



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor Ken McRae, Councillors Hira Chopra, John Douglas,
Jack McLeman, Ike Patterson, Cindy Solda and Kenn Whiteman

COUNCIL SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held February 8, 2010. This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 250-720-2810 or e-mail: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca

■ DELEGATIONS

Director of Finance Awarded for Financial Reporting

The Mayor presented the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting to Ann Hopkins, Director of Finance, for the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Polaris Minerals Update

Robert Duncan, CEO, Hupacasath First Nation provided an update on Polaris Minerals – markets for aggregate in California are low and are expected to improve before the project proceeds.

Maximizing the Communities Waste

Stephen Salter presented an outline of the soon to be commenced Integrated Resource Recovery Feasibility Study – a look at utilizing potential energy from waste and industrial processes within the community.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Kidney Health Month

March has been proclaimed by Council as "Kidney Health Month"

■ CORRESPONDENCE

"Bottled Water Free Day"

At the request of the Polaris Institute, Council designated "Bottled Water Free Day" on March 11, 2010 - the community is encouraged not to drink bottled water where public water is available.

Franklin River Road Connections to City Water

Georgina and Colin Murray and Diana and Robert Patterson request City water connections for their properties on Franklin River Road, outside of City boundaries. They are both proposing to divide the properties by subdivision. Council requested more background information from staff.

Provincial Review of Local Government Election Issues

The Ministry of Community and Rural Development is requesting comments for the Local Government Elections Task Force's review of local government election issues. Visit their website at:

www.localelectiontaskforce.gov.bc.ca and provide your comment.

"Hike for Hospice"

The Alberni Valley Hospice Society/Ty Watson House is holding their annual "Hike for Hospice" event at Blair Park on May 2, 2010. Council approved the use of the park facility for the event.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Emergency Co-ordinator provided a report detailing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the contributions being made by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. This is a joint initiative with the City.

■ REPORTS

2010 Grants-In-Aid

Council received requests for over \$26,00 and approved Grants-In-Aid for 2010 in the amount of \$9,695.

Land Exchange with Alberni Athletic Hall Association

The City will acquire the former 0.8 acre Alberni Athletic Hall site on Beaver Creek Road in exchange for a 1.23 acre site northeast of the Multiplex.

2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan

Input received from the public was received by Council as well as final reports from staff answering questions of Council.

Council accepted the draft financial plan and directed that the required bylaws be prepared to implement it with the following changes:

- Eliminate the 2010 Council remuneration increase.
- Maintain commercial container garbage collection.
- The City not sell public works equipment for at least one year.
- The City investigate establishing a Board to fund raise for the AV Museum.
- Staff investigate separating the McLean Mill from the Alberni Valley Museum, in order that it operate as a stand alone enterprise

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, February at 12:00 pm

Advisory Planning Commission
@ Committee Room

Monday, February 22 at 7:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers