



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — January 11th, 2016

- ⇒ Council heard an update from the City Planner regarding the **Planning for Major Projects initiative, providing an overview of much of the information collected on land use, housing and population statistics**, which are available on the City's website for public viewing. The City Planner reported that a next step of the process is the integration of Planning for Major Projects with the Official Community Plan and Housing strategy, as well as an 18 month community engagement process that involves the community in planning for what they would like to see as a legacy of development. There was notice of motion to create a **working group that will develop policies around affordable housing and Planning for Major Projects**.
- ⇒ A report from the CFO was provided to Council regarding **Community Enhancement grants**. To prevent the raising of taxes and maintain levels of funding to the majority of major organizations, The majority of Council voted to approve a reduction of funding to the library, which currently receives 2/3rds of community enhancement grant funds.
- ⇒ City Council approved City support for a **memorial plaque to Colonel Peck** to be installed at the waterfront.
- ⇒ The City Planner reported on a **proposed bylaw amendment that would enable the use of shipping containers as storage facilities** in light industrial zones and by local businesses. Council passed a first reading of the bylaw. Second reading will be at the next Council meeting.
- ⇒ The Director of Operations at the Engineering department made the recommendation to Council that the **City sell three city-owned properties adjacent to Digby Towers to the owners, Macro Properties**, so that they can fulfill their parking requirement. Macro Properties has indicated that they will be renovating the building.
- ⇒ The Mayor reported on the Innovation and Sustainability Community Pilot on affordable housing services for Prince Rupert, stating that a **draft report will be provided to the Provincial Government in March**. Council will work with the committee to identify an appropriate piece of City land to support the project, and the City will also develop complementary policy to support the development of further affordable housing units.
- ⇒ City Council members and City staff **attended a workshop last week held by Portland's City Repair on Placemaking**. Over 45 people attended the workshop, with attendees participating in exercises to reimagine their neighbourhoods as more livable and inviting spaces.
- ⇒ The Mayor made a notice of motion for the **development of a 2030 Sustainable City Working Group**. City staff will bring a Terms of Reference for the committee to the next Council meeting.

