



# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

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## COUNCIL SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held March 9, 2009. 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

#### **Olympic Torch Run**

Donna Brett presented a DVD about the Olympic Torch run and an update regarding plans for the event. You can still apply to be a torch bearer at [www.carrythetorch.com](http://www.carrythetorch.com)

### ■ PROCLAMATIONS

#### **Council proclaims:**

April as "Oral Health Month"

April 19 to 25 as "Arts and Culture Week",

May 3 to 9 as "National Hospice Palliative Care Week" and April 15 to 21 as "Prevention of Violence Against Women Week"

### ■ CORRESPONDENCE

#### **Canada Day Parade Again!**

The Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society will coordinate the July 1, 2009 Canada Day Parade, starting at Burde Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hollywood Street, fun and activities will follow at Glenwood Centre.

#### **Hike For Hospice**

Ty Watson House will conduct its "Hike for Hospice" event on May 3, 2009 in Blair Park.

#### **Port Alberni and District Labour Council**

The Provincial All Candidates Meeting scheduled for May 4, 2009, jointly sponsored by Labour Council, Chamber of Commerce and Real Estate Board, will be held at Echo Centre but Council will not be providing the facility for free.

#### **Alpar Shrine Club #13**

A Vancouver Island Shrine Day Parade will be conducted Saturday, August 8 from Burde Street at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Multiplex

### ■ BYLAWS

#### **Mayor & Council Remuneration Increase**

Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4711 is adopted. This implements the 2% increase in rates each year until Council reaches the current provincial average for municipalities of a similar size.

### ■ REPORTS

#### **Variance for Larger Signs Denied**

Following the recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission, Council denied the variance applied for by Creeks Edge housing development at Beaver Creek Road (5700 Pierce Road).

#### **Snow Removal Reviewed**

At the request of Council the City Engineer provided a review of snow removal policies of similar sized communities.

#### **Habitat for Humanity Site Identified**

Council proposes to gift land at 4453 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Habitat for Humanity, subject to rezoning of the property to a residential zone.

#### **Infrastructure Funding Applications**

Council determined the two shovel ready projects for the March 16 application deadline - Argyle Street Uptown Revitalization with a total project value of \$4 Million and the Multiplex Upgrades valued at \$2 million. These projects, if successful for funding, would be funded for 2/3 of the value by the provincial and federal governments.

### **Tree Removal at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer reported on the claims that trees had been removed from City property. Based on available mapping, the trees appear to be on private property and permission had been granted to remove the trees. A petition in support of the removal was submitted by a neighbour. The property owner is to ensure that the tree branches are removed from the site.

## **■ DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Engineering**

**Planning**

**Fire Department**

## **■ OTHER BUSINESS**

Council will send a letter of recognition to Rob Schick, who recently retired as a referee in the NHL.

Council will write a letter of congratulations to Terrace, BC recently crowned as "Hockeyville".

Council will continue to provide a liaison to various organizations including the Alberni Shelter.

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## **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

### **Monday Mar 16/09**

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers  
Council Budget Meeting

### **Thursday Mar 19/09**

12:00 pm @ Committee Room  
Advisory Planning Commission Meeting

### **Monday, Mar 23/09**

2:30 pm @ Council Chambers  
Coast Forest Products Association  
re: Coastal Forest Industry

4:00 pm @ Committee Room  
Audit Committee Meeting

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers  
Regular Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, Mar 24/09**

7:00 pm @ Gyro Youth Centre  
Lady Rose Public Meeting