



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — August 22nd, 2016

Council held a **public hearing on Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3398, 2016, to Regulate a Minimum 1 Kilometre Distance Between Liquor Retail Sales Establishments.** The City Planner provided a report on the proposed bylaw, and at the hearing a representative from the Belmont Liquor Store spoke in favour of the proposed bylaw. Another local liquor sales establishment and the president of the BC Government Employees Union also wrote letters in support of the bylaw.

Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting and received **public feedback on the increase in ice fees at the Prince Rupert Recreation Complex, adopted in January.** In response to these concerns among others that were brought forward across ice user groups, **in the regular meeting of Council it was decided to request a special meeting of the Recreation Commission to review the fees to determine an incremental approach to ice fee changes and the potential impact to the City's 2016 budget.**

Council received the July 2016 **Financial Variance Report from the Chief Financial Officer.**

Council gave **final approval to an application for a Development Variance Permit for 945 Ambrose Avenue.**

Council gave **final approval to an application for a Development Variance Permit for 1812 Atlin Avenue.**

Council passed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3398, 2016, to Regulate a Minimum 1 Kilometre Distance Between Liquor Retail Sales Establishments. **The Bylaw will not apply to existing liquor sales establishments, however due to the proximity of existing liquor outlets in the downtown area, no further liquor sales establishments will be permitted.**

Council directed staff to write a **letter of support for the Prince Rupert Unemployed Action Centre Society in their application(s) for funding to increase staff capacity.**

