



# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

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## COUNCIL SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held February 23, 2009.  
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### ▪ DELEGATIONS

#### **World U-17 Hockey Challenge releases marketing video**

The 5 minute video will promote Central Vancouver Island for arts, cultural and sporting events. This product of the World -17 Hockey Challenge has been funded in part by the Island Coastal Economic Trust.

#### **Alberni Valley Employment Centre promotes hiring**

Dave MacFadden, Alberni Valley Employment Center described the Alberni Valley Career and Hiring Fair on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Council proclaimed the day as "Hiring Day" in Port Alberni.

#### **Opposition to future Transformation Centre**

Bob Cole expressed some opposition to the proposed Transformation Centre at Clutesi Haven Marina. The Hupacasath First Nation plans to build the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre, subject to City approval.

### ▪ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaims March as "**Community Social Services Awareness Month**" and "**Red Cross Month**". This year the Red Cross is recognizing their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### ▪ CORRESPONDENCE

#### **Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics**

A plaque presented to Port Alberni will be displayed at City Hall in support of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

#### **BC Housing announces "The Rental Assistance Program"**

The program will assist low-income, working families to help them better afford their rent.

#### **An Art Auction to support Port Alberni Association for Community Living**

The Art Auction is to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Echo Centre. Funds raised will support programs and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

#### **The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada promotes "Earth Hour"**

"Earth Hour" is celebrated by turning off lights on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm to show support in combating climate change. The City encourages residents to participate by reducing power consumption.

### ▪ BYLAWS

#### **Council introduces Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4670**

The Bylaw will result in an increase in parking fines once adopted.

#### **Council Remuneration Amendment Bylaw proposes increases**

The Bylaw proposes a 2% increase in Council's and Mayor's remuneration rates until they realize the provincial average for communities of similar population.

### ▪ REPORTS

#### **Tag Day allocations for 2009 approved**

Tag Days allow groups to fund raise on City property.

#### **Bus Stop Media to continue to provide Bus Benches.**

The City of Port Alberni will enter into an agreement with Bus Stop Media (Rodney Wade) subject to finalization of insurance requirements.

#### **Community Forest status confirmed**

The Community Forest Application of the City has been received by the Minister of Forests and is being evaluated.

## ▪ DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Occupational Health & Safety

Council received the City's 'report card' results and profile report for 2008 activities. The net rate is declining, reducing the City's costs.

### FCM Migrant Labour Rights Project

Theresa Kingston will be traveling to China from February 25th – March 18th continuing the work on the project started last year. This work is funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

### Tin Pants Theatre

A team has been hired to write, direct and produce the 2009 theatre program at the McLean Mill.

### School Museum Programs

13 school programs have been presented for January and February at the Alberni Valley Museum. This is more than double the same period last year.

### RCMP Report

The RCMP General Duty Section has responded to a total of 986 requests for service in January.

The RCMP assisted with the World U-17 Hockey Challenge. Members provided a police presence at all games and venues on a voluntary basis. Auxiliary Constables provided additional security.

### Diversifying the Economy

The Economic Development Manager and Wood Tech 21 met with Brookfield Asset Management to explain industrial options within the City.

Meetings with Island Coastal Economic Trust and the Chamber of Commerce are helping to develop a plan for moving the Visitor Information Centre project forward.

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## MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

### **Monday, Mar 2/09**

7 pm @ Council Chambers  
Five Year Financial Plan  
Department Presentations  
Parks & Recreation and  
Public Works

### **Wednesday, Mar 4/09**

7:00 pm @ AV Museum  
AV Museum & Heritage  
Commission Meeting

### **Monday, Mar 9/09**

4:00 pm @ Committee Room  
Boundary Study Committee

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers  
Regular Council Meeting