



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — April 9th, 2018

- ⇒ Council moved a **Development Variance Permit to vary the setbacks at 228 8th Avenue East to proceed to public notification.**
- ⇒ Council received a report from the Director of Communications, Fire Chief, and IT Manager regarding **the launch of a new Emergency Alert System and mobile application.** Subscription to the Emergency Alert System and mobile application are both free of charge, and subscription can be accessed at princerupert.ca/emergency, and at participating locations - including the Recreation Complex, Library, City Hall, and more. **For more information on the new program and mobile app, see the release on the City's website: <http://www.princerupert.ca/cityhall/news/april-10-2018-city-launches-emergency-alert-system-and-mobile-application>**
- ⇒ Council heard a report from the CFO regarding direction for the 2018 Budget. It was **noted in her presentation that, after receiving final BC Assessment values, Council could proceed with no increase to the municipal mill rate in the 2018 budget.**
- ⇒ At the request of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Council proclaimed **May 2018 as MS Awareness month in the City of Prince Rupert.**
- ⇒ Council released two volunteer board appointments from the Closed Meeting of March 26th—**John Farrell has been appointed for another 3 year term with the Port of Prince Rupert, and Alison O'Toole was appointed to the Board of the Lester Centre for a 2 year term.**
- ⇒ CFO Corinne Bomben, who is also appointed Chief Elections Officer, advised Council that there is no legal requirement to hold a by-election for the vacant Council position formerly held by Councilor Kinney. **Council voted that the vacant position not be reassigned until the general election on October 20th, 2018.**

