



# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor John Douglas, Councillors Hira Chopra, Rob Cole,  
Wendy Kerr, Jack McLeman, Cindy Solda and Dan Washington

## COUNCIL SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held January 23, 2012.  
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### ■ DELEGATIONS

#### **Smart Meters**

Ted Olynyk from BC Hydro was in attendance at Council's request to provide information regarding the Smart Meter program.

Peter Boulton, Citizens for Safe Technology, presented concerns regarding health, safety and security issues around Smart Meters. A package of information was included in Council's reading file and can be available on request.

Tom Gowan addressed Council regarding his concerns and opposition to Smart Meters.

Councillor Kerr provided a Notice of Motion that will come forward at the next regular meeting (February 13<sup>th</sup>) requesting a moratorium be placed on the mandatory installation of wireless smart meters until health issues, privacy and other concerns have been resolved.

#### **Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce**

Cherie Williams, Treasurer, attended to discuss the Fee for Service Agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce for operation of the Visitor Information Centre. Their request for \$84,000 was referred to the budget process with more information to be provided during the public input sessions.

#### **Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Pacific Rim)**

The MLA attended to introduce himself to Council and discuss ways he and the legislature can provide assistance to local government on issues.

### ■ CORRESPONDENCE

#### **Wood Tech 21**

Wood Tech 21 will coordinate a breakfast meeting with Council to provide an update on their initiatives.

#### **Arts Festival**

A letter from Art Rave 2012 providing information regarding an event planned for the August long weekend and making a number of requests of the City will be referred to the Centennial Committee and will come back to the next agenda for further consideration.

#### **Vancouver Island Regional Library**

Council will advise VIRL that it supports the current location and services provided by the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

#### **Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (COPE 378)**

Council will invite Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378 (COPE 378) to present information regarding the job impact of Smart Meters.

#### **Heavy Truck Traffic**

Council received a letter from Richard Berg regarding designation of a harbour front truck route connecting to Ship Creek Road and Redford Street.

### ■ REPORTS

#### **Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid**

Council approved a new Mutual Aid Agreement with the three nearby fire departments and an Automatic Aid Agreement encompassing Port Alberni, Beaver Creek and Sproat Lake. The Automatic Aid Agreement will be on a 12 month trial basis.

#### **Keeping of Bees and Chickens**

The City Planner presented a report regarding the keeping of bees and chickens on residential properties. Educational material will be prepared in consultation with local beekeepers and farmers and an opinion survey conducted.

### ■ OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Councillor McLeman provided a Notice of Motion that the City sponsor a scholarship for a medical student up to a maximum of \$20,000 per year on condition that the student would agree to work as a general practitioner in Port Alberni for a minimum of 5 years after graduation. The motion will be on Council's next agenda for consideration.

# MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

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## **Wed. Feb 1**

7:00 pm - Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Meeting  
@ Alberni Valley Museum

## **Wed. Feb 8**

10:00 – 11:00 am Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor  
"A chance to ask questions, provide input, complain, compliment or just chat".  
@ Serious Coffee, 3755 10th Avenue

## **Mon. Feb 13**

7:00 pm - Regular Council Meeting  
@ Council Chambers

## **Thu. Feb 16**

12:00 pm - Advisory Planning Commission Meeting  
@ Committee Room