

SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

Highlights from the December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Food Bank of the Edge

'Stuff the Cruiser' event was held on Dec. 10th. The Food Bank collected over 1900lbs of food and over \$1,000 in cash and gift cards. Items that were donated but not weighed were diapers, laundry powder, and personal care items. Hampers will be ready for Dec 20th.

West Coast Multiplex Society

Met on Dec. 12th. Presentation by Peter McCloud on the multiplex business plan, which included the budget anticipated for construction, site service, insurance, financing, and operation start up: these costs were valued between \$10,700,000 to \$13,500,000. Annual operations are anticipated to run at a deficit of \$231,000 (after revenues and expenditures). If the budget includes a capital maintenance plan and capital fund replacement, this would increase the deficit to \$349,000 for the first couple of years. Owners of Sprung anticipate 6 months to build the multiplex.

Update from DFO / Small Craft Harbour

Council met with DFO representative Katy Rattan regarding an update on the new breakwater system. They are looking at a ramping system to connect the breakwaters to Ucluelet's existing facility early in the new year. The ramp between the two breakwaters will take a bit longer to manufacture. Two representatives from the Harbour Advisory Commission were also in attendance. Council and Ms. Rattan agreed to jointly review their respective business plans in March/April 2017 in order to ensure Ucluelet's plan is aligned with DFO's for the next phase of the outer dock. The District will be able to leverage this future investment in the harbour for other funding sources, showing that Small Craft Harbour is a huge economic driver for our community.

Westcoast Community Resources Society

Met Dec. 8th. The Annual Christmas lunch is on Dec. 15th from 12-2pm. Everyone from the community is welcome to attend. Kate Mantta has left her position as Personnel and Transition House Manager, and has been replaced by Tamara Rampanen.

Ucluelet & Area Historical Society

Met Dec. 12th. The Society has submitted their application for Japanese Heritage designation. There were 270 applications to this program, and a committee of 20 will decide who will receive the designations. Folklore Festival has changed its date to March 4th, and have switched to honour the Scottish. The Society has sourced out special plastic bins to store old papers and artifacts that won't react with those materials. The AGM is set for April 9, 2017.

Ucluelet Recreation Commission

An informal meet and greet was held on Dec. 7th and was very successful. Twelve people have expressed interest in the Commission and will be meeting again on January 11th.

Town Hall Water Meeting Videos Available

Town Hall was held on Dec. 7th at the UCC. There are two video recordings of the meeting: one of the meeting in its entirety, and one of the PowerPoint presentations given by the panelists. The videos are now available on the Ucluelet.ca website.

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - 7:30 pm

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

