



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — May 23rd, 2017

- ⇒ Council heard a request from Kerri Yee from Roosevelt Park School for unclaimed bikes collected by Public Works staff (once the time to claim bikes has passed) to be donated to their coordinated program for Bike to Work/School week.
- ⇒ Council heard a request with respect to Councillors compensation while participating as a board member, where it was communicated that Regional District appointees are paid for Board Appointments. For clarity, Citywest Board members, by Council resolution, have also been nominally compensated since inception of the company, however Legacy Inc. board members are not.
- ⇒ Council heard a petition/delegation from the Kaien Island Trail and Recreation Enhancement Society, and voted in favour of supporting their application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund to conduct an initial engineering study to make McClymont trail accessible.
- ⇒ Council received and approved the financial variance report from the CFO.
- ⇒ Council passed a service agreement with Tourism Prince Rupert to extend their coverage under our municipal insurance provider so as to cover mobile visitor information services beyond their current location at the Interpretive Centre.
- ⇒ Council approved the City's application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund to continue the ReDesign Rupert program.
- ⇒ Council approved two requests from the North coast Immigrant Services Society to proclaim June 1st International day, and June 15th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Prince Rupert.
- ⇒ Council Adopted the proposed Park Dedication Removal and Disposal Bylaw No. 3379, 2015 (Off Graham Avenue) moving the property into public use. Any change to zoning would have to go through a zoning amendment.
- ⇒ Council passed a motion forwarded by Councillor Blair Mirau to direct staff to develop an in-camera communications policy. It was acknowledged that the City already employs 6/10 best practices suggested by the Provincial Ombudsmen office, and meets all legal requirements for disclosure. However Council expressed the desire for a more proactive approach to communicating about closed sessions, where possible.
- ⇒ The Mayor reported on the McKay Street Park project selection as one of ten finalists in the BCAA Play Here grant competition. Residents can vote up to 4X a day from their different online accounts, including Google, Facebook, Twitter and email. Voting is open until June 18th, and the three out of ten finalists that have the highest number of votes will be awarded grant funds. If won, the \$100,000 is intended by Transition Prince Rupert to go towards clearing the land and initial park redevelopments such as a play and picnic area.
- ⇒ Mayor Lee Brain and Councillor Wade Niesh will be attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Ottawa this month—where they have meetings scheduled with Federal Ministers to discuss the needs of our community and liaise around future grant opportunities available through the FCM.
- ⇒ Mayor Lee Brain reported on his attendance at a Renewable Cities Conference in Vancouver.

