



SUMMARY OF JULY 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

Bill Surry and Derek McGregor presented information regarding this year's **Thunder in the Valley** event which will be held **August 9/10 weekend** with their car show on August 8th at Chances RimRock Gaming Centre.

Alexandra Pazitch discussed her email dated July 3, 2008 regarding a reporting discrepancy in the number of City parks and open spaces.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from **G. Terry of Bowser, B.C.** dated June 23, 2008 requesting that financial help not be provided to groups wanting to **destroy flowers blooming** along highways because they are not indigenous to Vancouver Island.

Council supported a request from the **Canadian Union of Postal Workers** dated June 26, 2008 **opposing deregulation of Canada Post** and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the public.

Council received an email dated July 2, 2008 from **Terasen Gas**, requesting support of their application to the BC Utilities Commission for **funding for Energy Efficiency and conservation programs** for British Columbians and directed staff to seek further information before making a decision regarding support.

Council received a letter from the **Province of British Columbia** dated July 2, 2008 providing information regarding requesting **meetings with Ministers at this year's UBCM Convention** and will submit requests in conjunction with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Council will support a resolution the City of Campbell River will present at the UBCM Conference this fall in Penticton regarding **wave and in-stream tidal current technologies**.

Council supported the **Alberni District Fall Fair Association's** request dated July 3, 2008 **to close City streets** on the Fall Fair Parade route **Saturday, September 6, 2008**.

Council supported the **Alberni District Fall Fair Association's** request dated July 3, 2008 **to utilize City-owned property adjacent to the Batstar Café** on the corner of Beaver Creek and River Roads during the Salmon Festival weekend to display the 2008 Fall Fair car.

Council referred a letter from **Harold & Priscella Schut** dated July 8, 2008 expressing concern over a possible park being developed on **Taylor Road** to the Director of Parks and Recreation for report.

► **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** **NIL**

► **BYLAWS**

Council introduced and gave three readings to the “**Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700**” which will give the Chief Election Officer authority to designate the location of Advance Polls.

► **REPORTS**

The minutes of the June 23rd, 2008 **Audit Committee** and financial statements ending May 31, 2008 were received.

Council received a report from the Director of Finance regarding **revenues and expenditures at the McLean Mill and Alberni Valley Museum.**

At the request of the Mayor, the Director of Finance provided a report reviewing **vehicle mileage allowance rates** and approved an **increase** in the rate paid to Council and staff for use of personal vehicles for work-related travel from \$0.46 to **\$0.55 per kilometre.**

Council agreed to meet with representatives of the **Municipal Pension Retirees Association** to discuss their concerns regarding the increasing cost of health benefits to retirees.

The Economic Development Manager provided a report on his **ad campaign to attract new residents** to the Alberni Valley

Councillor McLeman was authorized attendance at a Community Forest Meeting in Kamloops.

► **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

► **OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

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