

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — January 9th, 2017

⇒ Council approved sending a **letter of support to the District of Port Edward for their application to designate the North Pacific Cannery Museum as a UNESCO Heritage Site.**

⇒ Council approved **two grant applications for the procurement and installation of two accessibility lifts in the Recreation Complex.** One from Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$15,000, and another from the Rick Hansen Foundation for \$30,000 under their Access4All funding initiative.



⇒ Council gave first reading to a **proposed zoning amendment to convert the Neptune Motel to a seniors housing development.** Council voted to allow the proposal to move forward, to instruct the applicant to hold an Information Meeting for the public about their proposal, and for staff to conduct any necessary referrals.

⇒ Council gave first and second reading to a Bylaw that would **temporarily prohibit the commercial 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. If passed, the Bylaw would provide the City adequate time to develop municipal regulations regarding commercial marijuana sales. **A public hearing will be held ahead of the January 23rd Council meeting**—where the community will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed Bylaw. Resident's personal use of marijuana for medical purposes as currently permitted under Federal regulations will not be impacted.

