



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

SUMMARY OF MAY 12, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING

This is an information report regarding the most recent meeting of Port Alberni City Council. This is not the official minutes of the meeting. For more information please contact Russell Dyson, City Clerk 720-2810 (e-mail: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca)

► DELEGATIONS

Grade 12 students Minna Khtaria and Amy Sawyer from ADSS requested Council's endorsement of their proposal for a **Plastic Bag Ban** in Port Alberni. Council for the City of Port Alberni directed staff to consult with the business community regarding a plastic bag ban.

Donna Brett, Stacey Manson and Teresa Pring (Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, mid-Vancouver Island area) discussed the first **Habitat for Humanity home** in Port Alberni, and requested a portion of the City owned property on Melrose Street between 7th and 8th Avenue (Lot 5, Plan 16421) for construction of a duplex. Staff will work with the group regarding feasibility of this project and provide a report back to Council.

Ray Bartram, DRH Forest Consulting, presented a final **Draft of the Community Forest application**. Council for the City of Port Alberni endorsed the Community Forest Application as presented but will not forward it until a later date, to accommodate further consultation with the Hupacasath First Nation.

Arnie Gillespie addressed Council on behalf of the residents of 7th and 8th Avenues regarding the proposed new "**Nuisance House Bylaw**".

Pat Dahlquist, School Trustee, spoke in support of the proposed "**Nuisance House Bylaw**".

Council received a report from the City Clerk outlining a **Nuisance Property Program** for the consideration of Council, identifying the issues and processes associated with creating a Nuisance Bylaw. Council received the report and directed staff to investigate a pilot project on a one year's trial period for Council's consideration.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council made the following proclamations:

- June 1 to 7, 2007 as "**Canadian Environment Week**" in Port Alberni
- September, 2008 as "**Arthritis Awareness Month**" in Port Alberni.
- June, 2008 as "**National Awareness Month for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus**" in Port Alberni.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from the Western Canada Wilderness Committee requesting Council write to their MLA, Transportation Minister and Premier Campbell regarding the **Provincial Gateway Project** and requested that the letter be forwarded to the MLA.

Council referred a request from Jacques Louis Swann that the City start to **landscape with nut trees** when planting new tree to aid in sustainability, to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Council supports the Island Corridor Foundation coalition to **upgrade the Island Railway Corridor** on Vancouver Island by providing a letter of support to the Coalition and will make the "Friends of the Campaign" sign up sheet available at City Hall.

Council received a report from the Mayor of the City of Burnaby containing a resolution requesting **enhanced monitoring and reporting of highways maintenance** and requesting Council endorsement of their resolution. A copy of Council's resolution that supported this resolution at the January 14, 2008 will be forwarded to the City of Burnaby.

Council endorsed the request from Kristi Dobson of the **Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life** to waive the provisions of the Noise Bylaw for the night of June 20, 2008 for this year's fundraising event at Bob Dailey Stadium, subject to notification being provided to local residents.

► BYLAWS

Council gave third readings to the following Bylaws:

- **Official Community Plan Amendment No. 2 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4694**
- **Zoning Amendment No. 68 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4695**
- **Zoning Amendment No. 69 (4404 Elizabeth Street – John Ruissen and Kathleen Nordstrom), Bylaw No. 4696**

Council gave three readings to "**Fire Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 4 (Outdoor Burning), Bylaw No. 4697**".

► REPORTS

Council received the minutes of the April 28, 2008 **Audit Committee Meeting**, the City Engineer's response to questions arising from the March 25, 2008 meeting and the financial statements ending March 31, 2008.

Council approved **Development Variance Permit** No. 68 to vary section 5.15.3, Minimum Dwelling Width, by reducing the minimum dwelling unit width from 5 metres (16.4 feet) to 4.26 metres (13.97 feet) for a multi-family residential development on 4311 Kendall Avenue.

Council for the City of Port Alberni will proceed with the **sale of land** of that part of Lot 2, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 25605 (4th Avenue and Napier Street) to LB Woodchoppers Ltd. for the price of \$23,485 plus taxes, all survey costs and legal fees, subject to the property being amalgamated with Lot 1, District Lot 1, Alberni, Plan 24505.

Council received a report from the City Clerk providing two separate bylaws for the comment of Council and consideration at a public meeting, which would serve the purpose of **revitalizing the Uptown** and providing an incentive for participation in the **Paint the Town Event**. The public meeting will be held May 26th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council received a report from the Administrative Assistant providing an update regarding **rental of units at the Alberni Harbour Quay**.

Council for the City of Port Alberni authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement with the Island Corridor Foundation for **use of the licensed track** between Port Alberni and the McLean Mill for the purpose of operating a **rail passenger service**.

Council for the City of Port Alberni approved changes to the **2008 Capital Works** program as outlined by the City Engineer.

Council for the City of Port Alberni endorsed the **Application for Bear Smart Community Program Funding, 2008-2009**.

► DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly reports were received from the **City Engineer, City Planner, Fire Chief** and the **RCMP, OIC**.

Councillor Whiteman also noted that this year's **BC Bike Race** will be held **June 29th and 30th** with over 400 riders expected in the community.

► OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Council passed a motion to invite the **BC Community Forest Association** to hold their AGM in Port Alberni next year.

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