



SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 25, 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.

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► DELEGATIONS

Ron Paulson, Chair, 2009 World Under – 17 Hockey Challenge provided an update on the planning and preparation of the event, including ticket sales which begin March 15th.

Craig Daniell, CEOBC SPCA and Irene Towell, Manager, BC SPCA Alberni-Clayoquot Branch requested an increase in the 2008 Animal Control and Pound Service by \$36,135. This discussion will be forwarded to the public budget meeting on March 4th.

Elizabeth Fielden was in attendance to provide information regarding the 2308 Royal Canadian Army Cadets. Master Corporal Harley recited the Army Cadets Honour Code.

Brent Ronning presented the Community Satisfaction Survey.

Nancy Falconer, Canadian Cancer Society, Vancouver Island Region, addressed Council regarding the need for education and a bylaw concerning the banning of cosmetic use pesticides. Staff was directed to investigate such a bylaw.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council made the following proclamation:

March 2008 as "**Community Social Services Awareness Month**" in Port Alberni

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from **Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto** encouraging all Canadian municipalities to participate in **Earth Hour, a global World Wildlife Fund lights-out event** (turning off lights between 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm on March 29, 2008), to raise awareness and support for action on climate change.

Council received a letter from **Tseshah First Nation** expressing concerns about the **China Creek mudslide** and requesting copies of reports and documentation relating to the slide, input into the investigation of the cause of the slide and a meeting with the City, Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Environment to discuss strategies to prevent further slides. The City Engineer will meet with them.

Council received a letter from **CanWest CanSpell** seeking endorsement of the **CanWest CanSpell initiative**. Council for the City of Port Alberni will provide a letter of support for the initiative to School District No. 70.

Council received an email from **Crystal McMillan, Bear Aware Program Supervisor** requesting a Council Liaison and a representative from the City Planning Department be appointed to the **Bear Working Group**. Council for the City of Port Alberni appointed **Scott Smith, City Planner**, and **Charles Mealey, Councillor** as liaisons to the Port Alberni Bear Working Group.

Council authorized Councillor McLeman's attendance at the **BC Community Forests Association 2008 BCCFA Conference and AGM** in Sechelt, May 30 – June 1, 2008.

Council received a letter from the **KUU-US Crisis Line Society** requesting permission to set up raffle tables at Stirling Field during Salmon Festival weekend. Council granted the request.

► **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** **NIL**

► **BYLAWS**

Council adopted "Zoning Amendment No. 66 (3915 – 10th Avenue – Courtney), Bylaw No. 4686".

► **REPORTS**

Council received the minutes of the **Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission** meeting held February 6, 2008.

Council received the minutes of the **Climate Change Committee** meetings held February 6 and 13, 2008.

Council received a summary of the **Bear Hazard Assessment** recommendations and endorsed the 2008 Bear Aware application to implement the public education components.

Council received a report from the City Clerk addressing the **Revitalization of Uptown Port Alberni**. Council agreed in principle to the proposal for new property maintenance standards as outlined in the proposed property maintenance bylaw and will meet to further discuss the implications of Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaws (RTEs).

► **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Monthly reports were received from the **Parks & Recreation, the Economic Development Manager and the Museum**.

► **OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

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