



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — May 8th, 2017

- ⇒ Council heard a report from Steve Kietzmann of Carlyle Shepherd & Co the Independent Auditor of the City **regarding the City's 2016 audited financial statements**. With no reservations presented by the Auditor, Council voted to pass the 2016 Audited Financial Statements.
- ⇒ Council heard a Report from the Community Planner – Re: an **Application for a Development Variance Permit for 405 – 5th Avenue East**. Council voted for the Permit to proceed to Final Consideration.
- ⇒ Report from the Manager of Community Development regarding an **update to the City of Prince Rupert Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)**. Council approved plan, which will be posted shortly to the City's website.
- ⇒ Council received a report regarding the **Northwest Regional Workforce Attraction Initiative**. Council voted to approve support for the partnership on an application, to be submitted by the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, to the BC Rural Dividend Fund for the Northwest Regional Workforce Attraction Initiative, and support this project through its duration.
- ⇒ City Council voted to support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the **Prince Rupert Special Events Society for a grant of up to \$2,500.00 for the Seafest community festival**.
- ⇒ Council heard a report from the City Planner regarding the **proposal to convert the former Neptune Motel to a Seniors housing development**. OCP Amendment Bylaw 3409, 2016 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment 3410, 2016 were given Second reading, and Council scheduled a Public Hearing for June 12th, 2017 at 7:00 pm prior to the Regular Council Meeting to receive public feedback on the applications.
- ⇒ Councillor Blair Mirau forwarded a motion to review and adopt several general best practices provided by the Ombudsperson's Office to guide all municipalities **with respect to communication surrounding Closed Council Meetings**.

