



Maintaining Water Quality Together

As rainwater infiltrates soil and the rocks below, it dissolves minerals and small quantities of iron and manganese. This rainwater eventually becomes ground water. The Lost Shoe Creek Aquifer is a groundwater source of water. It is located at the junction of Highway 4A and the Pacific Rim Highway. It consists of 4 wells and provides drinking water to our community. These natural, nonhazardous minerals are commonly found in well water and can build up within the distribution system. The Public Works Department works to remove these settled out deposits by regularly flushing water lines and reservoirs. The weekly program, Tuesday nights between 10:00pm and 12:00am, is the first step in addressing this problem with the least amount of impact on the system.

Where the community can help

Though iron and manganese are not health hazards, they can

cause offensive taste, appearance, and staining when in high-enough quantities. Homeowners and businesses can control iron and manganese levels by regularly flushing their waterlines and hot water tanks. A proactive approach would be to flush your tank every 6 months and, quarterly (every 4 months), turn on all of your inside and outside taps to remove sediment and maximize flow. Other things you can do is letting your tap run first thing in the morning; this will clear any sediment from the service line. Avoid using bleach and alkaline builders (such as sodium and carbonate) when doing the laundry as high concentrations of bleach may intensify iron staining to your clothing and linens by accelerating the oxidation process of the water. You can use a non-chlorinated whitener, such as OxiClean, to achieve a bleaching effect without staining.

Warren Cannon,
Superintendent of Public Works



Steve Lang (pictured above) in the Public Works water testing lab

MEET THE PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY LAB

As part of the original design in the construction of the new building at the Public Works Yard, a water utility lab was installed. The room was designed and constructed to allow for water samples to be analyzed to detect e-coli. The lab is equipped with an incubator and other equipment to test our District water. The essential benefit to having a lab within the District is the ability for staff to increase the amount of testing within the community to insure the water is safe to drink.

BAY STREET WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPENING SOON!

The District is excited to announce the impending completion of the Bay Street Water Treatment Facility project. This project was a multiple-barrier approach to provide a second barrier to waterborne viruses. The design consists of retro-fitting the existing pumping station with Ultra-violet (UV) treatment cells as well with other process equipment and in line pumps with Variable Frequency Drives (VFD), cutting down on the amount of energy used to deliver the water. The UV treatment along with disinfection pro-

vides a second barrier in the purification process.

The project will be coming to a close at the end of the month. The most significant benefit to this project is the improved barrier of protection it will provide to the user communities of this source, which are Ucluelet, Yuu-tu-ath First Nations community and some residents of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (Area C). We anticipate the source to be running in May and look forward to supplying the Mercantile Creek water once again.

Warren Cannon,
Superintendent of Public Works



HOW YOUR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM WORKS

There are two key factors that affect your municipal taxes:

1. The amount of tax revenue required by the District to maintain operations.

Each year, the District conducts an open public budget process. As part of this process the District Council determines the total property tax revenue required to maintain municipal services and infrastructure.

2. Your assessed property value.

Assessed property values are determined each year by BC Assessment based on market values as of July of the preceding year.

Tax rates are calculated by dividing the revenue requirement of the District by the assessment base (the total assessed value of all properties in the District), as shown by the image above. The appropriate tax rate is then

Assessed Value *	x	Tax Rate	=	Municipal Property Taxes Payable
BC Assessment		Municipal Services		Your Municipal Taxes Payable

* Assessed value is divided by 1,000 before being multiplied by the tax rate.

applied to individual property assessments to determine the amount of tax payable.

The goal of the overall system is the fair and equitable distribution of taxes based on assessed value.

In addition to the municipal tax levy, the District also collects taxes on behalf of other agencies – the Provincial Government (for School and Policing Taxes), BC Assessment Authority, Alberni-Clayoquot District, Alberni-

Clayoquot Regional Hospital, Vancouver Island Library and the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA). The District, like other municipalities, has either limited or no jurisdiction in determining the tax revenue requirements for these agencies, but is legislatively required to collect these taxes on their behalf.

Diana Uy, Manager of Financial Services



WHAT'S UP AT THE UCC?

The Ucluelet Community Centre (UCC) is just coming into finishing off its fourth year of successful operation. Thank-you to the community for all your amazing support.

There are many services that you can partake in at the UCC .

Did you know . . .

- The Centre has two activity rooms, an Arts & Crafts room, Fitness Studio, Community Room, Main Hall as well as a Teen room.
- You can rent space for meetings, weddings and birthday parties among other events.
- Many activities take place at the UCC in terms of programming for all ages. Please check out the website at ucluelet.ca and look under 'Parks and Recreation' for program and registration information.
- There are movies twice a month. Children's show is usually at 6:00 pm and Adults is 8:00 pm Friday nights with matinees at 1:00 and 3:00 pm the following day.
- Vancouver Island Regional Library is also at the UCC. They are open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Friday afternoons as well as Saturday from 10 am – 2:00 pm.
- Coastal Community Services Hub is also located at the far end of the building. They are open Monday – Friday, 10am – 4:00 pm. The Public Health Nurse can also be found in this area of the building.
- Ucluelet Children's Centre is also located in the complex.

If you would like a tour of the facility or would like more information - please drop by and say "hi". We are open Monday – Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

PORSCHE CLUB BACK AGAIN

Once again in 2014, the Vancouver Island Region – Porsche Club of America (VIR-PCA) will be hosting its premier annual event at Black Rock Oceanfront Resort from Thursday, May 22nd through Sunday, May 25th.

This will be the 5th consecutive year that Ucluelet has been chosen to host the event in Ucluelet and the Porsche club continues to be amazed by the overwhelming input and support they receive each year from the

Black Rock Resort, the District of Ucluelet, Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the community.



When registration officially opened for "Black Rock 2014" at 5:43 am on December 11th, by 8:03 pm (14 hours and 20 minutes later) they were

completely 'Sold Out' (145 attendees)! A 'Wait List' is now in place... with a dozen names already on it.

Abby Fortune,

Director of Parks & Recreation

NEW WEB PORTAL IS A HIT!!

... and the number of hits are increasing daily!

In November of last year, Ucluelet soft launched a 'one stop' information and event webpage. We'd love your comments as we continue to work together as a community. Come on home... come on home to your community website!



Welcome to Ucluelet, British Columbia

The finest view quality of all water is situated on the edge of the Wild Pacific Coast. It offers visitors and residents the opportunity to live in and enjoy one of the world's most pristine coastlines. It is our best case working harbor. Ucluelet is a special town in a beautiful and natural setting.



Visit www.ucluelet.ca and see what is happening in Ucluelet today.

DISTRICT DOG KENNEL A HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Staff recently completed the construction of a new dog kennel located at the Public Works Yard. The kennels were designed with two separate quarters. Each quarter has an outside gated run and an inside heated room with an area for dogs to sleep.

EMBC HOLDS FORUM ON TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Management BC, Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada were pleased to partner with Ucluelet to deliver a community public education forum focused on tsunami preparedness on March 24, 2014. As public interest in tsunamis continues due to the 2011 Japan tsunami, the 2012 Haida Gwaii tsunami, and the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Great Alaska tsunami on March 27, EMBC would like to help encourage coastal residents to take action to prepare for tsunamis. As a way of engaging with interested members of the public on this important issue, EMBC will be coming to Ucluelet to support our local emergency management program by holding a community public forum.

The agenda consisted of:

- Alison Bird, Seismologist from Natural Resources Canada, providing a presentation on the Science of Tsunami
- Teron Moore, Seismic Specialist with EMBC, delivering a "Tsunami 101" presentation on tsunami preparedness
- Anne McCarthy, Weather Services Specialist with Environment Canada, presenting

on tsunami notification tools

- Local emergency manager Karla Robison delivering a presentation on the local tsunami and emergency measures in their community (ECC members to assist)
- Question and answer period facilitated by Clare Fletcher, Regional Manager with the presenting panel, encouraging the public to share their past tsunami experiences

A PRIMER ON APPLICATIONS & PROCESSES IN UKEE

Opening up a new restaurant? Putting a basement suite in your home? Wondering what is required in order to burn your yard waste for spring cleaning? Planning a June Wedding on the beach? Maybe you are thinking about retirement by subdividing your property or rezoning it to allow for a vacation rental in your single family dwelling? These are just a few examples of items that need permission from your local government. Some may require a permit or a license. Some will require more complicated land considerations such as subdivision or rezoning. You may be required to make an application or go through a process in order to obtain this permission. Why is this? Is this a staff or Council decision? Is this just another way to gather fees?

It is true that fees may

be collected to cover the administration costs for these types of *permissions*. However, the authority to give permission and the process to gain permission is dictated by Provincial laws and statutes. A local government cannot act outside these provincial and sometimes federal laws. Administering land regulations, subdivision and rezonings are each examples of the more complex processes, which are prescribed in Provincial legislation.

What is a process? A process is defined as simply a *series of actions or steps taken in order to achieve a particular end*. That sounds pretty basic and simple, right? And for the most part that is all it is, just a series of steps that the applicant must provide or move through in order to obtain that permission. Sometimes the steps

required will be ones that staff must perform, such as checking that your building plans are in conformance with the current Building Code, or conducting a site visit before licensing your new restaurant. Sometimes these steps are required of the applicant, such as in land applications. All of these processes are prescribed under Provincial law and local governments are required to administer them. Staff are currently preparing new application and process guidelines to help clarify these steps for applicants. Some processes may have more or less steps than others. Either way, District staff are available to assist in familiarizing you with what may be required. Please feel free to give us a call or drop in to see us.

Patricia Abdulla,
Manager of Planning

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Day	April 22 nd
Move for Health	May 10 th
Spring Flea Market	May 25th
Edge to Edge Marathon	June 8 th
Ukee Days	July 25th – 27th

SFU MASTERS STUDENTS VISIT UCLUELET



Ucluelet Planning and Recreation staff were pleased to host a 'study and information session' with Master Degree students from SFU's

School of Resource and Environmental Management (REM) - Community Tourism Planning graduate course on March 7th, 2014. For the past few years this SFU program has included a visit to our west coast communities with an interest in our sustainable planning practices, challenges in shifting economies, and learning about resort municipalities.



Please pick up after your dog...

It's your *doody*

HUGE TURNOUT FOR 2014 SHORELINE CLEANUP, WITH JAPAN LOVE PROJECT

On Feb. 28 2014, the District of Ucluelet was awarded \$81,538 from the Ministry of Environment to support a one-year tsunami debris shoreline cleanup program within sections of Ucluelet's municipal boundary, the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve (PRNPR) including the Broken Group Islands, and along YuułuꞀiꞀꞀath territory. The awarded funds derived from the one million dollar gift the Japan Government graciously provided to the Canadian Government to support tsunami debris cleanup efforts along British Columbia's coast. Ucluelet's successful proposal is supported by significant in-kind contributions in terms of volunteer efforts and resources from 26 collaborative partner agencies and organizations. The District has several cleanup projects planned in 2014 per the Ucluelet & Barkley Sound Shoreline Cleanup Program.

Through the assistance of the Japan Love Project (JLP) and International Volunteer University Student Association (IVUSA), the first cleanup associated with the Ucluelet & Barkley Sound Shoreline Cleanup Program project took place on March 9 and 10 along the shores of Salmon and Mussel Beach, and a variety of beaches within the Broken Group Islands. The JLP supports the recovery of the March 11, 2011 earthquake/tsunami through fundraising and beach cleanup activities (this group participated in cleanup projects in Ucluelet in 2013). The JLP is affiliated with the IVUSA, which is a volunteer association that supports disaster relief initiatives. Seventy students with IVUSA travelled from Japan by means of their own savings to assist debris cleanup efforts.

The project was very successful thanks to the extraordinary team spirit, fellowship, passion, and teamwork from the students who inspired all of the community partners involved with this project. Cleanup efforts were very efficient and effective. Thanks to elite boat operators, collaborative support from the PRNPR and the RCMP, dedicated volunteers, partner businesses and organizations, and the cooperative weather, the group collected an approximate 7 tonnes of debris in an approximate 20 km shoreline area! Sonbird Refuse and Recycling, Dan Mose with Neptune Ice, and Public Works assisted with the sorting of 7 tons of debris. Chris and John Bird will continue to provide assistance by processing and recycling

debris material; only a small portion will end up in the landfill.

The project exhibited that, by working together, we can make a difference with the protection of our marine environment. The project also served as an opportunity to work together to build resiliency as a community, and expand on our emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

During the JLP and IVUSA visit, the District of Ucluelet hosted a 3rd anniversary memorial event to remember and honour the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami of March 11. This date acts as a reminder to all of us to prepare ourselves and families for an emergency.

The District of Ucluelet would like to thank the following individuals and organizations:

International Volunteer University Student Association and Japan Love Project; Brian Condon with Subtitle Adventures; Scott MacDonald, Corene Inouye, and the deckhands with Jamie's Whaling Station; Gary Bostrom with Devotion Fishing Limited; Peter Clarkson, Randy Mercer, Natalie Verrier, Renee Wissink with the PRNPR; Cst. Chris Squire, Cst. Marcel Midlane, and Sgt. Jeff Swann

with the RCMP; Chris and John Bird with Son Bird Refuse and Recycling; Stephen Holland; Ed Chernis; Paul Freimuth; Ingrid Pongratz; Cris Martin; Pete Ashbee; Oyster Jim; Lawrence Charnell; Dave Ennis; Dan Mose with Neptune Ice; Curtis and Lori Fendelet; and Shino Abacus.

A huge thank you to everyone else that helped to make this project and memorial event so special: Christ Community Church; YuułuꞀiꞀꞀath; Tseshaht First Nations; Ted Eeftink with Majestic Kayaking; Dave Payne; Ucluelet Elementary and Secondary School; Black Rock Resort; Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade; Ucluelet's Emergency Coordinating Committee; Wild Pacific Trail; Kimoto family; Ucluelet Chamber; Sew West; Reflecting Spirit Gallery; Tom and Judy Schmidt; Ucluelet Council and staff, particularly Public Works and Parks and Recreation; NHK Japan Broadcasting Corporation; Canadian Made Tours Inc.; Westerly News; CTV News; Global News; and Chek TV News.

Thank you Japan Love Project, the International Volunteer University Student Association, and West Coasters for supporting this cleanup project and taking time out to remember March 11, 2011!



Karla Robison, Manager of Environmental & Emergency Services

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS: JANUARY - MARCH, 2014

Permit #	Value	Civic Address	Description
BP14-01	\$23,030	2070 Peninsula Rd	Public
BP14-02	\$5,500	1203 Peninsula Rd	Residential
BP14-04	\$40,000	1627 Peninsula Rd	Commercial

Note: Only those applications that have been approved are listed here.

