



# CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Update from Council Meeting — June 13th, 2016

- ⇒ Council tabled the adoption of the City of Prince Rupert Impact Assessment Bylaw No. 3393, 2016, and the City of Prince Rupert Quality of Life Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 3394, 2016 until after the rescheduling of the Public Hearings. They also tabled the First, Second and Third Readings of the proposed Park Dedication Removal and Disposal Bylaw No. 3379, 2015 for the purpose of obtaining required information.
- ⇒ Council heard a **presentation from the Communications Manager on the 2015 [Annual Report](#)**, and passed the recommendation that the report be circulated to the public and a public hearing on the Annual Report be scheduled for June 27th at 7pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. The Annual Report provides a yearly snapshot of achievements and goals for next year, includes the 2015 Audited Financial Statements, and can be accessed online and at the front desk at City Hall.
- ⇒ Council approved the recommendation from the City Planner **that a development variance permit for 924 Ambrose Ave move to the public notification process.**
- ⇒ Council made public **the resolution to appoint the following individuals to the Prince Rupert Library Board** effective immediately: Heather Rose, Andrea Wilmot, Jagdev Uppal; and the following individuals were appointed/re-appointed effective Aug. 8th, 2016: Devlin Fernandes, Dale White; and Shiwani Gupta
- ⇒ Council gave final reading to the Emergency Management Program Bylaw No. 3392, 2016, with the recommendation to **appoint City Fire Chief Dave Mckenzie as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator.**
- ⇒ Council gave First, Second and Third Readings to amend the Recreation Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 3395, 2016. The bylaw was amended to **reduce the charges for space rentals to reflect a 5% annual increase for the next five years, a significant decrease from the original wording of the bylaw with regards to space rentals, and also to expand the definition of family as described in the bylaw.**
- ⇒ Council gave First, Second and Third Readings to the proposed Building Amendment Bylaw No. 3396, 2016, **amending the Building Bylaw to include the ability for residents to apply for a Temporary Use Permit should they wish to erect a structure, such as a shipping container, for storage.** If passed, the change to the bylaw would mean applications for temporary use can be made for a 6 month period, which may be extended for up to a year total. A refundable deposit must be made with the application to ensure the structure is removed.
- ⇒ Mayor provided a brief report on housing, noting that the City has made an application to the Province for funding for an affordable housing project. It was also noted that the **Metlakatla Development Corporation is hosting public meetings Wednesday, June 22nd at 2 pm and 7 pm and Thursday, June 23rd at 10 am at the Crest to gather feedback on the potential to develop the old King Edward Elementary School site into a seniors residential care facility.** All residents concerned with seniors housing availability are highly encouraged to attend.
- ⇒ Council directed staff to write a letter to the National Energy Board (NEB) asking them to reject the request for an extension to the Enbridge Northern Gateway project sunset clauses, and at the same time **inform the NEB and federal government of the City's support for a legislated ban on oil tanker traffic through Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait, and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia.**
- ⇒ Council directed staff to draft a letter to the **Federal Fisheries Minister to visit the City of Prince Rupert to further discuss the City's concerns re: the fishing industry and regulation of adjacency.**

