

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: _____

A. MINUTES

- A. 1. Adoption of Agenda That the agenda be adopted as presented.
- A. 2. Adoption of Minutes That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held September 8, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

B. DELEGATIONS

- B. 1. Inspector Rick Taylor, Port Alberni RCMP Inspector Rick Taylor, RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment, introducing new members Cst. Chris Froats and Cst. Mike Ramsey.
- B. 2. Port Alberni Association for Community Living - Community Living Month (HC) Cathie Waddington, President, and Gerard Janssen, Vice-President of the Port Alberni Association for Community Living submitting a letter dated September 5, 2003 and addressing Council to request that October be proclaimed as "Community Living Month" in Port Alberni, to raise awareness of the Community Living movement in Port Alberni and BC, and to request that Councillor Cindy Solda be a contact person for the Association.
- B. 3. Alberni Outlook 20/20 Society - letter of support (HC) Barb Stevenson, Co-Chair of Alberni Outlook 20/20 Society submitting a letter dated September 17, 2003 and addressing Council to request a letter of support to forward to the federal government for their funding request, and advising that some Society sessions and public meetings will take place at City facilities and requesting that the rental fee for facilities be waived.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

C. (i) PROCLAMATIONS

- C. (i) 1. White Ribbon Campaign - White Ribbon Days (CS) Robert Olsen, Executive Director, White Ribbon Campaign, submitting a letter dated September 15, 2003 requesting that November 25 to December 6, 2003 be proclaimed as "White Ribbon Days" in Port Alberni to help end violence against women.
- C. (i) 2. Port Alberni Fire Department - Fire Prevention Week (CS) Port Alberni Fire Department submitting a letter dated September 12, 2003 requesting that October 5 to 11, 2003 be proclaimed as "Fire Prevention Week" in Port Alberni, and inviting the Mayor to attend the Department's open house on October 11.

- C. (i) 3. Port Alberni Block Parent Association - Block Parents' Week (CS) Port Alberni Block Parent Association submitting a letter dated September 23, 2003 requesting that October 19 to 25, 2003, be proclaimed as "Block Parents' Week" in Port Alberni.
- C. (ii) CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**
- C. (ii) 1. Hupacasath First Nation - Land Use Plan (LP) Judith Sayers, Chief Councillor, Hupacasath First Nation, submitting a letter dated September 15, 2003 inviting Council to a presentation on October 1, 2003 regarding their newly developed Land Use Plan, and providing a copy of the Land Use Plan Highlights.
- C. (ii) 2. Farmers' Market - relocation rumour (LP) Maggi Ansell, Director and Vendor, Port Alberni Farmers' Market Association, submitting a letter dated September 13, 2003 advising that vendors and customers of the Farmers' Market have heard rumours that the Market "is to be moved" from the present location at Harbour Quay, and asking if there is any truth to this rumour. *(Verbal Report to be provided by the City Planner.)*
- C. (ii) 3. Alexandra Pazitch - Mar Street between 1st & 2nd Avenue (LP) Alexandra Pazitch submitting a letter dated September 11, 2003 expressing concerns about the condition of Mar Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue. *(Verbal report to be provided by the Acting City Engineer.)*
- C. (ii) 4. Maitland Street residents - petition to increase water pressure (AL) Sharon Fedirchuk submitting a letter dated September 15, 2003 regarding water pressure on Maitland Street and attaching a petition signed by area residents requesting that the City increase the water pressure in the area. *(Verbal report to be provided by the Acting City Engineer.)*
- C. (ii) 5. Juliette Cox - Recycling Depot on 4th Avenue (AL) Juliet Cox submitting a letter dated September 17, 2003 expressing concerns about the possible closure of the Recycling Depot on 4th Avenue and asking for clarification about the situation. *(Verbal report to be provided by the Acting City Engineer.)*
- C. (ii) 6. Gillian Trumper, MLA - fundraiser for the Interior Fire Victims (CS) Gillian Trumper, MLA, submitting a letter dated September 18, 2003 advising that her office and the Kiwanis Club are hosting a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for the Interior Fire Victims on October 4 at the Harbour Quay, and requesting that the City place barricades in the Harbour Quay square to keep the area free of vehicles and to display fire equipment, and inviting Council members to participate by helping serve the breakfast.

- C. (ii) 7. Lisa Mangles, Alberni School of Cosmetology - deregulation of trade (HC) Lisa Mangles, Instructor, Alberni School of Cosmetology, submitting a letter dated September 8, 2003 expressing concerns about the direction and mandate of a newly formed Cosmetologists Volunteer Association, which was supported by Council at their September 8 Regular meeting.
- C. (ii) 8. City of North Vancouver - property tax cap on ports businesses (HC) City of North Vancouver submitting an email dated September 11, 2003 providing a copy of Council's resolution regarding the Provincial Government's determination to impose a property tax cap on ports businesses. *(Staff propose that Council express concern to the province regarding the precedent of establishing property tax caps.)*
- C. (ii) 9. Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games - transportation for Games participants (LP) Western Bus Lines referring a letter from Ted Charlesworth, Operations Manger, Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games, dated September 4, 2003 requesting that the local transit authority permit Games participants to ride buses with no charge. *(Note: Acting City Manager's notation on the letter to approve request and advising that there is no loss of revenue.)*

C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- C. (iii) 1. Letters regarding West Coast General Hospital
- a. Mayor of Qualicum Beach Mayor of Qualicum Beach submitting a copy of a letter dated September 17, 2003 to the Minister of Health objecting to the proposed closure of nine beds at the West Coast General Hospital.
- b. Jo-Anne L. Asher Jo-Anne Asher submitting a copy of a letter dated September 16, 2003 to the Vancouver Island Health Authority expressing dissatisfaction of the "Regionalized" Vancouver Island Health Authority and its treatment of Port Alberni citizens and proposed changes to the West Coat General Hospital.
- c. June Coupland June R. Coupland submitting a copy of a letter dated September 12, 2003 to Gillian Trumper, MLA, opposing proposed cutbacks at the West Coat General Hospital.
- d. June Coupland June R. Coupland submitting a copy of a letter dated September 19, 2003 to Colin Hansen, Minister of Health, opposing proposed cutbacks at the West Coat General Hospital.
- e. Heather Collins Heather Collins submitting a letter dated September 18, 2003 expressing dissatisfaction with some features of the West Coast General Hospital and providing copies of letters to Gillian Trumper, MLA, describing dissatisfactory experiences with health services in Port Alberni and Nanaimo.

- f. District of Tofino District of Tofino submitting a copy of a letter dated September 22, 2003 to the Vancouver Island Health Authority objecting to the proposed closure of beds at the West Coast General Hospital.
- C. (iii) 2. Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas
- background information on the Society Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas (CSUG) submitting a letter dated September 16, 2003 providing information about the Society and the exploration and development of unconventional gas resources in Canada.
- C. (iii) 3. BC Hydro
- Electric Beautification Projects BC Hydro submitting a letter dated August 29, 2003 providing information and an application for funding for Electric Beautification Projects.
- C. (iii) 4. City of North Vancouver
- Sale of BC Rail City of North Vancouver submitting an email dated September 11, 2003 providing a copy of Council's resolution opposing the proposed sale of BC Rail to a private corporation.
- C. (iii) 5. City of North Vancouver
- 2010 Vision for British Columbians with Disabilities City of North Vancouver submitting an email dated September 11, 2003 providing a copy of Council's resolution agreeing to participate with the development of a 2010 Vision for British Columbians with Disabilities.
- C. (iii) 6. BC Government Employees' Union
- report on Crime at Privatized Liquor Outlets BC Government Employees' Union submitting a letter dated September 8, 2003 regarding new research on the links between increased availability of alcohol and crime, and providing a copy of a report from the Calgary Police Service entitled "Liquor Stores & Crime - a Study of Crime at Privatized Liquor Outlets 1993 - 2002". (*Note: Report in Reading File.*)
- C. (iii) 7. School District 70 Alberni
- school closure and reconfiguration The Board of School Trustees School District 70 (Alberni) submitting a letter dated August 28, 2003 thanking the City for its assistance during the school closure and configuration process.
- C. (iii) 8. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
- parking fee exemption for Toy Run Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection submitting a letter dated August 29, 2003 responding to the City's letter requesting a vehicle parking fee exemption for the Port Alberni Toy Run at Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park, and advising that it does not provide exemption from day use area fees during special/charitable events.
- C. (iii) 9. Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services
- infrastructure grants The Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services submitting a letter dated September 10, 2003 advising that the City's applications under the *Local Government Grants Act* for infrastructure planning grants have been approved for two projects: Liquid Waste Management Plan Stage 2 \$10,000; and China Creek Water Supply Main Replacement Study \$10,000.

- C. (iii) 10. Ministry for Public Safety and Solicitor General
- King Edward Hotel Private Liquor Store
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General submitting a copy of its letter to the owners of the King Edward Hotel approving the proposed name and floor plans for the King Edward Hotel "G" Class liquor Licence (Licensee Retail Store).
- C. (iii) 11. University of Victoria
- Co-op Education Program
University of Victoria, Co-operative Education Program submitting a letter dated September 9, 2003 providing its annual report, including a feature on a co-op student and her experience working for the Alberni Valley Museum and the McLean Mill National Historic Site. *(Note: Complete Annual Report in Reading File.)*
- C. (iii) 12. Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society
- application forms
Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society advising that the British Columbia Youth Parliament's 75th Parliament will be held in Victoria from December 27 to 31, 2003 and providing application forms for membership. *(Note: Information forwarded to ADSS.)*
- C. (iii) 13. Pacific Rim Tourism Association
- administration change
Dave Christensen, President, Pacific Rim Tourism Association (PRTA) submitting a letter dated September 12, 2003 advising that the administrative structure of PRTA has changed and that day to day management is being conducted by Pinnacle Youth Works Inc.
- C. (iii) 14. Secretary of State
- Softwood Industry Community Economic Adjustment Initiative (SICEA)
Stephen Owen, Secretary of State, submitting a letter dated September 15, 2003 providing an update on the Softwood Industry Community Economic Adjustment Initiative (SICEA), and that over 1100 applications were received for funding, and approved projects are expected to be announced in the near future.
- C. (iii) 15. Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association
- letter of thanks
Alberni Valley Drag Racing submitting a letter dated September 15, 2003 thanking Council for their support of the Thunder in the Valley Drag Race weekend and inviting Council to attend a volunteer appreciation dance on October 4.
- C. (iii) 16. Union of British Columbia Municipalities
- Regional Hospital District (RHD) Cost Sharing Review
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a copy of the recently completed Ministry of Health Services Regional Health District (RHD) Cost Sharing Review and cover letter from Colin Hansen, Minister of Health. *(Note: Review in Reading File.)*
- C. (iii) 17. Eagle Rock Materials Ltd.
- Eagle Rock Quarry update
Eagle Rock Materials Ltd. submitting a copy of a News Release advising that it has received an Environmental Assessment Certificate for its proposed Eagle Rock Quarry and providing an update on the project.
- C. (iii) 18. Alberni Valley Lions Club
- Bullhead Derby
Alberni Valley Lions Club submitting a letter dated September 5, 2003 thanking Council members for participating in the judging at the Bullhead Derby.

- C. (iii) 19. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - CRTC ROW Access
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) submitting a Members' Advisory, dated September 24, 2003 advising that the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed the applications of FCM and five municipal governments for leave to appeal the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Decision 2001-23, that addressed a rights-of-way (ROW) access dispute between the City of Vancouver and Ledcor Industries Ltd.

D. BYLAWS

- D. 1. "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003"
- for 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading (HC)
That "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003", No. 4538, be now introduced and read a first time.
That "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003", No. 4538, be read a second time.
That "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003", No. 4538, be now read a third time.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

F. REPORTS

- F.1. Accounts
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated be received and the cheques numbered to inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling be approved.
- F. 2. RCMP
- monthly report (CS)
That the monthly report from the RCMP providing information about departmental operations in August 2003, be received.
- F. 3. Parks and Recreation
- monthly report (CM)
That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about departmental operations in August 2003, be received.
- F. 4. Museum
- monthly report (LP)
That the monthly report from the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum providing information about departmental operations in September 2003, be received.

F. 5. Director of Finance - On-Line Finance & Leasing Corporation (HC) That the memorandum from the Director of Finance dated September 18, 2003 advising that the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) have terminated the contract with the On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation to administer the leasing program for municipalities in BC, and there is ongoing litigation between the MFA and On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation, and that the MFA has advised the City to:

1. Refrain from exercising the option to buy out of the lease;
2. Revoke the authority of On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation to withdraw lease payments by way of electronic transfer;
3. Advise the bank that the City has revoked On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation's authority to withdraw funds from its account.

And the letter from On-Line Finance & Leasing Corporation dated September 14, 2003 advising that it will no longer initiate payments by electronic funds transfer from the City's accounts and as a result the City's lease account will go delinquent pending a restoration of their authority, be received and filed.

F. 6. Administrative Assistant - gifts for visit to Abashiri (HC) That the memorandum from the Administrative Assistant dated September 22, 2003 requesting Council's approval of a \$225 expenditure to purchase gifts to be presented on behalf of the City to Abashiri dignitaries during the Mayor's visit in October, be received and Council concur with the request.

F. 7. City Clerk - SICC Report from 5:30 pm September 29, 2003 Report to be provided by the City Clerk outlining consideration of Council at the SICC meeting conducted at 5:30 pm, September 29, 2003 and identifying subsequent direction to be considered by Council at this Regular Meeting.

F. 8. Mayor's Report

F. 9. Councillors' Reports

G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Price - Mayor's travel expenses to attend Abashiri (LP) That the City of Port Alberni cover the travel expenses of approximately \$1,500, including taxes, for the Mayor to attend the City's sister City - Abashiri, on an official visit October 15 to 22, 2003.

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

I. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting terminate at pm.