

SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

Highlights from the March 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Community Events

The Annual Pacific Rim Whale Festival kicks off this Saturday, March 12th. This year the Whale Fest Committee is selling commemorative calendars, featuring artwork created for the festival in years' past. Look for them at the various events!

The public is also invited to attend a free performance by the Vancouver Opera, with two showings: March 10 at 10:30am and March 11 at 7:30pm at the Ucluelet Community Centre. The production of 'Stick Boy' is a riveting drama about bullying. This event was made possible by the Ucluelet and Area Historical Society!

The Seaview Seniors Housing Society will be raffling off tickets beginning in April for a variety of prizes! Members will be selling cookbooks and tickets at the Co-op on April 13 & 16 to raise money for the Society.

Health Services on the West Coast

A meeting of Ucluelet Council, representatives from Island Health, the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network, the First Nation Health Authority, and the Yuuʷiɬʷaṭh Government took place with the purpose of cross-sharing the work taking place in all areas and what the gaps are for the communities affected. Group will continue to meet to determine how to remedy health gaps and improve communication to communities on available health services and programs.

2016 Tsunami Debris Cleanup

Council has directed staff to pursue grant funding to match existing Japan Tsunami Grant funds for a 2016 Tsunami Debris Shoreline Cleanup. The initiative would again take place within Ucluelet, the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, and the shoreline down to Salmon Beach.

Three Readings for Waterworks Amendment Bylaw

Council gave three readings to an amendment bylaw that will increase water rates for commercial fixed rate customers beginning May 2016. The intent of the bylaw is to encourage all notified commercial fixed rate customers to have their new water meters installed before that time. The move to water meters will allow for greater conservation opportunities and equitable cost recovery for water from commercial users.

Harbour Bylaw No.1189, 2016 Adopted

Council approved adoption of an amendment to Harbour Bylaw No.1134, 2011. The amendment provides clarification on the definition of "facility", removes the monthly reserved berthage requirement, and aligns Bylaw No.1134 with the Ucluelet Harbour Public Fish Sales Policy (No. 16-8700-3).

Seeking to Purchase a New Fire Truck

Council gave formal approval for District staff to being the process of pursuing long-term borrowing to facilitate the purchase of a new fire truck for the Ucluelet Fire Hall. The new engine will replace the current "Engine 2", as per a 25-year replacement schedule.

Next Committee of the Whole Meetings are

Monday, March 14, 2016 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 7:30 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - 7:30 pm

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

