



SUMMARY OF JANUARY 12, 2009 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 250-720-2810 (e-mail: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca)

► DELEGATIONS

Travis Cross presented a framed picture which captures him as he is about to compete at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. This was to thank the City for supporting his participation in the games.

Dennis Dalla-Vicenza provided an overview of the "**Festival of Lights**" display at the McLean Mill. He expressed appreciation for the volunteers and sponsors and outlined the future of the event at the Mill.

Jen Fisher-Bradley was in attendance to discuss various issues including the Climate Change Committee, and her views regarding a crisis in agriculture.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed January 24, 2009 as "**Family Literacy Day**" in Port Alberni.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a request from the **Canadian Cancer Society** for a meeting to discuss the progress towards adoption of a **Pesticide Reduction Bylaw**. The request has been referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation who is preparing a bylaw for Council's consideration.

Council received a request from the **Whalley Enhancement Association** for support of the "**Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods**" initiative.

Council received a letter and declined membership in the **Vancouver Island Economic Alliance**

Council approved a letter from the Alberni District Secondary School for use of City streets and traffic control for a **graduation march/parade** on Friday June 26 at 6:00 pm prior to graduation ceremonies at the AV Multiplex.

Council received letters from the **Canadian Association of Property Inspectors** encouraging Council to write to Premier Campbell and Minister Van Dongen to introduce higher standards for home and property inspectors and a memorandum from the Union of BC Municipalities outlining their position. Council continues to support the UBCM request for regulation of property inspection.

Council authorized the Mayor's attendance at the **Truck Loggers Association annual convention** in Vancouver on January 13 – 16, 2009.

Council received a letter from the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia inviting Mayor McRae to attend the **Minerals Exploration Roundup** to be held January 26 – 29, 2009. The Mayor will not attend.

Council referred information received from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding input on the **Fire Services Model Project draft report** on its new model for the delivery of fire services to the Fire Chief for review.

Council received information from the **Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities** of the 2009 resolutions process.

Council received information from **KD Air Corporation** regarding the Town of Qualicum Beach's existing policy of providing **snow removal to the Qualicum Beach Airport** and requesting support from organizations impacted by flight delays and cancellations caused by lack of snow removal.

Council received correspondence from **Arrowsmith Parks and Land-Use Council** advising of their recently formed coalition of citizens from environmental and social justice groups in the Mt. Arrowsmith area. They are concerned about the proposal by Island Timberlands to log in the area adjacent to MacMillan Park and requested Council to endorse and co-sign a letter of support highlighting importance of protection and preservation of the Grove. Council will write to request that Island Timberlands outline their plans.

► BYLAWS

Council received a verbal report from the City Clerk of the Public Hearing held at 6:15 pm on January 12, 2009 regarding Bylaw No. 4708. Council gave third reading to **"Zoning Amendment No. 71 (2633 7th Ave – Porter), Bylaw No. 4708"**.

► DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council received monthly reports from the **Engineering, Planning and Fire Departments**. Randy Fraser Streets Superintendent and Guy Cicon, City Engineer, provided an outline of the City's response to the recent snow events, explaining the City's policy and procedures and identifying problems that were faced especially with parked and abandoned vehicles and the duration of the snow.

► REPORTS

Council issued **Development Variance Permit No. 70** for 3550 Johnston Road (Alberni Mall) to vary the required amount of parking from "off street parking shall be provided as follows: shopping centre (containing more than 10 stores) 1 per 17 m² (183 ft²) of gross leaseable floor space" to "off street parking shall be provided as follows: Shopping Centre (containing more than 10 stores) 1 per 23 m² (248 ft²) of gross leaseable floor space."

Council issued **Development Permit No. 08-06** for construction of a new stand alone Lube-X building at the Northport Plaza on Johnston Road.

Council awarded the contract for the **Maitland Street Control Valve and Wallace Street Grit Chamber** project to Knappet Industries for \$111, 814.50 (including GST).

Council endorsed the recommendations of the **Grants-in-Aid Committee**, issuing approximately \$16,000 in grants to various non profit organizations providing services within the City.

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