



SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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

New staff members - Dave Cappus, Building/Plumbing Inspector and Mark Zenko, Bylaw Enforcement and Business License Inspector were introduced to the Mayor and Council.

Tom McEvay was in attendance and discussed the recent **Port Alberni group visit to China and the Beijing Olympics**.

Tom Weegar from Literacy Alberni Society was in attendance to discuss "**Literacy Month**". Council granted permission to hand out free AV Times newspapers at prominent locations throughout the City on Wednesday September 24.

Donna Brett, BC150 made a presentation of five large event tents to the City from BC150. The tents can be rented from Parks and recreation for local use.

Council supported the grant application of **Joshua Prescott-Shaw to the Canada Council for the Arts for a public sculpture** and directed that the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum and Director of Parks and Recreation work with Mr. Prescott-Shaw to develop options for a suitable location for the structure on City property. Mr. Prescott – Shaw was encouraged to consult with both local First Nations about his project.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council made the following **proclamations**:

- The month of October as "**Community Living Month**"
- The week of September 20 to 27 as "**RDOG Week**" (National Responsible Dog Ownership)

► CORRESPONDENCE

In response to a request from Lyle Price, Vancouver Island Real Estate Board Council directed staff to develop **amendments to the Fees and Charges Bylaw** to reflect a single fee for all interests.

Council forwarded a letter from W.F. Cocker requesting that the **tree on City land at the corner of McBride and Strathcona be removed**, to the Parks Superintendent for a report.

Council decided **not to submit a bid to host the 2012 or 2014 BC Summer or Winter Games**.

Council approved the request from North Island College for **10 monthly student bus passes for prize giveaways** and transit booklets/bus schedules for display at their Orientation Day to be held September 10, 2008 at the Port Alberni Campus.

Council received an email from Sukhbir Hundal inquiring if the City plans to **pave the Recycling Depot area**. The depot is now the responsibility of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, and their contractor who operates their recycling program.

Council received a letter from Honourable Jim Karygiannis, Member of Parliament requesting support for **Private Member's Bill C-568 "an Act to amend Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters)"**.

Council granted permission, subject to approval from the Canadian Mental Health Association, for a tent on the corner of 4th Avenue and Napier Street in conjunction with **Raise A Reader Day** on September 24.

Council referred an email from the **Port Alberni Action Zombie Walk 08** regarding the "walk" on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 am through the afternoon, to the City Engineer to coordinate necessary safety precautions for the event.

► UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council received a report from the Fire Chief regarding the request from John Douglas to provide a home for a **multi-casualty unit (MCU)** in the Alberni Valley. Council denied the request and will write to the Province to maintain a BC Ambulance Service MCU in the Alberni Valley.

► BYLAWS

Council gave first, second and third reading to **"Chauffeur Regulation and Licencing 2008, Bylaw No. 4701"**.

Council received the recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission relating to the **proposed new ADSS** on Roger Street and the development of the former **Klitsa School property** for residential housing and baseball fields.

Council gave first and second readings to "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 3 (New A.D.S.S. - Klitsa Development), 2008, Bylaw No. 4702" and "Zoning Amendment No. 70 (New A.D.S.S. - Klitsa Development), 2008, Bylaw No. 4703" and authorized that the Bylaw be advanced to a **Public Hearing** on **Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Cedar Room at Echo Centre**.

► DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

► REPORTS

Council received the minutes from the July 28, 2008 **Audit Committee Meeting**, the report dated July 2, 2008 from the Director of Finance responding to questions arising from the June 23, 2008 meeting and the financial statements ending June 30, 2008

Council approved the **Request For Proposal #2008 – Banking Services** be awarded to BMO Bank of Montreal.

Council approved the request from the Director of Parks and Recreation for \$100,000 for **U17 lighting upgrades at the AV Multiplex** with funding from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve.

Council authorized an expenditure from the contingency budget in the amount of \$10,000 for the installation of a **new drainage system on City owned property at 4210 Cedarwood** adjacent to the Navy League building.

Council concurred with the recommendation from the Director of Parks and Recreation to not allow the placement of **upright monuments at Greenwood Cemetery** and continue with the current policy and procedures.

Council received a report from the City Engineer regarding the preliminary **geotechnical assessment of the City owned property at Melrose Street and 8th Avenue**, and directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Habitat for Humanity group for discussion on the viability of the site for development.

Council received a report from the City Manager regarding updates to the City's **Policy Manual** and recommending adoption of the Manual considered at the next meeting of Council on September 29, 2008.

Council received a report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer/Business Licence Inspector, regarding the structure (a partially built house) on the property at 5245 Ian Avenue and declared the structure a nuisance. The property owners have until October 9, 2008 to remedy the situation or the City will or the structure will be demolish the structure.

Council authorized staff to proceed with the implementation of the **Tempest module for Municipal Ticket Information's**, including training, at an expense of \$6,900.

Council considered the October 14 regular meeting of Council scheduled for 7:00 pm and directed that the meeting will be conducted at 12 noon on account of the Federal election on the same day.

Should you have any questions or require any further information,
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