



# CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Update from Council Meeting — July 24th, 2017

- ⇒ Council held a **Committee of the Whole meeting** to hear comments and welcome any public delegations regarding issues facing the community. Two members of the public came before Council to speak.
- ⇒ Council heard a report from the acting City Manager, Corinne Bomben, on the **expropriation of Lot 4 of Watson Island, the remaining parcel of land on Watson Island owned by Sunwave Forest Products**, who redeemed the parcel during the original tax sale. The expropriation is for the purpose of redeveloping Watson Island, comprising the consolidation and subdivision of land, construction of access works including related appurtenances and improvements, and the construction of rail lines and rail spurs. The City's initial Expropriation Notice was served April 7, 2017 in accordance with the Expropriation Act. At the request of Sun Wave Forest Products Ltd., an Inquiry was held in June pursuant to the Expropriation Act, which the City participated in. Following the Inquiry, a report was delivered by Inquiry Officer Alan Hincks on July 13, 2017 recommending the proposed expropriation, subject to the exclusion of the statutory right of way of Pacific Northern Gas. **Council voted unanimously to exempt the Pacific Northern Gas Right of Way from the expropriation, and accept the recommendation of the Inquiry Officer to proceed with expropriation of a fee simple interest in Lot 4.**
- ⇒ Council approved a **Development Variance Permit Application for 1501 Sloan Avenue** to vary the height of a backyard workshop from 3.6 m to 4.5 m to **move to public notification.**
- ⇒ Councillor Niesh requested that staff report to Council in a future meeting on **options for managing abandoned and derelict vehicles throughout the community.**

