

A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Page 1

1. Regular Council Meeting held at 7:00 pm on December 18, 2006 and the Special Meeting held at 12:00 pm December 21, 2006.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. **Westcoaster (HC) - Page 19**

Kevin Drews, publisher/editor of the "Westcoaster" online newspaper, is requesting a letter in support of an Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District resolution regarding lobbying the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to debate the inclusion of "recognized local online news services" to be part of municipal public notice requirements. *(Note: Item E. 2. relates to this issue).*

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Heart and Stroke Foundation (CS) - Page 20**

Letter dated December 18, 2006 requesting that February 2007 be declared as "Heart Month" in Port Alberni and asking if the Mayor can be available for signing the proclamation with the media in attendance.

That the letter be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim February 2007 as "Heart Month" in Port Alberni.

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Literacy Alberni (KW) - Page 23

Letter dated December 18, 2006 requesting three City computers that have recently been replaced be donated to their organization, as they have received funding to provide an ESL (English as a Secondary Language) program and some literacy training.

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the request of Literacy Alberni for the donation of 3 City computers that have recently been replaced are surplus to City needs.

2. Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum) (HC) - Page 24

Letter dated November 30, 2006 encouraging all local governments to support legislative changes that will allow online services like the "Westcoaster" to be part of the municipal public notice system and further that a letter of support for a resolution regarding this request be sent to the Association of Vancouver Island Communities (AVICC) and the Union of British Columbia (UBCM) to affect such change at the provincial level.

3. NEPTUNE Canada (HC) - Page 25

Letter dated November 20, 2006 requesting permission to enter into an agreement with the City of Port Alberni for a Statutory Right-of-Way across the City Property located at 2160 Plywood Drive (Lot C, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan VIP73079) for the purpose of connecting the NEPTUNE Canada Ocean Observatory marine system to the Observatory Station located at 2180 Mallory Drive.

4. Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society (KW) - Page 27

Letter dated January 3, 2007 requesting a resolution supporting the application to the Canada British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for the "Transformation Centre" to be built at the intersection of Johnston Road and Victoria Quay.

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District - Page 31

Fax dated December 15, 2006 advising a resolution was passed offering support to have the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Sciences located in Port Alberni.

2. City of Coquitlam - Page 32

Letter dated December 15, 2006 regarding the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change.

3. University of Victoria - Page 33

Letter dated December 15, 2006 including a cheque for \$224 for the City of Port Alberni grant in lieu of property tax. *(See Mayor's letter dated Dec. 15/06 attached).*

4. 2010 Legacies Now - Page 35

Letter received December 18, 2006 with a copy of the 2005/2006 annual review enclosed. *(Note: Review available in "Reading File").*

5. Ministry of Environment - Page 36

Copy of a letter dated December 13, 2006 to Island Timberlands Limited Partnership regarding the unnamed tributary to China Creek Emergency Repair.

6. Softwood Lumber Agreement - Pages 38 to 45

Two letters in response to a letter from the Mayor expressing concern over the softwood lumber agreement with the United States. *(See Mayor's letter dated June 14/06 attached).*

- **Minister of Natural Resources Canada**
- **Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics**

7. Port Alberni Port Authority - Page 46

Letter dated December 13, 2006 expressing their disappointment that the visit to Abashiri, Japan in February 2007 has been cancelled.

8. Tourism British Columbia - Page 47

Letter dated December 15, 2006 in response to the City Clerk's letter concerning driving directions on HelloBC.com. *(See City Clerk's letter dated Nov 30/06 attached).*

9. BC Progress Board - Page 50

Fax dated December 15, 2006 advising the release of a discussion paper entitled "The Social Condition in British Columbia," which examines the causes and costs of low income in BC. *(Note: Report available in "Reading File")*.

10. BC Progress Board - Pages 54 to 63

Fax dated December 15, 2006 advising the Board's reports, "Building on our Progress – Striving for Excellence, Volumes I and II" are now available on their website. *(Note: Reports available in "Reading File")*.

11. Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues - Page 64

Letter dated December 27, 2006 enclosing a copy of their Community Opportunities Task Force (Task Force) Report, "Building Stronger Communities: Better Services, Economic Growth, Solutions That Work". *(Note: Report available in "Reading File")*.

12. City of North Vancouver - Page 66

Memo dated December 14, 2006 to all Union of British Columbia (UBCM) members advising of their endorsement of a resolution regarding the report "Cage Free Eggs – Follow Up".

13. Letters received in support of efforts to maintain the Martin Mars Water Bombers - Pages 67 to 80

- Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District
- District of Kent
- District of Elkford
- Corporation of Delta
- District of Logan Lake
- District of Metchosin
- Village of Tahsis
- City of Salmon Arm
- Village of Sayward
- City of Trail
- Town of Lake Cowichan
- District of Kitimat
- District of Taylor (concern for loss of firefighting capacity)

14. BC Assessment - Page 81

Letter dated December 28, 2006 advising that the total taxable value of the 2007 Assessment Roll has increased over 23 per cent from 2006 and that all property owners in British Columbia will receive the Property Assessment Notices in early January.

15. Beaver Creek Improvement District - Page 83

Letter dated December 21, 2006 thanking the City for providing water to them during the power outage on December 12, 2006.

16. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General - Page 84

Letter dated November 30, 2006 announcing that Associate Deputy Minister Wes Shoemaker will oversee the new formation of Emergency Management British Columbia.

17. Terasen Gas - Page 85

Letter dated December 15, 2006 reminding of right-of-way safety and enclosing copy of the 2007 Terasen Gas calendar and a brochure entitled "Right of Way - your guide to Staying Safe". *(Note: Pamphlets available in "Reading File").*

18. Ministry of Health - Page 87

Letter dated December 18, 2006 encouraging participation in the "Conversation on Health", a year long provincial discussion with British Columbians on every facet of health care to help prepare our health system for future generations.

19. Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues - Page 89

Letter dated December 18, 2006 announcing the official launch of the following programs: "Towns for Tomorrow", "LocalMotion" and "Spirit Squares" that encourage healthy living and physical fitness, improve sustainable environmental management and create both short and long-term jobs.

20. Building Policy Branch - Office of Housing and Constructions Standards - Page 92

Letter dated December 14, 2006 advising of their assessment of seismic slope stability, the amount a building would be displaced during an earthquake, and advising that materials are being developed to guide local governments and industry.

21. Mental Health Foundation - Page 93

Letter dated December, 2006 inviting nominations for the "2007 Courage to Come Back" awards, a province-wide campaign that celebrates ordinary people who have demonstrated extra-ordinary courage in their recover from adversity. *(Pamphlet and poster in "Reading File")*.

22. City of North Vancouver - Page 94

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 advising of their resolution to the Government of Canada to renew and expand the "National Homelessness Initiative".

23. Local Government Program Services - Page 95

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 announcing that funding is available for the "Seniors in Communities Dialogues" and "Pilot Projects" in support of locally determined Seniors Housing and Support Services which deal with housing, transportation and social services for seniors.

24. Local Government Program Services - Page 96

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 advising that the deadlines for applications to the "School Community Connections Program" have been extended.

25. Local Government Program Services - Page 97

Memorandum dated December 20, 2006 advising that Phase II of the "Community Tourism Fund" will begin after the evaluation of Phase I of the Program.

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 25 be received and filed.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS Nil

H. BYLAWS Nil

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts (HC)

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 8, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered to inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling be approved.

2. Planning (CM) – Page 98

Monthly report from the City Planner providing information about current departmental operations.

3. Fire Department (CS) – Page 99

Monthly report from the Fire Department providing information about current departmental operations.

4. RCMP (CS) - Page 101

Monthly report from the OIC, Port Alberni providing information about current departmental operations.

5. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission (IP) - Page 103

Minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting of December 6, 2006.

6. City Clerk - Appointment to Heritage Commission (IP) - Page 106

Report dated January 3, 2007 advising that Mr. Bill Lekich has expressed an interest in participating in the Heritage Commission as a member at large for a two year term.

That the report dated January 3, 2007 from the City Clerk be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Mr. Bill Lekich to the Heritage Commission as a member at large for a two year term ending December 2008.

7. City Manager - Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Between British Columbia and Alberta (JM) - Page 107

Report, as requested by Council, dated January 3, 2007 providing further information concerning the potential impacts on municipalities of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Between British Columbia and Alberta.

8. City Clerk - 2007 Court of Revision (HC) - Page 119

Report dated January 4, 2007 advising that the City is required to establish the date, place and time for the Annual Arena Parcel Tax Court of Revision

That Council for the City of Port Alberni establish that the 2007 Arena Parcel Tax Court of Revision meet on April 2, 2007 in the Council Chambers at 4850 Argyle Street at 10:00 am.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourn at pm.