



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — January 25th, 2016

- ⇒ **Council heard concerns from community members regarding cuts to the Community Enhancement Grant to the library.** The Mayor reassured the audience that budget consultations have not yet begun, and should funds become available, that the **library will be a priority in receiving any extra monies.** Council has also directed to provide aid in finding the library applicable grants, and helping with the application process.
- ⇒ Council heard a Report from the City Planner **Re: 1 Km Rule for Wine Stores in Grocery Stores.** Council decided to table this item to be discussed further during the renewal of the Official Community Plan.
- ⇒ Council gave first reading to the **Application for Development Variance Permit at 1020 Conrad Street,** and allowed the application to proceed to public notification.
- ⇒ Council heard a Report from the City Planner regarding **the rezoning of Lot 3 District Lot 251 Range 5 Coast District Plan 10313 (Drake Crescent) to increase density from “RM1” to “RM3”.** Council engaged in a discussion regarding working with the developer to request park space and pathways within the development, and will bring this request to the developer following a public hearing. Council voted to give Second Reading to the proposed City of Prince Rupert Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2015; and Council directed Staff to schedule a **Public Hearing on February 22nd, 2016 at 7:00 pm prior to the Regular Meeting of Council** to facilitate community feedback.
- ⇒ Council repealed the City Of Prince Rupert Elections And Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 3352, 2014 and all other bylaws and amendments, and gave first reading to the General Local Election Bylaw No. 3385, 2016. This process will **enable the by-election of a new School Board trustee.** To expedite the process, Council will have a special meeting on Wednesday of this week to adopt the bylaw. Council plans to appoint Chief and Deputy electoral officers at the February 9th Council meeting.
- ⇒ Council passed a motion to accept the **Terms of Reference for the 2030 Sustainable City Mayoral Select Standing Committee,** officially establishing the Committee. The Committee will make recommendations to Council to adopt an overarching policy framework that will enable sustainability-related initiatives in the community.
- ⇒ Council passed a motion to accept the **Terms of Reference for the Planning for Major Projects, OCP and Affordable Housing Policy Development Special Committee,** officially establishing the Committee. Based on the influx of construction and population anticipated by research conducted under the Planning for Major Projects initiative, the Committee will look at policy relating to: managing applications for amendments to the zoning, etc; coordinating the incorporation of affordable housing, secondary suite, land use according to data collected in Planning for Major Projects; and schedule updates to the Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaws, etc.
- ⇒ Council decided to table the **Terms of Reference for the Community Services/Small Business Advisory Committee,** until the next Council meeting to allow for edits.
- ⇒ Mayor Brain gave an update from **the Innovation and Sustainability Community Pilot on Affordable Housing Services for Prince Rupert, stating that a report will be provided by Shauna Wouters to the Committee in February, and a draft proposal will be provided to the Provincial Government in March.** Council will work with the committee to identify an appropriate piece of City land to support the project, and, as per the development of the OCP and Affordable Housing Policy Development Special Committee, the City will also develop complementary policy to support the development of further affordable housing units.