

Parksville Council Goes Back to School

Yesterday's regular Council meeting was held in the school theatre at Ecole Ballenas Senior Secondary attended by students, teachers and the public. Students delegations included presentations on three Ballenas programs; Model UN, Sprouts in Space and Special Physical Education Class and Special Olympics.

As well as regular business, Council received questions from students prior to the meeting on subjects such as the need for activities for youth, snow clearing on sidewalks, difficulty with transportation options from outside Parksville, possible extension of the waterfront walkway, youth homelessness and how students could become involved in their local government providing members of Council with the opportunity to respond.

The City thanks Ecole Ballenas Senior Secondary for hosting the Council meeting and for the warm reception and enthusiasm from both teachers and students. Mayor Ed Mayne expressed his gratitude to Principal, Rudy Terpstra, teachers and students, "On behalf of Council, our thanks to all involved for making us feel at home and for the interest shown in local government."

Mayor Mayne also stated, "We were so impressed with the depth and quality of the student presentations. Learning about the three unique programs was a true learning opportunity for all members of Council." Council received presentations on Model UN, Sprouts in Space and Special Physical Education Class and Special Olympics programs.

Students are actively fundraising for the Sprouts in Space program at www.gofundme.com/sprouts-in-space. More info may be found at www.sproutsinspace.edublogs.org

Furthering Council's wish to provide residents with additional opportunities to participate in Council meetings, the June 17 regular meeting of Council will be held at Knox United Church.

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