

# Tofino Ratepayers Association

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Hello Ratepayers. Happy New Year

First on your list of New Year's resolutions should be to respond to the District of Tofino budget planning process.

I am sending everyone a link for input into the Tofino budget planning process. <http://tofino.ca/budget>

I encourage everyone to make additional comments to councillors directly. In the past, many have felt that their views were not adequately represented in the assembled summaries that were presented to council by staff; your specific submission did not go directly to council.

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Of greatest concern right now is that you provide comments on the development of a proposed pay parking scheme.

I have reduced and simplified our list of points we want to get out.

#1 Parking should be free to local residents, taxpayers and workers. Offshore folks park for free already.

#2 Generated monies should go first to offset the costs currently incurred by the community, in the areas of bylaw enforcement, washrooms, showers, garbage collection, servicing and maintenance of parking areas etc.

#3 System should be simple and unobtrusive.

#4 We do not want a system with a lot more parking lots. Such decisions should be dealt with by public input and consultation.

#5 The pay parking scheme must apply to the whole of Tofino.

About the MRDT

On another subject, while we are at it, we should take this opportunity to press council on the matter of the MRDT. That is the so-called bed tax, that is used by Tourism Tofino to promote and facilitate tourism in Tofino. It is timely that council hear that the community is looking for some support for

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infrastructure, directly from the tourists themselves to offset their disproportionate use of water, sewer, etc and related costs to the community. Please include your support for the MRDT being used to offset the costs to the community of the current level of visitation we are experiencing.

Cheers Jack Gillie