



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — April 25th, 2016

- ⇒ In the Committee of the Whole, Council heard a **presentation from the Port of Prince Rupert regarding their plans for development in Cow Bay**. These plans, available at the Port Interpretive Centre in Atlin Terminal, laid out the architectural designs provided to the Port by OMB architects. The Port is acquiring land across from Atlin Terminal to forward their existing plan.
- ⇒ With a few minor amendments, Council adopted an **Interim Land Use Policy Framework and directed staff to draft a Development Approval Information Bylaw**. These policies were drafted as part of the Planning for Major Projects initiative, which was started to ready the City for potential growth, and provide improved guidelines to developers seeking to build in Prince Rupert. Once the policy and associated amendments have been finalized, they will be available on our website and at City Hall. Check out this week's edition of the Northern View for some of the highlights from the policies.
- ⇒ Council provided direction to staff to **draft a Bylaw for a 1 km rule limiting liquor retail sales in relation to existing liquor sales outlets**. It was noted that the bylaw will specify that all existing liquor retailers will be grandfathered in to any new regulations.
- ⇒ Council gave final reading to the **Fire Control and Protection Amendment Bylaw No 3387, 2016**.
- ⇒ Council gave final readings to the 5 year financial plan Bylaw No 3389, 2016, and the 2016 Property Tax Bylaw No. 3390, 2016. The adoption of these two bylaws **finalized the 0% property tax increase this year, and secured the top up of \$96,000 in funding to the Prince Rupert Public Library**.
- ⇒ The Mayor provided a **report on Housing** — stating that BC Housing has expressed their recognition of the issues with non-market housing in Prince Rupert and has begun to address maintenance and repair concerns at existings non-market housing sites. The Mayor noted that BC Housing would be visiting the City soon to look at City lots that may be provided as locations for future non-market housing developments.

