

SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

Highlights from the May 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Local Volunteers Receive Prestigious Award from Province for Community Achievement

Congratulations were given for the recipients of the BC Community Achievement Award. Ucluelet's own Barbara Schramm and 'Oyster' Jim Martin will be travelling to Victoria on May 25 to receive an award for their longstanding and tireless efforts in creating and expanding the Wild Pacific Trail. Mayor St. Jacques will attend the event on behalf of Council and the community to support this well deserved achievement.

Updates for Ucluelet Volunteer Committees

The Ucluelet & Area Childcare Society is looking for new directors to join their board. Those interested should attend their AGM, to be held May 19.

The Wild Pacific Trail Society is also looking to fill 2 vacant seats on their board. Their AGM will be held June 5 at Black Rock Resort.

Updates from Hake Fisheries

Mayor St. Jacques reported out on the latest Hake Fisheries Committee meeting. Overall, Hake is going well with large volumes available. Joint Venture ships may get the opportunity to catch 15k out of a possible 130k metric tonnes of Hake. Of major concern right now is the lack of dedicated Provincial staff; fisheries activities are run out of the Ministry of Agriculture with only 2 dedicated staff for the entire province.

DFO to Install Breakwater this Summer

Council gave formal approval for the planned Phase 1 project that will see two new breakwater catamarans installed in the Outer Boat Basin at Small Craft Harbour. The million-dollar project is anticipated to take place over the summer.

Upcoming Events!!

Council approved two road closures in anticipation of upcoming Ucluelet events. The Porsche Club will be returning for another season, and will again hold their 'Show 'n' Shine" event on the Main Street Wharf.

The Edge to Edge Marathon takes place June 12, with the planned 10km and Half Marathon beginning in the Village Square on Main Street.

PRAS Announces West Coast to Host Joint Arts BC and Heritage BC Conference in 2017

In April 2017, PRAS will work with Ucluelet, Tofino, and First Nations communities to host this cultural conference, which will be promoted at this year's conference in Granville Island. From Arts BC's President:

"We have chosen the Pacific Rim in part because of the natural beauty and the rich arts and cultural heritage of the area but also because we are very aware that the communities on the Pacific Rim are keenly and passionately aware of how vital a dynamic arts and cultural scene are for a community's social wellbeing."

Community Provides Support to Fort McMurray

Council approved the donation of \$500 on behalf of the community to go towards aid to the displaced residents of the Fort McMurray wildfires. Ucluelet's Sgt. Jeff Swann will be travelling to the region personally to deliver the aid and assist with the emergency.

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 - 7:30 pm

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

