District, today, we are a municipality, our own decision maker.

I want to thank our present council, Leslie Johnson, Greg Martin, Ellen Cranston and Kris Olsen who worked closely for the common good. When that is the attitude, much can be accomplished and with the support and assistance of our experienced and dedicated staff, much was accomplished. I want to also acknowledge Gladys Noddin and Eric Ross who were part of our inaugural council.

When we incorporated in 2005 we were lobbying for a hospital and today they are pouring the basement. We needed a town centre that would help our core businesses and be a place to celebrate together. Last weekend we awarded our first Order of Queen Charlotte to three very deserving people in Spirit Square: dancing to a live band, sharing cake and eating delicious vendors' food.

Our town was never planned, so sidewalks and parks or green spaces were not considered. Today there is safe and lovely pedestrian access connecting Wharf Street to the harbour, to our second commercial centre and then around the community hall. Over the next months you will see walking trail access from 10th street to past the school. The trail comes out of our all ages park that is complete with skateboarding, bike jumps, cardio equipment, running track, picnic areas, a Tot Park and a Youth Centre.

Though I have made the very difficult decision not to stand for re-election, I will always care deeply about our town and the island community. This is my home and I hope to find other ways to both serve and enjoy the land and the people.

If you have the will and the desire, I encourage you to put your hand up and run for a position on council or as mayor. It is a serious commitment but I think you will find, as I did, it is also a very rewarding one.

-Carol Kulesha, Mayor

Order of Queen Charlotte

Our first time honourees are:

Faye Beaulieu
27 years of ambulance service

Edith Bell
42 years as a volunteer fire dispatcher

Sharon Schultz
never ending volunteerism

2014 Union of BC Municipalities

At the annual Union of BC Municipalities Convention, hosted in Whistler from September 22-26, our local politicians will be meeting with Provincial Ministers and leaders to discuss the following topics:

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Minister Steve Thomson
Topic: Community Forest

Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens Services
Minister Andrew Wilkins
Topics: Update on GwaiiTel and Thank You

Northern Health
Dr. Charles Jargo, Chair and Cathy Ulrich, CEO
Topics:
- BC Ambulance Service
- Telemedicine Pilot CT Scan
- Hospital Project Update

Ministry of State of Tourism and Small Business
Topics:
- BC Ferries impacts on Haida Gwaii
- Positive effects of Northern Development Initiatives Trust small business programs

Ministry of Health
Minister Terry Lake
Topics:
- Hospital Project Update and Thank You
- BC Ambulance Service

BC Emergency Health Services
Topic: BC Ambulance Service

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
Minister John Rustad
Topic: BC Ferries impacts on Haida Gwaii

Notice of Tax Sale

Pursuant to section 254 of the *Community Charter* and Section 405 (1) of the *Local Government Act*, the Village of Queen Charlotte is required to publish the legal description and street address, if any, of properties subject to tax sale.

The next tax sale will be held on September 29, 2014 at 10:00am.

Notice to Prospective Purchasers

Successful bidders **must pay the upset price by cash or bank draft immediately following the tax sale and must pay the remainder of the full bid price no later than 2 pm on the date of tax sale**; failure to pay will result in the property being offered for sale again at 10 am on the following day. Purchasers of tax sale properties should be aware that they will NOT have the right to receive title or possession until after one year following the date of the tax sale. During this period, the registered owner of the property has the right to redeem the property from the tax sale thus cancelling the sale. For further information, please contact the Finance Department at 250 559-4765.

-Debra Uliana, CFO

Shake Out BC

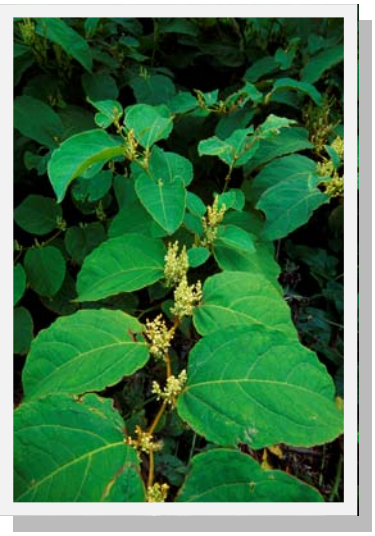
On October 16, officially "Shake Out BC Day," millions of people worldwide will practice how to **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** at 10:16 a.m. during Great Shake Out Earthquake Drills!

The Village will be performing a

TSUNAMI SIREN TEST

Thursday, October 16th
@ 10:16am

Invasive Knotweed



Knotweed is considered one of BC's worst invasive species. This plant is an extremely vigorous rhizome; new plants can grow from a small rhizome or stem fragment. Queen Charlotte has numerous locations where this weed is spreading. We appreciate the cooperation of all residents in addressing knotweed on private and public land.

Avoid: unnecessary digging and cutting knotweed without a disposal plan as it could cause further spread.

Wash: plant parts and seeds from vehicles, equipment such as mowers and personal gear before leaving a contaminated area.

Dispose: of any knotweed parts and contaminated soil in garbage bags to take to the transfer station. DO NOT COMPOST!

For more information on Knotweed visit: www.bcinvasives.ca

Local Elections

General Voting Day for the 2014 General Local Elections is **Saturday, November 15, 2014**.

Nomination forms are available at the Village of Queen Charlotte Municipal Office Monday to Friday, 8:30am to noon, 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

NO NOMINATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00PM, FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th, 2014.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

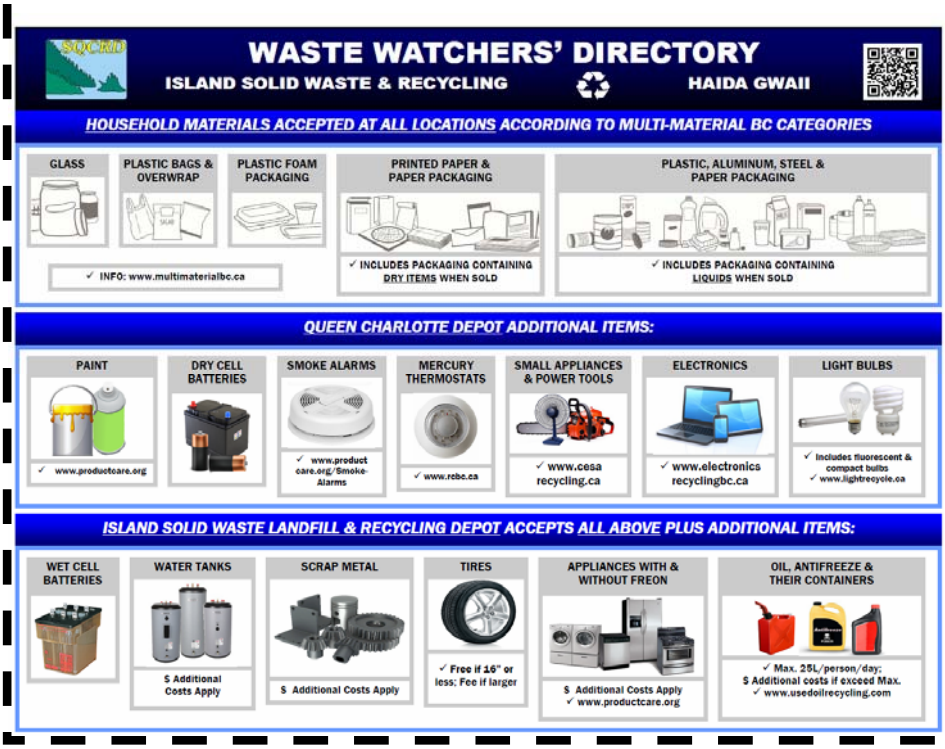
A person is qualified to be nominated, elected and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day, Saturday November 15, 2014;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Recycling in Queen Charlotte

Queen Charlotte Recycling Depot @ Ticker's Hauling
1205 Oceanview Drive
Queen Charlotte, B.C.
Tel: (250) 559-4141

Regular Operating Hours:
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Village of Queen Charlotte

Mayor Carol Kulesha
Councillor Greg Martin
Councillor Ellen Cranston
Councillor Kris Olsen
Councillor Leslie Johnson
Chief Administrative Officer-
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PAD PUBLIC ACCESS TO DEFIBRILLATION PROGRAM AED

In an effort to save lives, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC has made Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) available in public places. The Program donated an AED to the Village of Queen Charlotte in June. Staff receive an orientation on the equipment and learned how to respond to a sudden cardiac arrest from an emergency medical professional.

The AED is now in place on the wall of the Council Chambers on the ground floor of the Municipal Hall. The location is registered with the Public Access Defibrillator Program and the BC Ambulance Service so that emergency dispatches can use it as a life saving resource if a sudden cardiac emergency occurs in the area.