

April 2026 Quarterly Newsletter



Waterfront Playground Designs Underway

Over the past few years, we have been quietly moving forward with the redesign of the waterfront park area at the base of Bill Murray Way, with funding from the Province of BC and with past inputs from residents through both our Parks Planning and Redesign Rupert processes. The project aims to improve public access to the waterfront, integrate opportunities for highlighting of Ts'msyen arts and culture, create a more vibrant, welcoming space for residents, and support growing tourism and cruise activity and associated opportunities for local businesses to benefit from that activity. With designs and preliminary works anticipated in 2026, the real construction of this project is anticipated in 2027. The City is also seeking partnership and grant opportunities to make the funding we have in hand go as far as possible.



*Rendering for illustrative purposes

So what's included in this first phase of work?

- Tourism Prince Rupert and Museum of Northern BC partnering on Kwinitsa Station and rail zone design.
- A new playground based on community feedback, including covered areas for parents to rest and keep a watchful eye out

Stay tuned for an Open House event this summer where broader designs will be shared in greater detail.

What we heard

The City circulated a survey online and through the local School District with the aim of getting input from residents and especially parents/kids on what type of play equipment they prefer for the playground in this area. This input will be incorporated into the final designs for the playground. Additional feedback regarding washroom and beach/water access is being considered as part of broader park designs. Thank you so much to the community for your valuable input and feedback!

Preferred Play

- ✓ Rain/water activated play
- ✓ Accessible Swinging
- ✓ Mini bike course elements
- ✓ Fish climbing structure



For more details and future updates, head to:
engage.princerupert.ca/waterfront

Upcoming Events & Council Meetings

Council Meetings



Council Meetings are held at 7 pm at City Hall the following dates of the second quarter of 2026

- April 27th
- May 11th and 25th
- June 15th and 29th
- July 27th

For the full schedule go to princerupert.ca

Municipal Election



2026 is an Election year! Stay tuned for additional information. Voting day is October 17th, 2026

Recreation + Community Events



ParticipACTION Community Challenge June 1 - 30th

Go By Bike Week 2026 May 30th - June 5th

Earth Day in Seal Cove April 25th 12-3 pm

Annual Report circulated June 15th

Property Taxes due July 2nd

Where else can you learn about events?

- ➔ visitprincerupert.com/events
- ➔ Active Living Guide (link on p.2!)
- ➔ Arts Council Newsletter



Sign up for email updates and engagement opportunities at Rupert Talks!

engage.princerupert.ca/register



Major Project Updates

BIG Project Updates

11th Avenue East, Conrad,
Victoria/Crestview

This project began construction in October 2025 and is well underway. Completion is anticipated in Summer 2026.

9th Ave West

This project began construction in October, and all utility work is now complete. The area is awaiting paving and curbing once weather permits.

Alfred Street

The City is currently finalizing the next steps in the design process, with project completion to follow over the spring and summer.

Crestview Drive

Crestview is currently receiving an additional layer of pavement.

For more details on this ongoing push to renew failing water/sewer infrastructure, head to engage.princerupert.ca/big



Park Ave Wastewater Treatment Wetland System

This project began construction in January and has been progressing since then.

2nd Avenue Bridge

Contractors have ordered the necessary parts, and work on the bridge is anticipated to begin in 4–6 weeks and last several months.

3rd + 4th Ave West Staircase

Following the snow melt, the project will resume, with completion anticipated in late spring.

Additional Chlorination Site

The City is in the process of initiating an additional chlorination site in the community to enhance the effectiveness of the current water treatment system while work continues toward a secondary form of treatment.

New Public Works facility

Renovations to the existing facility are now substantially complete, with a portion of staff taking occupancy in January 2026. The additional building, which will serve as a purpose-built office and lunchroom, is anticipated to be ready for occupancy in September 2026.

We're making Recreation More Fun/Accessible!

- Fun Fridays April 17th, May 15th, and June 12th - Free swims for youth aged 13-18 at 6 pm for dinner and social time in the viewing area, followed by a free public swim from 6:30 - 8:30 pm with lifeguard led games. No need to register!
- Free Saturday Drop ins for Youth in the Gym - From 5 pm - 9pm, on Saturdays, our gym is currently trialing a free session for youth drop in.
- Sunday Sensory Swims are happening April 26th, May 24th, and June 28th - these swims are tailored for those who prefer a low sensory environment. There is reduced lighting (when safe), no music, fountains turned off, hot tub jets/lights disabled, and a limit of 39 patrons per swim.
- Wednesday 'Onie' Swims April 8th & 22nd, May 6th & 20th, and June 3rd and 17th - Access the pool at discounted rates
- Saturday Family Drop In Gym - Saturdays from 9am-11am (drop in rates apply)



Looking for information on what programs are on offer at our Recreation Department? Look no further!



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera, or inquire about available programming at (250) 634 6707.

Scan me!

Housing Coming Online



40 units on 9th Ave West



70 units on 11th Ave East completed by Lax Kw'alaams

These projects put the community at over 200 additional housing units now completed or under way on City provided properties since 2019, providing everything from supportive to affordable to non-market housing



We've stayed seriously focused on renewal. It's underway. And just beginning.



- Mayor Herb Pond

