



North Coast Labour Council

In Unity There Is Strength

Municipal Election Endorsements

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The North Coast Labour Council made the following endorsements for the upcoming Prince Rupert municipal elections at its regular meeting on September 15, 2022:

- **Chrystopher Thompson**, candidate for Mayor (Prince Rupert)
- **Barry Cunningham**, candidate for City Councillor (Prince Rupert)

“We endorse candidates who support good paying union jobs for all, a strong economy for everyone, and fair economic development that benefits the entire community because we want our community’s elected leaders to support policies that will strengthen the economy for all and improve the working conditions of everyone,” said Terri-Lynne Huddlestone, President of the North Coast Labour Council.

“The North Coast Labour Council encourages all union workers, and other local electors, to vote in the upcoming local elections,” said Huddlestone. “How local governments work for the community at large affects us all and that’s why voting in these elections is so important. We urge all community members to get involved, learn about the candidates, and to vote.”

An election survey was posted on the labour council’s webpage at the start of the endorsement process and the council welcomed all interested candidates to complete the survey for consideration. All candidates who submitted a survey were considered for an endorsement in the deliberations of the council. Endorsements of the labour council reflect a candidate’s support for working families, union-wage jobs for all workers, strong and effective public services that benefit the whole community, and other issues important to the labour movement.

The North Coast Labour Council recently changed its name from Prince Rupert Labour Council. As a regional labour council it intends to make endorsements for other municipalities in the North Coast Regional District in the future.

Any candidate in the Prince Rupert municipal election who is also a delegate or officer of the North Coast Labour Council was required to recuse themselves from any and all deliberations related to the upcoming election. Any declared candidate left the meeting room when election endorsements or other election related matters were discussed. They were required to abstain from all votes related to endorsements. Chrystopher Thompson is Vice President of the North Coast Labour Council and he recused himself from the deliberations and abstained from votes related to endorsements and the election. Thompson was not in the room at the time of these discussions or votes.