



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — March 21st, 2016

- ⇒ Chief Financial Officer Corrine Bomben made the second presentation of the public budget— with no questions or comments coming from members of the public during the open floor.
- ⇒ Council heard from various members of the public during the committee of the whole regarding concerns over violence against women and children, community safety and housing affordability if LNG development occurs; traffic in the McKay Street area and in general; desire to invest in alternative energy; and unlicensed external fishing charters operating in Prince Rupert.
- ⇒ Council passed a resolution to write a letter of support for the North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society (NCSFNSS) to apply for a remediation funding grant from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to fund the removal of Bunker C fuel tanks in Moresby Park, in collaboration with the City of Prince Rupert. Council heard a report from Director of Operations Richard Pucci and Robert Grodecki from NCSFNSS regarding the proposal.
- ⇒ City Council announced their board appointments to the Lester Centre of the Arts (Joanne Finlay); Prince Rupert Airport Society Board (Gloria Rendell, Don Scott, Kelly Sawchuk, and Knut Bjorndal); and the Port Edward Historical Society (Laurie Davie)
- ⇒ Council adopted the Cow Bay Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw by giving the bylaw final reading.
- ⇒ Mayor Brain gave an update from the Innovation and Sustainability Community Pilot on Affordable Housing Services for Prince Rupert. Mayor and Council will meet in the coming month to review the report completed by the Prince Rupert Aboriginal Community Services Society on servicing needs related to affordable housing, and identify next steps. Several potential City lots have been identified to donate to the project, which will also be reviewed by Council.
- ⇒ The Mayor reported that the City is currently speaking with the Ministry of Transportation and the Province regarding a road for truck traffic to bypass the downtown core.
- ⇒ Councillor Joy Thorkelson noted the 90 day deferral of the CEAA decision on the PNW LNG project

