



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held on March 12th, 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. Mirau
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor J. Thorkelson—via teleconference

ABSENT: Councillor N. Kinney

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 Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of March 12th, 2018 be adopted as presented, with the addition of 6(a) Resolution of Council for BC Commercial Fisheries.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Cunningham that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 26th, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Mirau that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting of February 26th, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

c) MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 26th, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) **Corinne Bomben, Chief Financial Officer, City of Prince Rupert – Re: Opportunity for public to comment on the 2018 Budget.**

Ms. Bomben presented before Council.

The Mayor invited members of the public present to come forward and ask questions pertaining directly to the budget.

Mr. Larry Golden of 1601 2nd Avenue West asked about the RCMP.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a) **Resolution of Council for BC Commercial Fisheries**

Councillor Mirau recused himself due to perceived conflict at 7:23p.m.

Councillor Thorkelson presented on the resolution being brought forward regarding the BC Commercial Fishery.

MOVED BY Councillor Thorkelson and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that (Council adopt the following resolution):

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,

THEREFORE IT BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Prince Rupert write the Minister of Fisheries 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; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Prince Rupert forward this resolution to the Provincial government asking for their support for this resolution; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the City of Prince Rupert forward this resolution to the Regional District and other coastal Regional Districts and ask for its support and the support of the member communities.

CARRIED

More information may be found at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/campaign-campagne/fisheries-act-loi-sur-les-peches/policies-politiques-eng.html>

Councillor Mirau returned to the meeting at 7:32 pm.

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

8. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

9. BYLAWS

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Various items were discussed by members of Council.

A request to submit a resolution to the NCLGA regarding municipalities having the opportunity to take any unpaid fines with regards to residential properties and applying those fines to the taxes of said property.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 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