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SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

Highlights from the January 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Response to Westerly News Articles

Mayor St. Jacques addressed recent articles pertaining to Council and the District in the Jan.18 Westerly News. The mayor was surprised and disappointed at the lack of respect shown to Council and staff. Council values open discussion at public meetings, and this includes asking various kinds of questions. Council addressed inaccuracies in the Opinion article, including: tree-cutting on Hyphocus Island (governed by DP process with exceptions for residential zoning); the extensive engagement process undertaken for the OCP review (online survey, several public events, many ad hoc meetings, & a report due to be presented on March 14); and the comparison of Council remuneration with Tofino (dissimilar membership numbers and member responsibilities a factor).

Mayor St. Jacques also spoke to the street light article, noting that the discussion was prompted by an earnest concern for public safety and that District staff work hard for their community.

Business Licenses Moved to May 1

Council responded to input from the business community during the Open House held January 17. To support the suggestion that licenses would be easier to pay during peak business months, Council passed a motion to shift the billing cycle to a May 1st start. For 2017, businesses will get the first four months of this year free.

Updates from the ACRD

Mayor St. Jacques reported out on the latest West Coast Committee meeting. ACRD staff are building a survey to investigate public opinion on the Multiplex project. Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government and Toquaht First Nation requested information on what their financial… participation might look like. Next meeting will be in Ucluelet on January 26.

Council Committee Updates

Ucluelet & Area Historical Society are pursuing a grant opportunity either for new heritage displays (similar to Kimoto display) or to assist with their archiving work.

Ucluelet Recreation Commission has a new member – Juliet Van Vliet. The group is looking to meet with their Tofino counterparts and review the Ucluelet Recreation Master Plan.

Wild Pacific Trail Society starting succession planning for Oyster Jim, at his request. Society is having an open working bee on January 29 at 9am to build a gravel path – all are welcome!

Tourism Ucluelet AGM happening January 26 at 6pm at Black Rock Resort – all are welcome!

Chamber of Commerce AGM happening January 29 at noon at Black Rock Resort – all are welcome!

Barkley Community Forest starting road rehabilitation on March 1st. Board is holding an Open House on February 8, 3pm-7pm, at former Toquaht Gallery ("Ticking Room") to go over their 5-year plan, road building, and harvesting plans. All are welcome!

Next Public Hearing is

Tuesday, February 14, 2016 - 9:30 am

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Tuesday, February 14, 2016 - 10:00 am

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

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