

## SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

### Highlights from the February 14th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

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#### **Food Bank on the Edge**

As part of the Pacific Rim Whale Festival, which will take place March 11-26, 2017, the Food Bank on the Edge will be hosting the Chowder Chow on March 26, 2017 at 11:30am at the Ucluelet Community Centre.

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#### **West Coast Multiplex Society**

The West Coast Committee meeting was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, which included the Multiplex Board of Directors. The Board of Directors requested the survey that will go out to all 5 communities to poll the level of interest in the project.

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#### **Coast Smart Update**

Coast Smart is a project that was funded a couple of years ago with close to a million dollars from the Federal National Search and Rescue Secretariat New Initiatives Fund, with Ucluelet, Tofino and Parks Canada as partners. This federally-funded Coastal Safety Program is ramping up progress with a completion date of March 2017. However, this was the first time Council learned that the District will be taxed with the installation charges of these signs. Therefore, Council put forth a motion to ask the Coast Smart Group for their budget, as the District is now bearing the cost of the installation charges.

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#### **Documenting Ucluelet's History**

Roy Alexander advised that he is in the process of converting an old CBC film, "The Life in Ucluelet", and other such films onto disc in order to ensure the preservation of these important films. Once complete, Mr. Alexander will donate them to the Ucluelet & Area Historical Society and urges anyone with similar film to do the same and kindly donate a copy to the Historical Society. A public showing of these films will take place in either April or May.

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#### **Tourism Ucluelet**

The AGM was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Executive Director, Denise Stys-Norman, recently hired two new employees: Christie Jamieson and Jenna Anderson. They will both start March 6<sup>th</sup> and will be primarily working at the Pacific Rim Visitor Centre once it opens for the season.

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#### **Ucluelet Recreation Commission**

The Commission held their second meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The District's Director of Parks and Recreation was in attendance to provide an overview on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, an overview of their department and where they are at with current projects.

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#### **Community Forest Board**

An Open House for the Barkley Forest was held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Board members were very pleased with the turnout of community members, the amount of positive feedback and overall engagement.

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#### **Toastmasters International**

Council moved to support Toastmasters International in proclaiming February 2017 as Toastmasters' Month in the District of Ucluelet. This proclamation is in conjunction with other cities, provinces, and countries from around the world to promote more people to enhance their communication and leadership skills.

#### **Next Regular Council Meeting is**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 7:30 pm**

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

