



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — April 11th, 2016

- ⇒ Council heard a **presentation from AltaGas**—the company proposing a propane shipping terminal on Ridley Island. The company discussed their community engagement policy and addressed concerns raised by Council regarding safety. Mayor and Council offered to share baseline statistical data collected through the City's Planning for Major Projects initiative to help inform their environmental review.
- ⇒ Council gave the **first 3 readings to Bylaw No. 3387, 2016 (Cited as Fire Control and Protection Amendment Bylaw No. 3387, 2016)**. The Bylaw was adopted as a Provincially mandated initiative to ensure minimum standards of fire training across the Province. It was noted that Prince Rupert Fire Department far exceeds these minimum requirements.
- ⇒ Council gave the first 3 readings to **the Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw No. 3388, 2016** (Portion of Chamberlin Avenue), as recommended by the Director of Operations. The Road Closure Bylaw allows the City to renew their lease with Quickload Logistics.
- ⇒ Council gave **second and third readings to the Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw No. 3371, 2015** (Park Avenue & 5 Corners).
- ⇒ Council gave the first three readings to the 5 year Financial Plan and the 2016 Property Tax Bylaw. The property tax Bylaw proposes a 0% increase to the 2016 mill rate.
- ⇒ The Mayor provided a **brief update from the the Innovation and Sustainability Community Pilot on affordable housing services for Prince Rupert**, stating that the report has been delayed, and that Council will meet shortly to discuss housing priorities.
- ⇒ Council **adopted a Children's Bill of Rights presented by Councillor Mirau**—with three young ladies in the audience cheering them on. The Bill will be presented at the Children's Day in the Park in July.
- ⇒ After determining the details in a workshop, Council passed a motion forwarded by Councillor Mirau to create a **Small Business Advisory Committee** to provide input on downtown renewal, a welcome package for business, and suggest policies and programs that are favourable to the development of small business in Prince Rupert.
- ⇒ Councillor Cunningham acknowledged the **talent shared at the Rock of Ages** musical production at the Lester Centre this past weekend.
- ⇒ Councillor Cunningham also celebrated the **success of the Cow Bay Marina and public breakwater grand opening on Saturday**—renewing access to waterfront for the community.
- ⇒ Council will consider sending a delegate to the Transport Canada committee on marine tanker traffic.
- ⇒ Councillor Niesh reminded the community to **call the Conservation Officer located in Terrace if wolves are spotted** behaving aggressively in the City limits.

