



SUMMARY OF JANUARY 14, 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

Two scheduled delegations were postponed on account of weather on the east coast, these will be rescheduled for the next regular meeting of Council – January 28, 2008. The two delegations include: Makenzie Leine, Manager of Sustainability and Community Affairs, Island Timberlands to discuss **logging practices in the watershed** and Gordon Cote of NARSF Programs Ltd. to discuss a **local needle exchange program**.

Tim Paul outlined a proposal for the creation of a **sculptural exhibition and documentary to promote healing programs** and a **healing center for survivors of Indian Residential Schools**. Council for the City of Port Alberni have agreed to set up a carving shed adjacent to the Alberni Valley Museum in early 2008 and will help to secure some funding toward the project.

Sherri McKinnon from the **Twinning Society** gave an update about the Abashiri North Stars youth **hockey team's visit** and presented **gifts from her recent trip to Abashiri, Japan**.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council made the following proclamations:

February, 2008 as "**Heart Month**"
February 9, 2008 as "**Eastern Star Day**"
January 26, 2008 as "**Family Literacy Day**"
April 6 to 13, 2008 as "**MS Awareness Week**"
January 21 to 27, 2008 as "**Kidsport Week**".

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from **Hank Bramwell, Beaufort Hotel, unhappy with Council's decision of October 9, 2007 objecting to the application of the Beaufort Hotel**, liquor licence number 139354, to extend its hours of operation to 12:00 noon to 2:00 am Monday to Sunday. Council responded by requesting an opportunity for the Mayor to meet with the new owners of the Beaufort Hotel.

Council received a letter from David S. Hooper urging Council's **reconsideration of the \$50,000 budget cut imposed on the Alberni Valley Museum**. Council directed staff to prepare two scenario's for the budget, one with the cut reversed and the status quo.

Council received a letter from Vanayssa Wakefield concerned about the **bear problem** and suggesting fines be levied to those who do not treat their garbage properly.

Council received an e-mail from Liz Stoneard requesting Council to enact a bylaw that will enable the City to charge people who **"contribute to the destruction of wildlife"** by putting their garbage out too early, not packaging their garbage properly or not picking up fruit from their trees.

Council received a Circular from the Ministry of Community Services Local Government Infrastructure and Finance inviting applications for the **2008 LocalMotion Program** for capital projects that make communities greener, healthier and more accessible places.

Council received a letter from the Coast Mental Health Foundation requesting assistance to promote nominations for the **"2008 Courage To Come Back Awards"**.

Council received a letter from **Simon Fraser University** introducing **ACT (Adaptation to Climate Change Team)**, an initiative designed to help Canadians cope with the impacts of climate change and requested to meet with Council to discuss ACT. The matter was referred to the **City's Climate Change Committee**.

Council received a letter from the Beaver Creek Improvement District requesting what the **financial impact would be to Beaver Creek residents if water is bought from the City**. The City Engineer will prepare a report outlining the options and implications.

Council received a letter from the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) regarding **road and highway maintenance specifications** in British Columbia. Council adopted a resolution calling on the Ministry of Transportation to enhance monitoring and reporting of highways maintenance.

Council received an e-mail from the Royal Canadian Legion, Campaign Office, providing information on their **"Military Service Recognition Book"**. The City agreed to purchase space for a support message/advertisement.

Council for the City of Port Alberni supported the **UBCM Community Tourism Phase 2 funding application in the amount of \$30,000 for the 2008 Tall Ships Event**.

► UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was reported that Council had received a legal opinion regarding the condition that the developer of **5350 Falls Street** provide financial compensation to owner occupiers as a condition of the adoption of the rezoning bylaw. The opinion stated that the City did not have this authority and the condition will not be required of the owner.

► BYLAWS

Nil

► DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly reports were received from the **Engineering Department, Planning Department** and the **RCMP**.

► **REPORTS**

Council received the report from the **Public Hearing** held December 10, 2007.

Council for the City of Port Alberni established that the **2008 Court of Revision**, to deal with complaints respecting the **assessment roll and authentication of the assessment roll for the Arena Parcel Tax**, meet at 10:00 am, March 31, 2008 in the Council Chambers at 4850 Argyle Street.

Council for the City of Port Alberni appointed **Councillors Mealey and Solda, with Councillor Whiteman as alternate**, to the 2008 Court of Revision, Chaired by Raymond Kwok.

Council received the minutes from the first **Climate Change Committee** held December 18, 2007.

Council for the City of Port Alberni directed staff to **monitor progress on the upgrade at 3118 Third Avenue (Frigstad Apartments)**. With the progress to date no remedial action will be taken at this time.

Council for the City of Port Alberni endorsed the **"Innovations Fund Funding Agreement Under the Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues"** and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign this agreement.

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