



Electoral Area A – Dodge Cove

Across the Prince Rupert harbour, is the small artisan and fishing commuter community of Dodge Cove. Few of BC's coastal communities have as diverse and rich cultural history. Located on Digby Island, the home of the airport serving Prince Rupert, the town was built on the site of an ancient Tsimshian village named Kanagatsiyot, which the elders say was the birthplace of Txamsem, the Ts'msyen trickster. There is a corresponding wealth of native history in this entire area and the focus of many archeological digs.

In the early 1900's the area was settled by Norwegian fishermen who called their community "Norwegian Village", which after WW1, became the centre for the industrious Wahl Boatyard. Every Monday a keel was laid, every Friday a hull was launched. In all, the Wahl Boatyards built more than 1,100 boats, supplying the northern salmon canneries with entire fleets. Most recently, the "Cove" has become a living retreat for artists and artisans who are attracted by the stunning scenery and wildlife. A fixed link connecting Digby Island and Tsimshian peninsula with the mainland is in the planning stages.

As residents will tell you, life is simple there with no paved roads, no shopping centres, and no cars. For those reasons, Dodge Cove has established a reputation as a rustic eco-tourism location where visitors spend the day visiting artists, walking the remote beaches and enjoying the tranquility of coastal village life.