



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — February 6th, 2017

- ⇒ Council held a **public hearing on Interim Zoning Bylaw Amendment 3408, 2016 to temporarily establish commercial marijuana operations as a prohibited use in all zones**, where several members of the public spoke.
- ⇒ Council heard a **presentation from Aurora LNG representatives Andrew Hamilton and Jason Gouw regarding their proposed project on Digby Island**, and were provided the opportunity to ask questions. Additionally, the general public is **invited to an Open House on the project this Wednesday, February 8th, from 4-8pm at the Moose Hall in Prince Rupert**.
- ⇒ Council approved a **grant application for a two-phased structural assessment of the CN Rail heritage building** through the Canada 150 Provincial heritage granting program. If grant funds are received, these drawings would permit the City to look towards future opportunities to refurbish the heritage site.
- ⇒ Council **resolved to provide several letters of support for grant applications to community organizations**—including the Prince Rupert Special Events Society for the Children’s Festival; Shames Mountain Coop for a new snowcat; and, the Seamen’s Rugby Club and School District 52 for equipment upgrades.
- ⇒ Additionally, Council approved the request from Prince Rupert Toastmasters for **February, 2017, to be declared “Toastmasters Month” in Prince Rupert; and for the week of February 20th-24th, 2017 to be known as “Chamber of Commerce Week”**.
- ⇒ **Council announced several board appointments, released from the January 9th Closed Council Meeting**. Chelsea Keays and Glen Groulx were appointed to the Prince Rupert Library Board. Council appointed Charmayne Carlson, Irene Mills, Marc Page, James Warburton, Brian Musgrave, Craig Outhet, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce (either the President, VP, or 2nd VP only) to the Business Advisory Committee.
- ⇒ Following the public hearing, Council passed Interim Zoning Bylaw Amendment 3408, 2016 to **temporarily prohibit the commercial production and sale of marijuana in Prince Rupert**. This Bylaw comes in response to the Federal Government’s indication that in 2017 they will pass legislation to permit recreational marijuana use. The Bylaw will provide the City adequate time to develop municipal regulations regarding commercial marijuana sales. Resident’s personal use of marijuana for medical purposes as currently permitted under Federal regulations continues to be permitted under existing legislation. The Bylaw has a current ‘sunset’ date of January 1st, 2018.

