

SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

Highlights from the February 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Welcome New RCMP Sgt. George Jenkins

Council officially welcomed Ucluelet's new District Commander Sergeant George Jenkins. Sgt. Jenkins has transferred from Salt Spring Island and has been working closely with departing Sergeant Jeff Swann on his orientation to Ucluelet. He is looking forward to continuing the service excellence the community of Ucluelet has received under Sgt. Swann.

Council also recognized Sgt. Swann for his many years of dedicated service and contributions to Ucluelet. Sgt. Swann spoke to the happy time he has spent serving Ucluelet and gave a brief presentation on the policing statistics for Ucluelet for 2015.

Living Wage for the West Coast

At the February 2, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, Rebecca Hurwitz from the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust reported out on their completed Living Wage Report, which concluded a living wage of \$19.27. This amount considers basics such as housing, transportation and food costs. Council will be looking to meet with members of the Ucluelet Co-op to discuss options and strategy for reducing and/or saving on food costs.

Updates from the ACRD

Mayor St. Jacques reported out on the latest Regional Board meeting. The ACRD will be contributing \$750 to the Coastal Communities Network, whose mandate is to ensure coastal communities are kept informed on issues and opportunities for their area.

The 2016 Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Convention will be April 8-10 in Nanaimo. The ACRD is putting forward a resolution on marine oil spills.

Community Forest Board moving forward

As liaison to the Community Forest Board, Councillor Noel gave an update on the elections recently conducted by the Board: Treasurer – Geoff Lyons; Secretary – Gary Johnson; and Chairman – Terry Smith. Council also passed a resolution to invite the Board to Committee of the Whole meetings on a quarterly basis to provide the community with updates.

Smoking Bylaw now in effect in Ucluelet

New Smoking Control Bylaw was officially adopted by Council. As of February 9, 2016 it is now prohibited to smoke within municipal parks, within 8m of building entryways and windows, and in restaurants and on restaurant patios. District bylaws can be found online at Ucluelet.ca or may be viewed at the District Office.

Words from BC's Seniors Advocate

The BC Seniors Advocate recently visited the West Coast. She provided statistics on seniors in the Province and highlighted programs and support available. Visit seniorsadvocatebc.ca for more information.

Next Harbour Authority Meeting is

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 - 7:30 pm

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is

Monday, February 22, 2016 - 3:00 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 - 7:30 pm

George Fraser Room, Ucluelet Community Centre
500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC

