



## SUMMARY OF APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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. Asst./Deputy City Clerk 720-2810 (e-mail: [davina\\_sparrow@portalberni.ca](mailto:davina_sparrow@portalberni.ca))*

### ► DELEGATIONS

"Cadets" from the Christian Reformed Church thanked the Mayor for answering their questions as a requirement for their **Citizenship Badge**.

Gillian Shearwater and Winston Joseph presented an invitation to participate in the 2008 Canada Day Parade on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, which will start a ½ hour earlier this year (10:30 am). Council also approved the request to conduct the parade on City Streets.

Magda Dominik, on behalf of Colin Doerr, Canada World Youth, attended to discuss the **Canada World Youth Ukraine** youth exchange program coming to Port Alberni between November 2008 and March 2009. Council endorsed the program and will provide bus passes for the group.

Jean McIntosh, Museum Director, made a brief presentation to Council to recognize the power of poetry and raise awareness of the exhibit **"What Were Their Dreams: Port Alberni 1858-2008"**. Dolly McRae also read a poem.

### ► PROCLAMATIONS

Council made the following proclamation:  
April 25, 2008 as **"World Malaria Day"** in Port Alberni.

### ► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received an email from **Nora Lofthus, Chair of the Kids Help Line** inviting the Mayor and Council and the community to join the new Chapter of Kids Help Phone in Nanaimo and participate in the "Bell Walk for Kids Help Phone" on Sunday, May 4, 2008.

Council received a letter requesting nominations for a **2008 Canada Post Community Literacy Award** and directed staff to forward the information to Tracy Smyth of the Make Children First Network and Tom Weegar, Alberni Literacy.

Council received an e-mail from **Allison Brown, Communications Coordinator of BC Transplant**, inviting the Mayor and Council to participate in the Travelling Registration Campaign in an effort to increase the number of people registered on the Organ Donor Registry. BC Transplant will be at the Safeway in Port Alberni on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. All available Councillors will participate.

Council agreed to the request from Vicki Lee to extend the hours of operation for the **Farmers' Market** on Saturday, July 12, 2008 to 4:00 pm.

Council approved a Tag Day for **Alberni Junior Baseball** on Saturday, June 28, 2008.

Council forwarded the letter from **Donna Jacobs** requesting Sunday bus service to the Advisory Traffic Committee.

Council agreed to the request from the Port Alberni District and Labour Council to fly the **National Day of Mourning Flag** at half-mast on Monday, April 28, 2008 and the following week.

Council approved a request from Evergreen Exhibitions Ltd. to suspend a banner across 10th Avenue near Echo Centre from April 28 to May 5, 2008 to promote its annual **Home and Leisure Show** being held at the Alberni Valley Multiplex.

Council will apply for funding through the UBCM for a Regional **Community to Community Forum** to bring together First Nations and local government to discuss issues of mutual interest.

### **► UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The City Manager advised that the term of the proposed recycling collection contract will be three years with a three year renewal clause.

### **► BYLAWS**

Council authorized **Development Variance Permit No. 66 for 2799 Anderson Avenue** to vary section 6.1.3 Bulk and Site Regulations of Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw #4395, by reducing the rear yard setback from 9 meters (29.5 feet) to 5 meters (16.4 feet) and by reducing the front yard setback from 7.5 meters (24.6 feet) to 6.3 meters (20.6 feet) in order to construct a residential dwelling.

Council authorized **Development Variance Permit No. 67 for 3580 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue** to vary section 6.3.3 Bulk and Site Regulations of Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw #4395, by reducing the North Side Yard Setback from 3 metres (9.8 feet) to 1.52 metres (5 feet), for 3580 32nd Avenue to allow for construction of a residential dwelling.

Council gave three readings to "**Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 4** (Multiple Residential and Commercial Bin Rates) 2008, **Bylaw No. 4692**",

Council gave three readings to "**Tax Rates 2008, Bylaw No. 4693**".

Council received the verbal report of the **Public Hearing** held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm regarding an application to amend the Zoning Bylaw to facilitate construction of a single family dwelling at 2600 Burde Street and finally adopted **Bylaw No. 4690**.

### **► DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Monthly reports** were received from the Fire Department, City Engineer, and City Planner.

### **► REPORTS**

Council received the minutes from the **Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting** held on April 2, 2008.

Council received the minutes of the March 25, 2008 **Audit Committee Meeting**, the City Engineer's response to questions arising from the March 25, 2008 meeting and the financial statements ending February 29, 2008.

Council approved the 2008/09 **Transit Operating Agreement** with new service provider Diversified Transportation Ltd and also approved the Master Operating Agreement between the City, British Columbia Transit and Diversified Transportation Ltd.

Council conducted a **Show Cause Hearing** with regard to **3118 Third Avenue** (Frigstad Apartments) allowing 30 days for the owner to clear the property of debris and comply with stipulations itemized in the Building Inspector's report of August 8, 2007.

Council received the minutes of the **Climate Change Committee** held March 26, 2008.

Council reconfirmed their commitment to the proposed **British Columbia Climate Action Charter**, and authorized the Mayor to sign the British Columbia Climate Action Charter between the Province of British Columbia and The Union of British Columbia Municipalities and signatory Local Governments, on behalf of Council for the City of Port Alberni.

Council received the minutes of the **Revitalization Tax Exemption** Meeting held March 31, 2008.

Council adopted an **Idling Policy for City Vehicles**.

Council received a report dated March 25, 2008 from the **Economic Development Manager** regarding **doing business in China** and adopted a resolution to reconsider the matter after more communication and with more information from the Counsel General for China.

Council received a report dated April 8, 2008 from the **City Manager** advising of the **Fire Chief Larry McGifford's intention to retire** as of July 31, 2008 and that Deputy Chief, Tim Pley, will be promoted.

Council received a report dated April 9, 2008 from the **Director of Parks and Recreation** enclosing the preliminary concepts for improvements to the **Alberni Harbour Quay ("Market Square")**.

#### **► OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

*Should you have any questions or require any further information,  
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