

Supporting lower costs and local control for Prince Rupert's water and sewer system.

# **UPDATE – FIRST MEETING HELD ON NOV. 6, 2022**

Our first meeting was held on Nov. 6, 2022 and was attended by eight local residents. At that meeting we agreed to work together to educate the community on the value of keeping the city's water and sewer system public. We also decided to continue meeting and to reach out to elected officials and other residents to build support for keeping the city's water and sewer system under public control and operation.

### **VISION**

People for Public Infrastructure is a grassroots community group of Prince Rupert residents working together to ensure that the city's public water and sewer system remain publicly-owned, publicly-controlled, publicly-operated, and publicly-financed. This maintains local control over our infrastructure, reduces the cost of operating our water and sewer system, and results in lower fees for residents and businesses.

### VALUES

#### • LOWER FEES. LOCAL CONTROL.

We value public-ownership, public-control, public-operation, and public-financing of the city's water and sewer system. This keeps fees low and maintains local control over our city's public water and sewer system.

#### • COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

We value the community's voice in government and we value working together to make government work for us all. This builds a strong community for everyone and increases community engagement.

#### • MAXIMIZE THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

We value maximizing the public benefits that come from government investments in our city's infrastructure. Let's make sure that every dollar spent on infrastructure creates the most benefit possible for the whole community.

### NEXT STEPS

- Start researching how other communities worked together to keep their water and sewer system public.
- Reach out to public officials to learn more about the city's plans and to share our concerns.
- Reach out to other residents, local businesses, unions, and other organizations to build awareness on the issue and to find common ground in support of public infrastructure for Prince Rupert's residents and businesses.

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