



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on May 9th, 2016 at 7:00 pm 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 Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of May 9th, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of April 25th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 25th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

c) MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting of April 25th, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: 2015 Audited Financial Statements.

The Chief Financial Officer presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Council receive the City of Prince Rupert 2015 Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a) Letter from Joanne Finlay, Aboriginal Family Support Worker, Roosevelt Elementary and Pacific Coast School – Re: BC Poverty Reduction Plan.

WHEREAS:

1. The poverty rate in British Columbia continues to be among the highest in Canada at approximately 1 in 10 using the most conservative estimate (Low Income Cut-Off – After Tax), and child poverty rates in BC are still 1 in 5;
2. Many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level, and local residents pay for poverty in increased health care costs, higher crime, higher demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and lower economic productivity;
3. 78% of British Columbians want the provincial government to implement a poverty reduction plan;
4. BC is the last province in Canada to have a commitment to a poverty reduction plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT this Council advocate to the provincial government to develop and implement a provincial poverty reduction strategy to reduce the number of people living in poverty in BC by setting concrete targets and timelines to reduce poverty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT this Council submit the attached resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities before June 30, 2016, urging the Government of BC to adopt a comprehensive and accountable provincial poverty reduction strategy to reduce the number of people living in poverty in BC by setting concrete targets and timelines to reduce poverty.

MOVED by Councillor Mirau and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that a resolution of support be provisioned by Council with regards to the Municipal UBCM resolution for a ‘Call for a Poverty Reduction Plan for British Columbia’.

CARRIED

8. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

9. BYLAWS

- a) **Report from the Director of Operations – Re: Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw No. 3388, 2016 (Portion of Chamberlin Avenue).**

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that Council Adopts the closure of a portion of Chamberlin Avenue required to provision the bare land Lease between Quickload and the City of Prince Rupert.

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- b) **Report from the Director of Operations – Re: Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw No. 3371, 2015 (Park Avenue & 5 Corners).**

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Council Adopts the Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw No. 3371, 2015 (Park Avenue & 5 Corners).

CARRIED

Councillor Thorkelson - OPPOSED

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- a) **Mayor Lee Brain – Re: Housing Committee – no housing update.**

The Mayor provided a verbal update.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 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