

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Activity Room 1, Ucluelet Community Centre

500 Matterson Drive,

Ucluelet, B.C.

Council Members:

Mayor Dianne St. Jacques

Councillor Sally Mole

Councillor Randy Oliwa

Councillor Marilyn McEwen

Councillor Mayco Noel



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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**
Late items are introduced by Council approval during the meeting
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 2.1. January 5, 2016 Committee of the Whole Minutes** p.5
- 4. PUBLIC INPUT, DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**
Delegations
 - 4.1 Rebecca Hurwitz, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Society** p.7
Re: Living Wage Report
- 5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**
None
- 6. LATE ITEMS**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**
- 9. CLOSED SESSION**
Procedural Motion to Move In-Camera:
THAT the meeting be closed to the public in order to address agenda items under Section 90(1), subsection (c) and (l) of the *Community Charter*.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

- New Tourism Ucluelet website, migration of information from ucluelet.ca website, and mechanics of marketing using social media

9. CLOSED SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor St. Jacques adjourned the committee of the whole meeting at 9:12 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm in Activity Room One, 500 Matterson Road, Ucluelet, BC.

Dianne St. Jacques
Mayor

Andrew Yeates
CAO

How is the living wage calculated?

Using a standard methodology from The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, in partnership with First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition. Learn more at www.livingwagecanada.ca and compare our region's living wage to other BC communities.

Housing

Median monthly rent of a 3 bedroom unit plus utilities, a land-line phone, and insurance. (Source: community survey, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust)



Some communities in our region lack 3 \ bedroom rental units or have subsidized units, and this is not captured in the living wage. The rental figure used applies to 71% of our population.



Transportation

Monthly cost of owning, operating, and maintaining one used vehicle in a rural community. (Source: * Market Basket Measure, Statistics Canada)

In our region, families rely on a variety of transportation, such as water taxi or personal boat, for everyday activities like grocery shopping, commuting, or visiting the doctor. The living wage does not capture those costs.

Clothing & footwear

The estimated monthly cost for a family of four.

(Source: * Market Basket Measure, Statistics Canada)



Parents' education



The cost of two courses at North Island College including tuition, books, and student fees.



Food

Monthly cost of healthy eating for a family of four on Vancouver Island.

(Source: Cost of Eating Report, Provincial Health Services Authority)

The living wage does not capture additional costs of food in our region. Food costs are up to 21% higher than nearby

**UP TO
21%
HIGHER**

Port Alberni and only two of our eight communities have adequate grocery stores, so they must pay to travel to buy healthy food. (Source: Vital Signs, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust)

Childcare

Median monthly cost of full-time care for a 4 year old, and out-of-school care for a 7 year old.

(Source: phone interviews with licensed providers in the region, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust)



Health Care - MSP

The monthly mandatory provincial cost for a family of three or more. (Source: Medical Services Plan of BC)



Health Care - extended

Health costs not covered by MSP such as prescriptions and dental. (Source: Pacific Blue Cross)



Social participation & other expenses

A typical range of family recreation and entertainment activities calculated at 75% of the combined cost of food, clothing, and footwear.



The living wage does not include:

- X credit card or debt payments
- X savings for retirement
- X children's post-secondary education
- X the cost of owning a home
- X care for elderly parents
- X relatives in need

Contingency fund

Coverage for unexpected events, based on two weeks of pay for two parents earning the living wage.



Together we can create smart and caring communities

Discuss

Share the living wage information with your friends, family, local elected officials and employers.

Act

Get your organization motivated to take positive action or get involved with the many community-minded organizations that could use your help.

Talk to the CBT

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust knows the issues and organizations in our region and can help you take that first step in making a difference.

Return trip to the grocery store

Some people in our region must travel outside their communities to buy groceries or see a doctor. Sample return trip costs are:



Ahousaht \$40



Opitsaht \$10



Macoah \$33



Hot Springs Cove \$164


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* Market Basket Measures adjusted to 2014 figures using the Consumer Price Index