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PORT AUTHORITY BOARD SUPPORTS CITY'S HAYS 2.0 VISION

DECEMBER 11th, 2015—The PRPA Board offered their endorsement for the City's Hays 2.0 vision plan this week. In a letter detailing their support, Chairman Bud Smith stated, "We commend you for your efforts. We look forward to considering with you a number of topics in the Vision, and we will be pleased to communicate further with the City as Hays 2.0 gains traction in our community."

"The City welcomes the support from the Port's governing body, and looks forward to continuing to work together with a view to Prince Rupert's future," said Mayor Lee Brain. "We are glad to be developing a closer working relationship."

Prior to the release of the Hays 2.0 vision statement, the Mayor consulted with Board Chairman Bud Smith in order to align both of the organization's mutual interests and goals. "Mr. Smith and I have had conversations regarding components of this vision before its release, and we are happy to have established more collaboration around matters of overall vision, strategic direction, and governance at the board/council level," said Mayor Brain.

The Board thanked the City for their endorsement of the PRPA's 2020 Strategic Plan, and went on to detail the benefits of having a long term vision in place.

"As with any long term vision many of us will not be here to witness the result, but we all can benefit from the process of someone taking initiative to 'possibility think' even as we make more immediate choices about many matters," Smith stated.

"Moving into 2016, a priority for the City will be developing and implementing the elements of the vision that are more immediate," stated Mayor Brain. "We look forward to sharing more information with residents in the new year about ongoing infrastructure upgrades, initiatives surrounding sustainability and affordable housing, and all of the work we are doing to move this vision forward."

As Chairman of the Board, Smith congratulated the City for "taking this important step of encouraging citizens to think about many aspects of the community we all strive to build and make stronger."

Please find a link to the original Hays 2.0 vision on the City's website at:
www.princerupert.ca/vision/haystwo

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