



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 January 11, 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

Marketing Alberni Valley Tourism

Richard Hudson and representatives of Alberni Valley Tourism presented Council with their marketing plan.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Family Literacy Day and Heart Month Proclaimed

January 23, 2010 is "**Family Literacy Day**"
February 2010 is "**Heart Month**"

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Operation Clean Sweep

Council declined an invitation to become a member of Pitch-In British Columbia.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rezoning of 4003 Johnston Road heading back to a Public Hearing

At the December 14, 2009 regular meeting, Council defeated a resolution to provide third reading to Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735. It was a tie vote. With the option of denying the application or heading back to a public hearing, Council has confirmed that the application will be subject to a second public hearing, date and place to be determined.

Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment

Council has settled on a policy for the redevelopment of Manufactured Home Parks, within City boundaries. The new policy requires that owners develop a relocation plan and consult with their tenants on redevelopment of their properties before proceeding with community plan and zoning bylaw amendments. Council stopped short of requiring financial compensation in addition to the provincial requirements.

■ BYLAWS

Time change for some Regular Council Meeting:

"Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4741" has now been adopted following public notice. The Complete schedule of Council meetings, dates and times are posted on the City's website and the Public Notice Posting Bulletin Board at City Hall.

"5 Year Financial Plan 2009 - 2013, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4742"

This bylaw amends the financial plan adopted last year; most of the amendments address the revenue shortfall resulting from Catalysts lack of payment in 2009. The City proposes to make up the difference by drawing down on the *Reserve for Losses on Taxation* \$366,000; Transferring from *Operating Surplus* \$1,200,000; Reducing budgeted *Capital Projects* by \$649,000; discontinuing contributions to the *Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund* \$200,000 and finally borrowing for the remaining shortfall \$885,000.

■ REPORTS

Local Organization Fundraising

Council approved Tag Days for local organizations; each group will be notified of their allocated days within the week.

Mutual Aid for Fire Protection Services

A new Mutual Aid Agreement with the Alberni Valley Fire Departments provides a single comprehensive agreement rather than separate contracts with each organization.

Proposed Development Variance Permit

Council gave direction to prepare the required notification for the consideration of a variance for 4963 Angus Street. Including, reducing parking spaces from 79 to 51, reducing private balconies from 76 – 13 and increasing maximum height from 18 metres to 26 metres. The application is to be considered at the February 11, regular meeting of Council. If approved, this will allow the redevelopment of the Beaufort convention building with the addition of an additional four stories.

Draft 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan

This document includes the detailed revenue and expenditures for the city for the next five years. Information is available from the city website at www.portalberni.ca. A series of meetings will be held to discuss the proposals with the public, starting with an overview at the Capitol Theatre Tuesday January 12, 2010. The plan includes reduction in industrial taxes by \$425,000 per year until 2012, 0% increase to business taxes, increase to residential taxes, changes in service levels and increases to some user fees.

Job Opportunities Program (JOP) Grant Application

Two projects will proceed to application for funding consideration by the Community Development Trust McLean Mill restoration project in the amount of \$250,000 with additional funding provided from the existing Departmental Reserve. Rogers Creek Ravine trails project in the amount of \$250,000 with an additional \$150,000 from existing Gas Tax Reserve Funds.

Crime Rates and Statistics

The OIC RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment provided crime rates and statistics and caseload comparison between Port Alberni and Nanaimo.

OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

A proposed resolution by Councillor McLeman regarding borrowing from tax payers and employees to fund revenue shortfalls was defeated by Council.

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Complete Council agendas

including all correspondence and reports are available at www.portalberni.ca. Generally these are posted the Friday before each regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm

Draft Five Year Financial Plan 2010 – 2014
Overview
@ Capitol Theatre

Monday, January 18 at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm

Five Year Financial Plan 2010 – 2014
Departmental Presentations
@ Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 am

Advisory Traffic Committee
@ Committee Room