

## SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

### Highlights from the May 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

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#### **St. Aiden's Church gets Microbrewery Designation**

The final adoption of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1194, 2016 passed, which will allow for the former church at 1601 Peninsula Road to obtain a microbrewery designation. This bylaw received only support during the Public Hearing on May 10.

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#### **Summer Bylaw Ambassadors Already Active**

Council has continued the successful bylaw ambassador program for another season. This year's two ambassadors begin work April 29 and have already removed more than 30 illegal campers from around town. Their focus is on education and voluntary compliance, with main concentration on parking, illegal camping, noise, and rowdy beach parties.

Council has also now directed that the ambassadors dedicate some time to tracking down illegal AirBnB and other unlicensed business operations in Ucluelet.

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#### **Updates from Council Committees**

The Vancouver Island Region Porsche Club will be in town this weekend for their annual Show and Shine event and barbeque. This will be their 7th year in Ucluelet and in that time they have raised over \$25,000 for the Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade.

From the ACRD Board, reports are that salmon farmers are doing well, with salmon being BC's primary agricultural export commodity. The region is looking to bring a fire centre manager to speak about wild fires in the wake of the Dog Mtn. fire to ensure maximum preparedness and encourage more provincial involvement. The ACRD Hospital Board is still concerned over a shortage of staff in the Alberni Valley. Wheels For Wellness did report that their van is now fully purchased.

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#### **Exercise Coastal Response, Community Shake Zone**

The Shake Zone (Quake Cottage) is coming to Ucluelet on June 2 to allow students and residents to experience a simulated earthquake up to Magnitude 8! The cottage will be at the Secondary School from 9:30am – 3:30pm and is free to try.

Ucluelet is also participating in a province-wide exercise to test community preparedness for during a catastrophic earthquake. Exercises take place from June 7-10 in the region.

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#### **Ucluelet Supports the Chuu Train**

Council approved the donation of \$500 to support the Chuu Train Transportation Initiative. The project comes out of this year's Leadership Vancouver Island group looking to gather data on ridership, which could be used in the future to secure grant funding for bus services on the west coast.

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#### **May 30th is start of Tourism Week**

In celebration of Tourism Week, Mayor St. Jacques and District mascot 'Knuckles the Whale' will be driving in an electric truck on May 30 to various locations in town, and will greet tourists, give out information and goodies, and offer passersby a chance to enter draws for fabulous prizes from local businesses! Follow #UclueletTourismWeek on Twitter to find the Mayor and Knuckles as they travel around!

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**Next Regular Council Meeting is**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016 - 7:30 pm**

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

