

## News Release

### District of Port Edward

On July 25, 2017 PNW LNG made the decision not to proceed with their planned Liquefied Natural Gas facility on LELU Island.

Mayor, Dave MacDonald, received this information at 10:00 am the morning of the announcement, he met with PNW representatives visiting from Vancouver.

The information was received with very mixed feeling, and it has taken Council a few days to process the news.

Mayor and Council first of all would like to assure all residents and everyone concerned that the District will continue, as always, in the efficient day to day operations of running one of the nicest location on the BC Coast. We enjoy our location along the Coast and our proximity to good neighbours in and around Prince Rupert as well as Terrace and Kitimat.

Clearly this news was not anticipated, as we had signed off on potential tax agreements and looking forward to working with our First Nation and other partners on moving forward with infrastructure development to meet the service demands that would have come with the construction of the PNW LNG facilities, also the rapid development and community growth.

“All the hard work and planning that has been put into place will continue to be available and useful for future development” said Mayor Dave. We will continue to work towards seeing Wampler Way Bypass road become a reality, maybe not now but certainly in the future. This will support community partners in developing the land in and around Wampler Way for business and residential growth.”

Over the course of the past 4 years, working towards a final decision on the LNG project, the District has gained many new friends and we have strengthened our relationship with our First Nations communities. “These are good times for Port Edward, and we will certainly continue to work with communities on many more new projects and opportunities as they develop.”

Specifically, Port Edward can appreciate the hard work ongoing at the Port Authority with Ridley Island and growth in and around Prince Rupert. Port Edward will also complete the upgrades for the four train crossings in the town center, this summer, by installing mechanical arms and bells as per Transport Canada guidelines to stop the train whistle in town. We would also like to thank all the Stakeholders for their support and financial contribution.

Phase one of our senior’s Housing will bring eight new affordable houses to the District this year, with a potential for more affordable housing options in the future.

“Although the PNW LNG will not go ahead, many community events and local projects such as trails and the restoration of North Pacific Cannery benefited from PNW donations that supported these and other projects” said Dave MacDonald.

As for the future, Port Edward will continue to work with the “**Open for Business**” philosophy. Port Edward Council would like to thank the Region for the overwhelming support over the past few years and the opportunity for our community to be engaged in discussions about projects that can have a positive impact on this Region.