



# CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Update from Council Meeting — December 9th, 2019

- Council presented **Phuong Nguyen** with a **Civic Appreciation Award** for his **tireless effort in photographing and documenting community events.**
- Council heard a presentation from the **RCMP Staff Sgt. Pascal Baldinger** on the various programs offered by local RCMP, as well as response to Prince Rupert's ranking in the recent Macleans ranking on crime statistics.
- Council passed a resolution supporting a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for **\$20,000 in funding for the Business Façade Improvement Program in 2020.**
- The Chief Financial Officer presented the Financial Variance Report, where it was noted that **operational costs of our water utility have been higher due to increased mandatory water testing frequency.**
- Council passed the **2020 Capital works/purchases budget**, which highlighted some major expenditures, including:
  - Continuation of the Woodworth dam project;
  - Study and mapping of Outfall I (in anticipation of wastewater treatment);
  - Development of a landfill leachate lagoon and blasting for the new landfill cell;
  - Replacement of the inefficient boiler at the Recreation Complex;
  - A condition assessment of the City's bridges;
  - Purchase of a garbage truck with recycling capacity;
  - And an increase to the capital paving budget)
- Council passed **three bylaw amendments to fees and charges for cemetery fees and charges (an increase of 3%), as well as updates to the Finance administration, and RCMP administration fees and charges.**

