



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Major Contributions grant for the Village of Port Clements Fire Hall Renovations**

## GWAI TRUST BOARD PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Gwaii Trust board was busy during the fall, with directors and staff holding two strategic planning sessions in September and October to design initiatives as we move into the new year. Our youth board also met, making recommendations which will be going forward to the next board meeting for review. We're now in the process of putting together an operations plan for 2020. Watch for opportunities to engage in community discussion throughout the year, and keep your eyes on our website and social media for updates on grant application deadlines and meeting dates.

The annual deadline for our Major Contributions grant is January 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Major Contributions is designed to support larger projects in community infrastructure and planning. Our goal is to help build safer, healthier and more attractive communities. This grant is open to applications from local government and non-profit organizations. 2019 recipients included:

- **Gowgaia Institute, Mapping Infrastructure Project, \$47,984**
- **Sandspit Community Society, High Hopes for Hoops, \$105,465**

- **Sandspit Volunteer Fire Dept, Sandspit Fire Protection Project, \$76,435**
- **Village of Port Clements, Fire Hall Exterior Renovations, \$75,248**
- **Village of Masset, Masset Mobile Equipment Upgrades, \$82,355**
- **Queen Charlotte Heritage Society, Seniors & Family Housing Project, \$185,345**
- **School District 50, Wellness Spaces in our Schools, \$26,785**

There is only one intake per year, so be sure to get your application in. For complete details and application forms, please see our website at [gwaitrust.com](http://gwaitrust.com)

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Our office will be closed from noon on Friday, December 20, and reopening on Monday, January 6.

Wishing everyone a fantastic fall and wonderful holiday season.