



SUMMARY OF APRIL 28TH, 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 Davina Sparrow, Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk at 720-2810 (e-mail: davina_sparrow@portalberni.ca)

A minute of silence was held in observance of the Day of Mourning.

► DELEGATIONS

Mayor McRae presented a plaque from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to Ken Watson, City Manager, recognizing his contribution and the City of Port Alberni's support of the **Canada/Sri Lanka Municipal Cooperation Program**.

Amber Zirnhelt from the **International Centre for Sustainable Cities** was in attendance to discuss sustainability planning and the Port Alberni Community Assessment. She will be holding two workshops this week with community organizations and City staff and will provide a report to Council in late May/June.

Gillian Trumper of the **Crystal Meth Task Force** was in attendance to invite Council and staff to meet with Sgt. Maurice Brodeur of the Edmonton Police Department who has been the driving force behind a community program involving 'drug houses'. A public meeting will also take place on May 22, 2008 – anyone wishing to attend can contact Melody Burton at 724-6115.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council made the following proclamations:

- That the week of June 1 to 7, 2007 be proclaimed as "**Seniors' Week**" in Port Alberni
- That June 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008 be proclaimed as "**Flag Month**" in Port Alberni.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council for the City of Port Alberni denied the request from the **Mount Klitsa Garden Club** to deposit cut broom at the City Works Yard on Ship Creek Road during a week in June and noted that there will be free tipping at the landfill on May 23rd and 24th and that as an alternative, JW Berry are also now receiving this type of material.

Council for the City Port Alberni supported the first annual "**Art in the Park**" event to be held July 11 – 13, 2008 and authorized the Economic Development Manager to work with the Center Island Culture Fine Arts Collective to find a suitable venue.

Council referred a letter from Barb Mellaart of Treadsetter Shoes requesting that the **new anti-smoking law** be lengthened from three metres to six metres in front of a building entrance or air intake to the Chamber of Commerce for comment and also directed staff to investigate any action by other municipalities.

Council received a letter from 5th Avenue Residents who are working with agencies to take back their neighbourhood from a known drug house and directed the City Clerk provide an update on the status of the **proposed nuisance bylaw** at the next regular meeting of Council.

► **BYLAWS**

Council gave final adoption to “**Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 4** (Multiple Residential and Commercial Bin Rates) 2008, **Bylaw No. 4692**” .

“**Tax Rates 2008, Bylaw No. 4693**” was also finally adopted.

Council adopted the recommendations from the summary report of the April 24, 2008 **Advisory Planning Commission meeting** and gave first and second 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**.

The above Bylaws will advance to a **Public Hearing on Monday, May 12, 2008** at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Council gave notice of intent to consider issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 4311 Kendall Avenue.

► **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Monthly reports were received from Human Resources and Community Development, RCMP, Alberni Valley Museum, Parks and Recreation, and Economic Development.

► **REPORTS**

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the **Contribution Agreement for the Harbour Quay Spirit Square Project** from the Ministry of Community Services.

Council for the City of Port Alberni appointed the **2008 CAPES Committee** noting Dave Deimling as the new Liquor Inspector.

Council approved assignment of lease for the **Donut Shop** at the Alberni Harbour Quay to Mike and Samantha Barrowcliff, effective May 1st.

Council directed staff to prepare an **amendment** to the **Outdoor Burning Bylaw, (Bylaw 4457)** to prohibit open air burning for land clearing debris, wastes from building construction, and building demolition materials, with the appropriate penalty for violators.

Council will enter into an agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and contribute \$95,000 from the Land Sale Reserve Fund to undertake a **Stage 2 Preliminary Site Investigation** at the **former Plywood Site**.

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