

Village Voice



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A new year is the perfect time to try something new! Volunteer opportunities are a great way to explore an interest, build new skills, and gain experience, all while contributing to the community. Consider one of the positions available below, or contact the Village Office with an idea of your own: 250-761-4229 or adminzeb@recn.ca. No experience necessary, training is available!

Zeballos Volunteer Fire Department (ZVFD)



The ZVFD provides fire protection services for Zeballos and Ehatís, as well as support for BC Ambulance and the Zeballos Emergency Program. Members receive on-duty accident and life insurance coverage, as well as a tax credit for service. Fire Chief and Fire Fighter positions are available. To join, just come to the next Fire practice on Wednesday night at 7pm.

Zeballos Emergency Program (ZEP) and Emergency Social Services (ESS)

The Zeballos Emergency Program and Emergency Social Services volunteers provide a wide-range of local services in an emergency. This team sets up and runs the Emergency Operation Centre, providing a warm, dry place to come for meals, lodging, supplies, and information; and coordinates support for people stranded out-of-town when a landslide closes the road. ESS Director and Team Member positions available. If interested, contact Meredith at the Village Office. Follow us on Facebook: Zeballos EPC!



Zeballos Board of Variance The Board of Variance is a three person committee that operates independently of Council to hear applications for variances to the Zoning Bylaw. Members are appointed annually, and there is one seat available. If interested, contact Eileen at the Village Office.

Zeballos Heritage Board The Heritage Board provides direction and oversight to the Museum Curator, and plays an active role in creating museum displays, preserving artifacts, recording information, and hosting museum tours as needed and available. If interested, contact the Village Office.



Zeballos Initiative for Produce Society (Z.I.P.S.) Fondly referred to as the "Garden Club", Z.I.P.S. manages the Zeballos Community Garden and hosts social events in the Village. They are working to build a productive, food bearing garden and need your help and expertise! Willing to get your hands dirty? Contact Julie Colborne or the Village Office if interested.



Tsunami Warning and Evacuation

At 12:32 am on January 23, 2018, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake struck off the coast of Kodiak, Alaska. This type, size, and depth of earthquake met the conditions to generate a tsunami, and a warning was issued to coastal communities, including ours. Our Emergency Program, the Zeballos Volunteer Fire Department, BC Ambulance crew, Canadian Rangers, and others began receiving warning messages and/or were dispatched to respond. The tsunami siren was triggered at 2:24am to signal the need to evacuate. Everyone gathered at the east side evacuation site until we received word that the threat had passed, about 4:40am. The actual tsunami generated reached a maximum height of about 8.5 inches, and was limited to Alaska and Northern BC.

This event highlighted some serious gaps in our emergency preparedness, most notably the fact that residents in Oclucje never received an alert. Additionally, the Strathcona Regional District has issued a formal apology to residents of our area for the failure of the Connect Rocket service to send out notifications. They are working to fix the problem. For those that didn't hear our local siren, know that a second siren is currently being installed on the west side of town. We are planning an **area-wide test of the new siren with full evacuation drill on March 8th**. I'll keep you posted.

I am so thankful that there was no tsunami, and for all the volunteers that sprang into action last night, knocking on doors and ensuring everyone made it out of town, conducting a head count, directing traffic, listening to your radios for updates and sharing information, and sharing fuel, food, water, blankets, and flashlights!

Now go pack your emergency grab-and-go bag and have it ready by the door! And sign with Connect Rocket up to receive emergency notifications by phone: <https://strathconard.connectrocket.com/>.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

All Regular Meetings of Council are held at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Village Office at 157 Maquinna Avenue, Zeballos, British Columbia.

These are the 2018 regular meeting dates:

January 09	May 15	September 18
February 20	June 19	October 16
March 20	July 17	November 20
April 17	August 21	December 18

Special Meetings and/or Committee Meeting Notices are posted on the Village Office bulletin board at least 24 hours prior to meeting times.

CLINIC SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 2018

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Jan 29 MON	Dr. Armogam (TH)	10-12 approx.
Feb 5 MON	Dr. Whitaker	12—2 approx.
Feb 12 MON	NO DOCTOR	12—2 approx.
Feb 19 MON	Dr. Armogam	12—2 approx.
Feb 26 MON	Dr. Mijares	12—2 approx.
Call Clinic to make Appointments 250-761-4274	Nurse Helpline 24 hours 866-215-4700	On non-doctor days closed: 12:00 - 1:00 pm