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# KITIMAT

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## FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Mayor

Phil Germuth

### Councillors

Edwin Empinado  
Mario Feldhoff  
Rob Goffinet  
Mary Murphy  
Claire Rattée  
Larry Walker

*Regular Council meetings are usually held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at NWCC*

### Emergencies

Dial 9-1-1

### Kitimat RCMP

250-632-7111

### Fire & Rescue Services

250-632-8940

### Emergency Program

250-632-8945

### Engineering Services

250-632-8906

### Planning & Development

250-632-8910

### Economic Development

250-632-8921

### Public Works Yard

250-632-8930

### Museum & Archives

250-632-8950

### Tamitik Sports Complex

250-632-8955

### Riverlodge Rec Centre

250-632-8970

### Kitimat Public Library

250-632-8985

### Kitimat Humane Society

250-632-7373

### Kitimat Transit

250-632-4444

### Chamber of Commerce

### Visitor Services

250-632-6294

### Ice Cream with the Mayor

Mayor Phil Germuth was invited to Ms. Combden's Grade 1 class at Nechako Elementary School in January to answer some questions about being the mayor. After handing out ice cream to the class, the mayor answered some important questions from the students.



When asked "How old are you?" the mayor responded with, "How old do you think I am?", and the answers were: 65, 73, 79, 545, 40. Good guesses kids!

### New Community Grant Writer – Nanci Warren

The District of Kitimat is happy to announce a new addition to the team; community grant writer, Nanci Warren.

Nanci spent the past 3 years in Kitimat working on the Kitimat Modernization Project. Previous to that, she was in White Rock working with the Surrey School District.

For Nanci, it's easy to get excited about helping community projects by finding funding. She is looking forward to working with organizations in the area.

If your organization would like to speak with Nanci about identifying and applying for grant funding opportunities, email her at [nwarren@kitimat.ca](mailto:nwarren@kitimat.ca).

### Kitimat Fire Fighters Roof Top Campout 2017

Members of the Kitimat Fire Fighters will be gathering on the roof of the fire department for 3 nights starting February 23, 2017 as they hold their roof campout in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Be sure to look out for the Fire Fighters and stop by to contribute to the cause at the Kitimat Fire Department from February 23-26.

In addition to the campout, to show their support for people with neuromuscular disorders, the Kitimat Fire Fighters are organizing a community boot drive to raise awareness and funds to help "make muscles move". A boot drive is a fundraising event where local Fire Fighters go out into the community and collect donations from the public in their boots.



Since 1954, Canadian Fire Fighters have been helping Muscular Dystrophy Canada fight the battle against muscular dystrophy—a group of over 100 types of neuromuscular disorders characterized by the wasting and progressive weakness of muscles. Over time, many people with neuromuscular disorders are unable to walk, speak, or ultimately breathe. Some diseases are life-threatening and presently there is no cure.

The money raised by Kitimat Fire Fighters will be donated to Muscular Dystrophy Canada to support their mission of enhancing the lives of those affected with neuromuscular disorders by continually working to provide ongoing support and resources while relentlessly searching for a cure through well-funded research.

Good luck to all of the campers and a big thank you to Kitimat Fire and Rescue, their families, friends and the community.

## Kitimat Cold Weather Shelter

The Kitimat cold weather shelter is located at the City Centre Motel (480 City Centre) and provides a warm place to sleep for those in need.

Open 7 pm to 7 am. For more information, please call or text 250-279-0847.



## Kitimat Museum and Archives

The Passionate Ink – Dwight Magee

A two part exhibit with 80 photographs celebrating the human body as a canvass for art. Part 1 ended on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:** Kitimat Museum

**When:** Part 2 Jan 31 - Feb 25, 2017

This exhibit contains content of a mature nature. For more information, please visit [www.dwightmagee.com](http://www.dwightmagee.com).

## ESS Call For Volunteers

The Emergency Support Services team in Kitimat is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our local network of skilled individuals. As a member of this highly valued team, you will be tasked in assisting members of our community when they are at their most vulnerable.

We work alongside the provincial government through our local emergency program to assist people who have been evacuated from their homes due to a major disaster (fire, flood, accident, and earthquake) and help them get back on their feet by assisting them with access to food, lodging, and clothing. Training is provided at no cost to the volunteer and the positive impact on evacuees is immeasurable.

If you are interested in joining our team, please feel free to contact [ckelso@kitimat.ca](mailto:ckelso@kitimat.ca) for further information.

## Kitimat Public Library

The Kitimat Public Library proudly presents award winning author Eden Robinson on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 4:15pm. Eden will be reading from her latest book “Son of a Trickster”, which is being released February 14<sup>th</sup> and wherein “everyday teen existence meets indigenous beliefs, crazy family dynamics, and a cannibalistic river otter”.

This is the first novel in her exciting trickster trilogy.

Come out for a lively and free afternoon!

For more information, contact the Kitimat Public Library at 250-632-8985.

## Public Awareness – Snow Clearing

The District of Kitimat reminds residents NOT TO PLACE snow from private driveways and yards on to the streets.

This practice creates:

- Hazardous driving conditions
- Impedes access for emergency vehicles
- Increases snow removal time and costs significantly



For more information, please visit [www.kitimat.ca](http://www.kitimat.ca).

## Update: Minette Bay West Concept Planning Process

Thank you to everyone who participated in the planning process for Minette Bay West in 2016. All of the community input received throughout Phases 1 and 2 has been compiled in a Summary of Community Engagement document. This document is available for download on our project web page: [www.kitimat.ca/mbw](http://www.kitimat.ca/mbw).

The project team has also developed Guiding Statements for the Minette Bay West Concept Plan, based on the Summary of Community Engagement and Phase 1 site investigation findings. The Guiding Statements include a vision and eight broad goals for the site, which are based on community input and site investigation findings. The Guiding Statements are intended to be preliminary in nature and may be refined as the planning process progresses.

The next step in the planning process is the development of three concept plan options. These options are currently underway and will be presented for public review and feedback at a Community Open House at the end of February. There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback on the Guiding Statements at the Open House. Details about the event are provided below:

**When:** Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3:30 – 7:30 pm

**What:** Casual, drop-in format Open House, with poster boards on display and District staff and consultants available to answer questions

**Where:** Joanne Monaghan Community Room at Riverlodge Recreation Centre

Everyone is welcome at the Open House. Childcare will be provided at no cost to Open House attendees during the event. For more information about the planning process for Minette Bay West, please visit our project web page: [www.kitimat.ca/mbw](http://www.kitimat.ca/mbw).

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