



# Council Clippings

Regular Council Meeting  
Monday January 11, 2010

## Road closures on Torch Relay day

A number of road closures will take effect when the Olympic Torch Relay passes through Quesnel on Friday January 29. The community will host the Torch at a mid-day celebration at the corner of Reid Street and St. Laurent Avenue (Spirit Square). To ensure maximum room for spectators, the 300 block of Reid Street will close to all traffic and parking from 6 a.m. on. In addition, St. Laurent Avenue (from the lane on the east side of Reid St. to the lane on the West side of Reid St.) will close to accommodate sponsor tents, refreshments etc. The Spirit Square parking lot will close starting at 6 a.m. for similar activities.

The 200 block of Reid Street will close to **parking only** from 6 a.m. on. The street will remain open to traffic, except for two brief closures as the torch approaches and departs the stage. Barlow Avenue will remain open throughout the day to ensure there is opportunity for traffic flow through the downtown core. Parking will not be available on the 200 block of Kinchant Street on the east side of the road (in front of the Royal Canadian Legion). This space is required for the Torch Relay Convoy while the celebration event is taking place at the Spirit Square.

Finally, the City will close one parking lot at City Hall that is typically used for staff parking and half of the lot at the corner of St. Laurent Avenue and Vaughan Street. These parking areas are to be dedicated for use by VANOC officials and their designates.

The closures are expected to remain in place for much of the business day. It is, however, staff's intention to reopen all streets and parking areas as soon as is feasible. Those looking to avoid traffic or parking issues may want to take advantage of the free transit being offered by the City that day.

## New Recycling Guide ready

The City will make a new recycling guide available on its website and at City Hall. The new guide, a project of the Environmental Advisory Committee, spells out what is accepted at various recycling facilities. The guide includes information about recycling standard items, such as metal, plastic and glass, while also offering information about used-item recycling and electronic recycling.

## Winter Carnival approaching

The second Winter Carnival takes place at the West Fraser

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Timber Park on Saturday February 6. The Spirit of BC Committee, in conjunction with the Active Communities Committee, is organizing the event. Activities including skating on the pond, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, tobogganing, dog sleds, a variety of educational booths and a torch run. The fun gets underway at 1 p.m. The Quesnel Volunteer Fire Department will set off fireworks at the end of the torch run, around 6 p.m.

## Development permit approved

Council approved a development permit (DP) for retrofits to Savala's Steak House at 240 Reid St. The DP provides approval for improvements including: parapet addition increasing fascia height to 1 ¾ stories; enlarged windows; stained cedar siding with textured wall and base tile; recessed signage with illuminated box letters; and under-canopy lighting. The design is consistent with the principles of the Downtown Design Guidelines.

## Cemetery bylaw passed

Council gave final reading to the new cemeteries bylaw, which allows an increase in fees charged for burials. The increases are required to move the cemetery function away from relying so heavily on taxation and recouping costs directly associated with burials through fees instead. The increases will be phased in over three years. The full bylaw and fee structure can be found on the City's website.

## Proclamations

No active proclamations at this time.

## Important Dates

Business Excellence Awards

Saturday January 23 at St. Ann's Hall

Next Regular Council Meeting:

**January 25, 2010**

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting:

**January 18, 2010**

Next Delegation session:

**February 22, 2010**

Budget meetings:

**February 1, 2010 - 2 p.m.**

**February 15, 2010 - 3 p.m.**

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