

SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

Highlights from the October 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Official Community Event This Saturday!

Vancouver Island University students will be hosting the World Café Event this Saturday from 10am-12pm and again from 1pm-3pm at the Community Centre. The public is invited to participate in discussions with VIU students on topics and policies for Ucluelet's Official Community Plan, such as land use in the village centre, housing, emergency planning, public infrastructure, heritage & culture, transportation, and parks & recreation.

Community Forest Board

A new bridge was installed on Windy Creek, near Salmon Beach (the back route to Toquart). The weight rating for this bridge was upgraded to 100 tonnes, which is a significant improvement to this roadway. The Board has submitted cutting permits with a 30-day approval process from local First Nations. The board could get approval to begin cutting as early as the end of next month. The Board hopes to work with local school groups next September to celebrate National Forest Week.

Winter Update for Highway 4

Mayor St. Jacques met with the Province's contractors for the Pacific Rim Highway to hear their winter maintenance plan. The company has trucks and a plow ready for emergencies, with a grader parked at Taylor River. The maximum callout time for response to an event is 3 hours, with a minimum of 30 minutes. The company reminds people that snow tires are required for winter travel of the highway, and encourages people to use Drive BC's camera feeds to check the roads before they travel. Thus far, indications for the next three months are for warm and wet weather.

Halloween Howl at Community Centre

This year the Halloween Howl will be held at the Community Centre on Halloween night! Come out from 7pm-9pm for a bonfire and firework display!

Join the Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade

The UVFB is now accepting applications for next round of recruitment. To apply, applicants can pick up an application package at the Municipal Office. Applications will be accepted until November 18th at 4pm.

West Coast Multiplex Society

Society is holding an open meeting on December 12th at 1pm. Members of all 8 communities on the west coast are invited to attend to hear the presentation of the draft business plan for Phase 1 of the Multiplex project.

Wild Pacific Trail Society

Oyster Jim has begun building Inspiration Point, a series of viewing platforms that will hug the cliff near the Lighthouse Loop. For the 5th year in a row, the Society has received an anonymous donation of \$20,000 to support the trail. The Society's AGM will be January 15th, 2017 at Black Rock Resort.

This year, the Society is hosting "Pumpkins in the Mist", a ghostly walking tour starting from Brown's Beach on October 30th from 5pm-7pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 - 7:30 pm

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

