



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on June 25, 2018 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. Cunningham
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor J. Thorkelson

ABSENT: Councillor B. Mirau

STAFF: R. Long, City Manager
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
R. Mandryk, Corporate Administrator
V. Stewart, Communications Manager
Z. Krekic, City Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Regular Meeting be suspended and the Committee of the Whole Meeting be convened.

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 25, 2018 be adopted as presented with the addition of 7(a) Fisheries Resolution for UBCM Conference in September, 2018.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 11, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 11, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Report from the City Planner – Re: Development Permit Application for 1500 Blk. Park Avenue - 36 Unit BC Housing Project.

The City Planner presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council issue Development Permit No. DP 18-04 in accordance with the drawings attached to the application and updated site plan.

CARRIED

b) Report from the City Planner – Re: Application for Development Variance Permit for 1053 – 1st Avenue West.

The City Planner presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Development Variance Permit Application No. DP-18-05 for 1053 1st Avenue West proceeds to the Public Notification.

CARRIED

c) Report from the City Manager – Re: 2017 Annual Report.

The City Manager presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council, by resolution, having heard the comments of the public approve the 2017 Annual Report.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a) UBCM Resolution

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, Seconded by Councillor Randhawa that the following resolution be sent to the UBCM for consideration.

WHEREAS BC's wild commercial fishery contributes \$800 million dollars in wholesale value to the Provincial economy, of which \$400 million dollars is in landed value paid to fishermen when the fish is 'landed'; and,

WHEREAS Rural coastal communities benefit from the portion of the landed value paid to fishermen who reside in our communities and we benefit from wages paid to shoreworkers if there are processing plants in our community; and,

WHEREAS the Federal *Fisheries Act* has been reopened to “help ensure that the economic benefits of fishing remain with the licence holders and their community by providing amendments to the *Fisheries Act* that would help support a strong independent inshore commercial fishery in Atlantic Canada and Quebec”; and,

WHEREAS the amended *Fisheries Act* would recognize that when making decisions under the *Act*, the Minister can take into account:

- social, economic and cultural factors
- the preservation and promotion of an independent inshore commercial fishery as in Atlantic Canada and Quebec

The proposed *Act* would clarify that regulations can be made to enshrine aspects of the inshore fisheries policies in regulations, including rules that:

- help ensure that the holder of a licence retains the benefits generated by fishing,
- ensure that only the licence holder personally fishes using that licence,
- support the Fleet Separation Policy by prohibiting certain types of corporations from holding licenses in the inshore sector,
- allow the suspension or cancellation of licences where licence holders are party to an agreement that violates any part of the *Act* or regulations.

These proposed changes to the *Fisheries Act* would:

- protect middle-class jobs and coastal communities by helping to keep the benefits from fishing in the hands of the harvesters and local communities,
- strengthen the implementation of the owner-operator and fleet separation policies; and,

WHEREAS these changes to the *Fisheries Act* would protect middle-class jobs and coastal communities by keeping the benefits from fishing in the hands of harvesters and local communities only apply to Atlantic Canada and Quebec; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Fisheries policies in the Pacific Region are to continue to privatize the fisheries, which lowers the retained value to working fishermen as they have to pay quota lease fees to investors, who are increasingly becoming foreign countries and our communities are not realizing the benefits as are Atlantic communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture work with the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans on a fulsome coordinated review of fishing policy on the BC Coast; and,

WHEREAS the Province work with the Federal Government on the implementation of a regulatory framework that would incorporate the principles of fleet separation, owner-operation, and adjacency; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Prince Rupert send the Resolution to the UBCM Conference for consideration, asking that the changes to the Fisheries Act apply to the Pacific Coast so our working fishermen and BC coastal communities benefit from the fisheries.

CARRIED

8. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

9. BYLAWS

a) Elections Voting Procedure and Automated Vote Counting System Authorization Bylaw No. 3428, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council Adopts the Elections Voting Procedure and Automated Vote Counting System Authorization Bylaw No. 3428, 2018.

CARRIED

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 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 e-mail cityhall@princerupert.ca

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR