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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 AT 3:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Recognition of unceded Traditional Territories.

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Page 2

1. Meeting held at 2:30 pm on February 19, 2019.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. **North Island College – Expanding International Education - Page 5**

President, John Bowman; Vice President of Academics and Chief Operating Officer, Lisa Domae; and Executive Director of International Education, Mark Herringer in attendance to present a plan to diversify international students' programs of study at the Port Alberni Campus.

E. PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

F. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourn at pm.

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019, AT 2:30 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Minions; Councillors Corbeil, Haggard, Paulson, Poon and Washington

REGRETS: Councillor Solda

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded.

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded.

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held at 3:30 pm January 21, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Joe Calenda, Consulting City Planner - "1400 Days"

The Consulting City Planner presented a report regarding a Strategy for Growing Port Alberni Housing and Attainable Housing Through Environmentally Responsible Development and a Dialogue about New City Planning and Governance for Port Alberni and responded to questions.

It was moved and seconded:

That 'The Next 1400 Days' Full Report, Executive Summary, Briefing Notes and Transmittal Report prepared by the Consulting City Planner, be received.

CARRIED

That the Committee of the Whole refer the initiatives and recommendations in 'The Next 1400 Days' to Strategic Plan 2019 for review and consideration.

CARRIED

The Mayor called a recess at 3:20 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

E. REPORTS

1. Economic Development Manager/Manager of Planning - Harbour View Lands

The Manager of Planning presented information regarding the properties known as the Harbour View Lands located at 5350 Argyle Street and 3050 Kingsway Avenue and comprising 2.166 acres of land. She provided an overview of the location and servicing, the surrounding area, permitted land use and explained the planning/development process.

The Manager of Planning also advised of the online public engagement open from February 14 to March 5, 2019 noting that a summary report of feedback will be provided to the March 11, 2019 regular council meeting.

Public input is invited through the City's Let's Connect platform at:

<https://www.letsconnectpa.ca/the-future-of-harbourview-lands>

The Economic Development Manager provided background regarding the property and previous interest. He indicated there has been recent interest in developing the property and outlined the desirable attributes of the property.

The Economic Development Manager advised that any development would likely be mixed use commercial/residential with emphasis on residential.

F. PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

Jim del Rio supported the idea of development noting some trees would need to be removed for development. He commented on cruise ships coming in and seeing a beautiful, high end development on the hill.

Ken McRae stated the Harbour View Lands were one of the best places in the community. He told Council that they have one chance – don't spoil it.

Penny Cote advised she has been a long-time owner of the adjacent Carmoor building. She stated how the property is developed is important to her business and her tenants. She commented on the flavor happening in that area with the new Thunderbird building, the station across the street, and the other commercial/residential building. She advised families and kids do come to the "park" and that the trees are important. She suggested Lot 2 was used extensively through the summer as there is not a lot of accessible parking in the area.

Ed Francoeur stated he is in favour of public spaces but we need to be open to ideas from the public and developers. He referenced other well developed spaces including Sidney which has a bandstand and hosts festivals; Nanaimo Boardwalk connecting Bowen Park to downtown. He suggested we don't know what it could be until we ask developers and that we shouldn't settle for a basic building development. He suggested building on a theme (such as Carmoor) and that the train station, Tyee Landing, Harbour Quay, need to be connected together. He stated Council has an obligation to issue an RFP.

Lyle Boffy advised he has just returned to live in Port Alberni and sees this as a huge opportunity for the community and would bring people here.

Brian Cote stated he is not against development – he noted the need for parking in the area for events – little bit of parking; little bit of park.

Dan Savard advised he has been a business owner for the past few years – they stayed in the community because they saw an opportunity. He commented that the Harbour View Lands is a strategic property in the community and that a mixed density use would have the ability to start a nucleus that would spread further up Argyle.

E. ADJOURNMENT

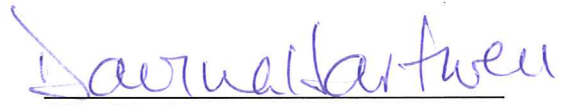
It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn at 4:50 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor



City Clerk



Developing a 5 Year Regional Plan for the Alberni Valley

Regional/Community/Campus Context:

- A campus-wide forum was held on November 7th, 2018, and attended by over 40 faculty & staff. Discussions supported NIC's Plan 20/25 strategic planning process and emerging educational and capital priorities.
- The main themes/strengths of our campus community highlighted that Relationships, Relevance and Responsiveness are at the heart of programming and operations in Port Alberni.
- A descriptive profile of our region is under currently under development

Current and Future Programming

- NIC Port Alberni is proud of our flagship programs, including traditional trades, healthcare, and culinary areas. Community/regional needs are acknowledged and embedded within our program offerings.
- We are committed to enhancing and developing programs and pathways that are relevant to the distinct nature and opportunities within the region, supporting the unique profile of students and communities we serve.

Targeting a draft plan by mid-August.



Priority #5: International Education and Internationalization

- Achieve sustainable growth in international student enrolment.
- Build capacity in the college and communities, to meet the needs of international students.
- Internationalize the teaching and learning process, curriculum and programs.
- Develop and support internationalization at home and education abroad opportunities for students.
- Develop and implement international contract training, projects and applied research.



International Education and Immigration in Canada

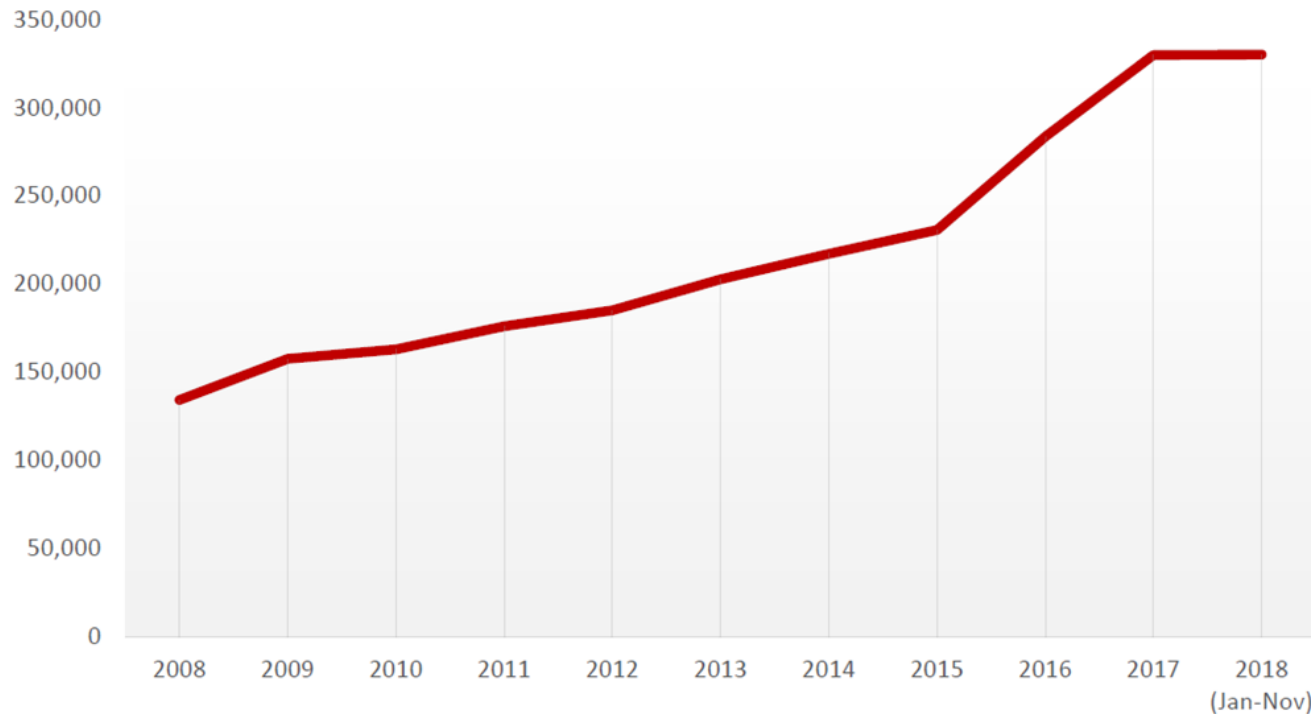
Recent headlines on International Education in Canada:

- Foreign Students Transforming Canada's Schools, Immigration (Globe and Mail, October 21, 2018)
- International Students Pour into Canada While the US and Others Lag Behind (Forbes, November 16, 2018)
- Go North Young Grad. How Canada is Winning Over International Students (The Christian Science Monitor, March 04, 2019)
- In a Shift on Canadian Campuses Driven by Trump Policies, Indian Students Now Outnumber Chinese (Globe and Mail, March 01, 2019)
- How International Students Can Find a Job in Canada (Canadianimmigrant.ca, January 25, 2019)
- Breath of Fresh Air: East Coast Looks to International Students to Revive Region (December 18, 2018)
- Canada Extends Atlantic Immigration Pilot (CIC News, March 04, 2019)



International Student Growth in Canada: Where they originate and where they go

Study Permit and Extensions Issued by Year, 2008-2018



Top 5 Countries of IE origin in Canada include:

- China (24%)
- India (30%)
- Korea (4%)
- Vietnam (3%)
- France (4%)

International Student application destinations are concentrated in 3 provinces:

Ontario (49%), British Columbia (24%), Quebec (13%), Prairie provinces combines (10%), Atlantic provinces combined (5%)



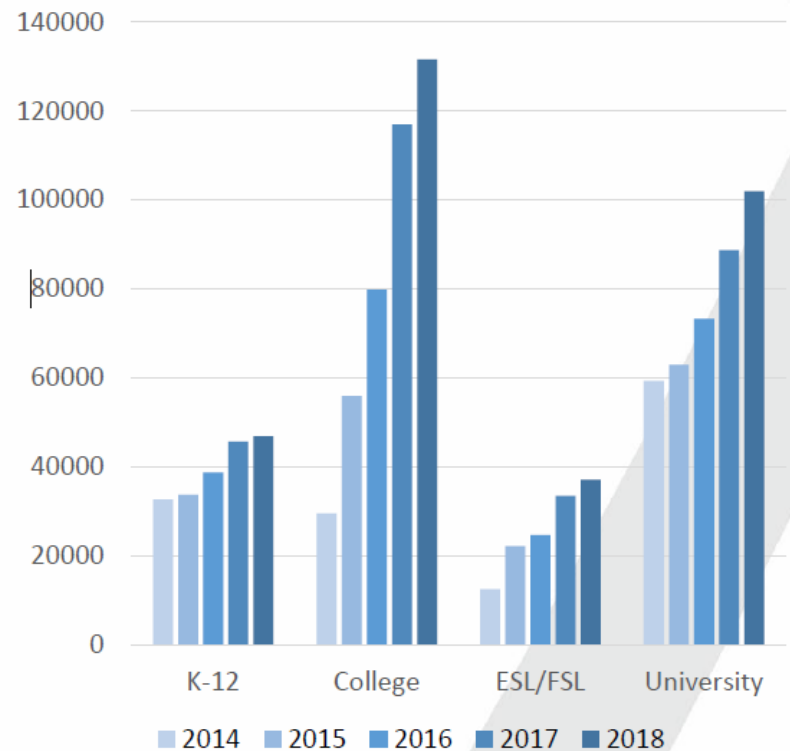
International Education in Canada: Growing Interest in Colleges

Student Trends

Growth in numbers of study permit applications across all levels of study in 2018:

- Primary/Secondary (K-12): 46,861 SP applications, an increase of 2.6% from 2017.
- ESL/FSL: 37,067 SP applications, an increase of 12.5% from 2017.
- **College: 131,558 SP applications, an increase of 12.5% from 2017**
- University: 101,937 SP applications, an increase of 14.9% from 2017

New Study Permit Applications
Processed by Top Levels of Study
2014-2018





International Education Enrollment at NIC

❖ 52% headcount increase within the last 4 years:

- January 2015 = 348
- January 2019 = 531

❖ Countries of Origin:

- 2015 = 34
- 2019 = 34

❖ Proportion of overall student body:

- 2015 = 8%
- 2019 = 14%



International Education: Enrolment by Campus

Campbell River:

2015 = 8 students

2019 = 89 students

Comox Valley:

2015 = 177 students

2019 = 552 students

(reduction of 16 students from January 2018)

Port Alberni:

2015 = 4

2019 = 7



Community Supports for International Students

- Connection with local community
 - Opportunity
 - Settlement
 - Retention
 - Immigration
- Accommodation options/affordability
- Transportation availability/quality (bus, air, other)
- Employment (part-time/co-op)
- Recreation
- Health Care



ECCE Diploma (2 year) Contract in Port Alberni:

- Between 17 and 20 international students from India provided on a contracted basis – likely primarily female
- Up to 4 domestic students
- Short/Long term accommodation options developed by Canada Homestay Network - students will likely want shared apartments for long-term
- 665 hours of internship (~19 full-time weeks) as part of the program
- Students fly to Comox Valley and orientation to start there – August 26
- August 27 shuttle to PA (visits to Coombs, Cathedral Grove, campus)
- August 28 settlement into accommodation
- August 29, Community Connections/Program orientation
- September 03, main PA campus orientation