



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** of Council held on March 21st, 2016 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424-3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor L. Brain
Councillor B. Mirau
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor N. Kinney
Councillor J. Thorkelson

STAFF: R. Long, City Manager
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
R. Mandryk, Corporate Administrator
V. Stewart, Communications Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the Statement of Chair on the Procedures for the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 21st, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Opportunity for Public Comment and Input – Re: 2016 Budget.

The Chief Financial Officer provided a short presentation.

4. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor invited the public to come forward with any comments about the budget. The Mayor called a second time and a third time. No speakers came forward regarding the budget.

The Mayor opened the floor to any other issues or concerns the public might wish to present to Council.

Mr. Terry Weaver, owner of a sports fishing charter business came forward and identified a number of concerns surrounding non-resident owners of charter companies utilizing local waters and the marina for business purposes but not obtaining an actual City of Prince Rupert business licenses.

Councillor Thorkelson recommended that a requirement be established for the Department of Transportation (DOT) provisioning approval for each vessel and that this information be shared via a list being produced and posted at the marina, which would outline which charter boat companies have received the DOT inspection and hold business licenses with the City of Prince Rupert.

Councillor Cunningham recommended that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as well as Transport Canada be required to help ‘police’ the issue.

Ms. Patrika Gootges presented to Council a number of her concerns surrounding the community and the future of the City.

Shelly Starr presented to Council a number of concerns regarding taxi’s and trucks driving too quickly and unsafely through city streets, as well as the development of the McKay Street Park.

Ms. Charlotte Larue came forward to Council with a suggestion in regard to texting and driving. She suggest that in Vancouver they have police at various locations throughout the city to enforce ticketing for any texting drivers. They also place Vancouver Police Officers on the buses to watch for texting drivers.

Mr. Roger Smith of Old Masset believes the City needs to look at alternative measures for other sources of energy.

The Mayor suggested that we will be putting a group together of local community members to look specifically at this initiative and invited Mr. Smith to actively participate in this.

The Mayor called for additional speakers to come forward, there being none, proceeded with adjourning the meeting.

5. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

6. ADJOURNMENT TO RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MOVED by Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

These meeting Minutes were adopted by Council. To view signed original, visit City Hall Administration or contact via phone 250-627-0934 or email Cityhall@princerupert.ca

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR