



Oct. 20, 2019

## Re: Upcoming Events

Dear Members,

There are enough things happening that we thought a newsletter was required to bring us all up to speed. Here are some of the important events coming up in the next few weeks. Please come out and get involved. Your voice matters.

### **October 22–Public Information and Public Hearing on Sharp Road Tofino Affordable Housing Initiative**

Both are happening on October 22 starting at 3:30 for the Public Information Session followed by 4:00 for the Public Hearing both to be held at Council Chambers. Serious concerns have been raised about the amount of taxpayer assistance Tofino is putting into this project to subsidize “affordable housing”. Also, there’s concerns about density and use at this location and potential future implication to taxpayers if further development is to proceed in this area. For more information:

<https://tofino.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/92288?preview=97779&splitscreen=true&attachmenturl=%2FFileStorage%2F0E03F4712C054AA389FB69EEC32D2DAF-Notice%252520Bylaw%2525201270.pdf>

### **October 30 – Proposed Tofino-Ucluelet Public Transit Service Open House**

The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District has introduced a bylaw to fund a BC Transit initiative for Bus service on the West Coast between Tofino and Ucluelet and including Esowista and Ty-Histannis, and possibly Toquaht, Yuuʔuʔiʔath, and Hitacu. Details of the proposal can be found at:

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/546> .

An open House is scheduled to be held on Wednesday Oct 30, 4-7PM at District of Tofino Council Chambers to provide information to the public regarding the proposal. There are tax implications for Tofino that everyone should pay attention to. The proposal includes a tax of \$0.29 per \$1000 dollars of assessment, if approved. Based on recent assessments, this would mean about a \$250 annual increase for an average Tofino house.

The proposal also intends to raise an equal amount of money through a population method. We are unsure at this time what that means.

The Westcoast Transit Service bylaw is subject to an Alternative Approval Process. This provides for a period of time ending Nov 29<sup>th</sup> in which the public has the right to “Oppose” the bylaw. If sufficient numbers oppose, it may force a referendum.

Details on how to oppose can be found at:

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<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/aap>

The Elector Response Forms to register your opposition can be found here:

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/cms/wpattachments/wpID571atID3306.pdf>

We need to quickly understand the significance of this for Tofino. Do we need it? Will it Work? Are we to have three different bus services? Is the funding proposal doable and fair?

So, everyone please come to the Open House and bring your questions and concerns. Again Oct 30, 4-7 PM DoT Council Chambers.

## **October 31 – Budget Meeting**

On Thursday, October 31, 2019, at 9:00 AM in the Council Chamber, Municipal Office, 380 Campbell Street, a Special Council Meeting will be held for the purposes of reviewing 2019 Quarter 3 Reports and the 2020-2024 Financial Plan. Tofino residents and businesses are encouraged to attend budget meetings to make Council aware of your priorities and to learn about the process. District staff are available to answer questions, and to distribute your feedback to Council.

Remember last year when DoT announced the 53% projected tax increases...Let's have a good showing at these events to make sure the Tofino Taxpayers concerns are well represented.

## **November 5 – Tofino Ratepayers on Tuff City Radio CHMZ 90.1FM**

Tune in to local radio Tuesday Nov. 5 at 10 am. Host Ryan Orr has invited Jack Gillie and Myles Beeby to an interview/discussion about all things Tofino RPA. We are not sure of the questions but believe we have some of the answers.

## **November 6 – Tofino Ratepayers Association AGM**

A reminder of the Tofino Ratepayers Association AGM Wednesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Wickaninnish School. All Welcome

District of Tofino passed fourth and final reading of a bylaw authorizing the borrowing of over \$16,000,000.00 as Tofino's expected share of the Wastewater Treatment project. These costs are very significant to the Taxpayers of Tofino. Implications and discussions at the AGM.