

SPOTLIGHT ON COUNCIL

April 2018

Barkley Community Forest

The shareholders of the Barkley Community Forest Corporation, a partnership between the Toquaht Nation and the District, are pleased to announce the first generated dividend. On March 13th, each partner received a payment of \$500,000 at a community open house at the Toquaht Nation Office in Ucluelet.

After many years of dedicated commitment to the development of the Barkley Community Forest, the first harvesting began in 2017. In coming weeks, the District will be seeking community input on how the funds can best be used to benefit the community.

Grants and Aid

Applicants for the District's Grants and Aid program were provided the opportunity to present their requests at the March 13th Council Meeting. Council has now approved \$16,375 in valuable community projects for 2018. Congratulations to the following recipients: *Pacific Rim Hospice Society, Surfrider Pacific Rim, Pacific Rim Arts Society, Pacific Rim Whale Festival, Food Bank on the Edge, Army Navy & Air Force Veterans, Ucluelet Market Society, and Junior Canadian Rangers.*

OCP and Emergency Response Open House

The District would like to thank the more than 80 residents who participated in our Ucluelet Official Community Plan (OCP) and Emergency Preparedness Open House events on March 8th at the Ucluelet Community Centre. We received valuable feedback that greatly assists staff and Council in our review and update of the OCP. The updated OCP will be put before Council for discussion in May 2018. The event also provided an opportunity to hear from the community following the January 23rd tsunami alert and where improvements can be made.

Budget 2018

The District would like to thank residents who attended our 2018 Budget Open House on April 3rd at the Ucluelet Community Centre. You can still provide feedback on the budget by viewing the [2018 Ucluelet Budget Presentation](#) and providing your feedback by Monday, April 9th to info@ucluelet.ca.

Ucluelet Receives Two Grants for Emergency Preparedness Totalling over \$41,000.

The District has received two grants from the BC Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for kits and training at the Ucluelet Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and for the Ucluelet's Emergency Social Services. These two grants will build upon the District's well established emergency program so that staff and volunteers have the up to date training and resources needed to help keep our community prepared.

Council Motions

Congratulations letter has been sent by Council to the Toquaht Nation for the new funding received for the development of a New Secret Beach Marina.

Call for 2018 nominations for the Order of British Columbia is now open. Nomination forms are available [online](#) and due April 16, 2018.

Next Regular Council Meetings

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 - 7:30 pm

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

