

A photograph of the City of Prince Rupert building, a large, white, multi-story structure with many windows and a prominent entrance. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are some green bushes and a few people walking. The text "CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font at the bottom of the image.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — November 23rd, 2015

- ⇒ Mayor, Council, and Prince Rupert residents were invited to attend “Stones in His Pockets” - a Harbour theatre production playing at the Lester Centre December 10th-12th.
- ⇒ The City Planning Department provided updates on requests for Development Permits. Mayor and Council moved that a public hearing on the Bill Murray Way housing development be held December 7th at 7pm at City Hall, and also moved the first reading of a housing development proposal for Drake Crescent.
- ⇒ The Mayor provided an update on developments regarding the Innovation and Sustainability Community Pilot on affordable housing services for Prince Rupert—which, through external funding provided to the Prince Rupert Aboriginal Community Services Society has now hired a consultant to work on developing a proposal for an affordable housing development. The committee is made up of members from the Prince Rupert Aboriginal Community Services Society, Prince Rupert Transition Society, the City of Prince Rupert, and Hecate Strait Employment Services Society.
- ⇒ Mayor and Council heard a report from Willa Thorpe, Director of Recreation Services, on the proposed changes to Recreation Fee structure. Council voted to approve the suggested changes, including, but not limited to:
 - Continued support for Lower Income families through the Recreation Access program
 - Five per cent of annual profits put into a capital improvements fund towards future recreation infrastructure
 - Restructuring fees to have a seniors/student rate—resulting in an overall reduction of fees for seniors by 25%.
 - An increase of Recreation fees by 5% each year until 2020, resulting in less than a \$1 to the student/senior rate, and roughly \$1.50 increase for adults
- ⇒ Councillor Blair Mirau provided a report on his trip to the “Fit for Children” summit
- ⇒ Congratulations were extended to the new and incumbent representatives elected in Lax Kw’alaams
- ⇒ Mayor Brain spoke to the closure of canning operations at Canfisco—stating that the City continues to work to understand the extent of layoffs, and that the Province will be extending help to those who lost their jobs through the Hecate Strait Employment Services Society

