



# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor Ken McRae, Councillors Hira Chopra, John Douglas,  
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## COUNCIL SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held May 25, 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](mailto:russell_dyson@portalberni.ca)*

### ■ DELEGATIONS

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

Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director and Lynda Colbeck, Director of Public Services and Planning from the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board were in attendance to outline library services. Check out their website at [www.virl.bc.ca](http://www.virl.bc.ca).

### ■ CORRESPONDENCE

#### **Thanks for the Trees Canada**

Council will write letters to Tree Canada and the British Columbia Transmission Corporation supporting their programs, specifically the Rogers Creek Restoration project.

#### **Cycles Diabetes - Island Cycling Tour**

The Kiwanis Cycles Kilometers for Diabetes Island Cycling Tour will be on June 5, 2009. The parade will start at 1:00 pm from the McDonald's Restaurant on Johnston Road to the Port Alberni Kiwanis Hall on Vimy Road.

#### **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**

Members of our community who may be qualified for appointment to the VIHA Board are to apply directly in the Fall 2009.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alberni-Tofino Road Opening**

This summer the West Coast will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Alberni-Tofino Road Opening. Council will participate in events.

#### **Camp Day is June 3**

June 3rd is Tim Horton's Camp Day and Council will participate by pouring coffee and greeting customers. (Money from coffee sales on that day is donated to the Tim Horton's Children's Foundation.)

#### **Farmers' Market Society Share Concerns**

The Farmers' Market Society expressed concern about the condition of the public washrooms and parking during the Cruise Ship visit May 9, 2009. Council will request that the society's concerns be given consideration by parties organizing future events.

#### **Handicapped Hotel/Motel Rooms**

Patricia B. Williamson wrote disappointed with the lack of handicapped rooms in Port Alberni hotels/motels. The concerns will be forwarded to the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce and AV Tourism.

#### **Telus Pulls Payphones**

The Public Telephone located outside City Hall is to be removed. Council asks Telus to reconsider this plan.

#### **"8 hours of Play"**

Boston Pizza will host "8 Hours of Play" on Saturday, July 4, 2009 in the parking lot from noon to 8 pm, to raise money for Kidsport, a community based sport charity that provides grants for eligible children aged 6 to 18 to participate in a sport season.

### ■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **Public Transit Infrastructure Program Funding Agreement**

The Mayor and Clerk will enter into a Public Transit Agreement which will provide funding for a cycling lane on Redford Street east of the West Coast General Hospital.

### ■ BYLAWS

#### **Parks and Recreation - New Schedule for 2009 Fees and Charges**

Council reintroduced a reformatted bylaw with a new schedule of fees and charges.

### **Official Community Plan Amendment's**

The Community Stakeholders Initiative to End Homelessness propose amendments to the Plan to be considered at a Public Hearing on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 6:15 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers for the Bylaw.

## ■ **REPORTS**

### **Public Hearing Report - National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR) and Habitat for Humanity**

The City Clerk reported on the outcome of the Public Hearing held May 11, 2009 regarding the National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR) and Habitat for Humanity.

### **Plastic Grocery Bags**

The Economic Development Manager reported on the use of plastic bags in grocery stores.

### **Rogers Creek Bridge Crossing**

The City Engineer provided an update on the Rogers Creek Bridge Crossing and recommended the project remain in the Official Community Plan and on the City's list of major infrastructure projects for the future.

### **University of Victoria Property Taxes**

The City will write a letter to the Minister of Finance to determine the status of property taxes for the University of Victoria property at 2180 Mallory Drive. They have been paying a modest amount in the range of \$280 per year.

### **Recycle Store**

A Development Permit will be issued to the Canadian Mental Health Association for a recycle store building at 3508 4th Avenue.

### **The Blue Teapot at Alberni Harbour Quay**

The lease agreement with The Blue Teapot, operated by Andrea Garcia for Unit 11 at the Alberni Harbour Quay has been extended and reassigned to Irene Keil.

### **Alberni Valley Water Study Update**

The Vancouver Island Health Authority has approved the City's new drinking water treatment program "4321" & Council approved spending of \$35,000 from the Water Revenue for the Alberni Valley Regional Water Study.

### **Former RCMP Building**

A report was circulated seeking Council's direction regarding the building and land. Council has directed that the property be placed on the market for sale for three months as is and if not sold the building demolished.

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## **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

### **Wednesday, June 3/09**

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

### **Monday, May 11/09**

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers  
Regular Council Meeting

### **Thurs. June 19/09**

Noon @ Committee Room  
Advisory Planning  
Commission