



# City of Prince Rupert

## MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 immediately following the Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (*via telephone*)

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Regular Meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to order at 8:03 p.m.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### 3. MINUTES

a) MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Mirau that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

- c) **MOVED** by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

**4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) **Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: October 2015 Financial Variance Report.**

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council receives this report for information purposes.

CARRIED

- b) **Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: 2016 Financial Plan Capitol Works & Purchases.**

The Chief Financial Officer presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council approve, by resolution, the proposed schedules of Capital Works and Capital Purchases so that City Staff can begin to plan and organize for their acquisition and construction in the 2016 Fiscal Period.

CARRIED

- c) **Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: 2016 Community Enhancement Grants.**

The Chief Financial Officer presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mirau and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Council direct Staff to develop a report to be presented in the next Council meeting with recommendations allocating the \$850,000 grant cap amongst repeat applicants only, based on the following four (4) criteria:

- (1) by frequency of use by community members;
- (2) by diversity of services provided;
- (3) by value to the community as a whole; and,
- (4) by lowest possible impact on service levels from a reduction in funding.

CARRIED

Councillor Thorkelson - OPPOSED

- d) **Report from the City Planner – Re: Application for Development Variance Permit No. DP-15-25 for 724 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.**

The City Planner presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Development Variance Permit Application No. DP-15-25 for 724 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue East proceeds to final consideration.

CARRIED

## 7. REQUESTS

## 8. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

- a) **On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at the Closed Meeting of Council, the following resolution was made:**

*MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Kinney that Mayor and Council approve the recommendations of the Engineering Department and Associated Engineering and award the Shawatlans Pump Station upgrade to The Electrician.*

CARRIED

## 9. BYLAWS

- a) **Report from the City Planner – Re: Amendment to the Proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3377, 2015 to Introduce a new Downtown Highrise Zone (C6); and to Amend Downtown Development Permit Area Design Guidelines Accordingly (at Bill Murry Way).**

MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Mirau that Council gives Third Reading and Adopts the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3377, 2015.

CARRIED

Councillor Thorkelson - OPPOSED

- b) **Report from the City Planner – Re: Proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3378, 2015 - Property Located At 1500 Ottawa Avenue From Public Facilities Zone (P1) To Multiple Family Residential Zone (Rm3) (Kanata School).**

The City Planner presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Thorkelson that the request for a Second Reading of the proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3378, 2015 and request for a Public Hearing, BE TABLED pending Council meeting with the Developer and receiving further information.

CARRIED

Mayor Brain requested that a meeting with the Developer be scheduled prior to December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

City Manager, Robert Long, advised that getting all of the information required to be able to make a decision is prudent. Gathering all of the information prior to any Public Hearing is a more efficient use of time and less costly than an additional

Public Hearing. Mr. Long suggested Council put together a list of issues/questions for the Developer, such as the following:

- Questions in regard to Density
- The possibility of development of the project in phases
- How to manage these project phases
- How to manage lower/higher density rather than being RM3
- Is the Developer prepared to deal with the buffer issue

**c) Report from the Director of Operations – Re: Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 3380, 2015 (A Portion of Prince Rupert Blvd, Albert Av & Parking Lot)**

The Director of Operations presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Mirau that Council give First, Second and Third Readings to the Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 3380, 2015.

CARRIED

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

Councillor Thorkelson and Councillor Mirau recused themselves at 9:10 pm due to a possible conflict of interest.

**a) Letter from UFAWU/UNIFOR – Re: CFC Canning Closure.**

Presentation by Arnie Nagy, President of Local #31 and Conrad Lewis, Vice President of Local #31.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council acknowledges and resolves as follows:

WHEREAS the commercial fishing industry contributes in a large way to Prince Rupert's economy and the City and its residents will be negatively impacted by the closure of Canadian Fishing Company's Oceanside Cannery; and

WHEREAS over two hundred million dollars in landed value and four hundred million dollars in wholesale value is derived from the BC's central and north coasts and with the closure of the cannery, little of that value will accrue to Prince Rupert and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS the fisheries resource belongs to the people of Canada and therefore should not be used solely for the benefit of private corporate interests but should also benefit the communities adjacent to the resource; and

WHEREAS Federal regulations permit the consolidation of licenses and quota into the hands of corporations, giving them de facto control over harvesting of fish and where it is processed;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans implement the policies of fleet separation and owner-operator, similar to those in

Atlantic Canada, which have successfully kept harvesting rights in the hands of those who fish; and

THEREFORE be it finally resolved that the principle of adjacency be applied to fish processing in BC to ensure that processing jobs are retained in the rural coastal communities adjacent to the fisheries resource; and

THAT having made the preceding resolution, that Council directs Staff to send a letter of support in this regard to the appropriate Federal and Provincial Ministries.

CARRIED

Councillor Thorkelson and Councillor Mirau returned to the meeting at 9:55pm.

**11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**12. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**a) Housing Committee**

The Mayor gave an update on Housing.

**b) Councillor Cunningham - Liquor Licensing**

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council give direction to Staff to review the existing City of Prince Rupert Zoning Bylaws and provide Council with information on how to proceed implementation of a one (1) kilometer distance rule, which is no longer stipulated in the *Provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, into the City's existing Zoning and Licensing criteria.

CARRIED

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the meeting be adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

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MAYOR

Certified Correct:

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CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR