



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor Ken McRae, Councillors Hira Chopra, John Douglas,
Jack McLeman, Cindy Solda and Kenn Whiteman

COUNCIL SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held May 24, 2011. This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 250-720-2810 or e-mail: davina_sparrow@portalberni.ca

■ DELEGATIONS

Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society

Hugh Grist attended to discuss Parks Canada Funding opportunity for McLean Mill. Council will match funds in the amount of \$25,651 with the proviso that preserved lumber and concrete footings be used in the work, plus an additional \$3000 for maintenance at the Train Station.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Social Planning & Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC)

June 4th is "Access Awareness Day".

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni Valley Curling Club

Letter dated May 11, 2011 regarding distribution of additional gaming funds will be forwarded to the committee reviewing and setting guidelines for additional gaming funds.

Milena G.

Council will forward the letter dated May 12, 2011 regarding ownership of dogs within city limits to the City Planner to advise areas in the City that accommodate kennels.

Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce requested a referendum on this year's election ballot regarding construction of a low-level second crossing of Roger Creek from 10th Avenue. Council directed staff to work with the Chamber to map out a potential crossing between the Fall Fair Grounds and Tebo Ave.

Raven Coal Project

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

The public comment period on the draft Application Information Requirements/ Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines for the Raven Underground Coal Mine Project is now open. Port Alberni public meeting – June 2, 2:00 – 10:00 pm at the Athletic Hall. A copy of the document is available at City Hall.

A number of correspondence items were received including follow up from the **Alberni Environmental Coalition** on their presentation to Council and copies of the **ACRD** Board resolutions that the Raven Mine Proposal be referred to a joint federal-provincial environmental review panel of independent experts.

City Manager Report

Council reviewed the City Manager's report May 12, 2011 providing information regarding how an independent review panel might be appointed and what effect such a panel might have on the review process regarding the proposed Raven Coal Project. Council passed a motion to refer the Raven Mine proposal to a joint federal-provincial environmental review panel of independent experts.

Kiwanis Cycles Kilometers for Diabetes

Council approved the request from Kiwanis Cycles Kilometers for Diabetes for a Fire Dept. and RCMP escort for their parade through Port Alberni on June 3rd, starting at 1:30 p.m. from Dennis Jonnson Motor Products on Johnston Road.

■ BYLAWS

Sewer Rates and Septage Dump Fees

Council introduced and gave three readings to "**Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 6 (Sewer Rates and Septage Dump Fee) 2011, Bylaw No. 4773**" and "**Waterworks Bylaw, Amendment No. 4 (Rate Changes) 2011, Bylaw No. 4774**"

These Bylaws reflect a 5% increase in sewer and water rates.

Transfer of Funds from ERF

Council introduced and gave three readings to "**Transfer of Funds from the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund to the Capital Works Reserve Fund, Bylaw No. 4775**".

Election Bylaw

Council introduced and gave three readings to "**Election Bylaw 2005, Bylaw No. 4589 Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4776**".

■ REPORTS

Bernadette Wyton, Air Quality Council (AQC)

Council received information from the AQC including Review of Open Burning Bylaws on Vancouver Island.

Outdoor Burning

The Fire Chief reported on an Outdoor Burning ban and Council directed staff to work with the ACRD to investigate curb side pickup of yard waste and an effective means of enforcement should outdoor burning be prohibited.

Chamber of Commerce Loan Extension

Council granted an extension to the Chamber of Commerce for repayment of their loan to June 30th, 2011 until their ICET funding is received.

City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission “OCP Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Applications: 5100 Tebo Avenue – Jericho Road Church”

Council did not endorse the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Commission to deny the applications from Jericho Road Church to rezone a portion of their property as Commercial. After hearing from the applicant and the agent, Council directed staff to work with the applicant in consultation with the neighbours to review options.

Reassignment of Council Portfolios

Councillor Patterson's portfolio has been reassigned. Councillor McLeman will take on Transportation & Utilities; Councillor Douglas has been assigned Education; Councillor Whiteman is now a member of the audit committee and the Alternate Mayor for July will be Councillor Solda.

Off Leash Areas for Dogs

Council has approved that Spencer Park, Stirling Park and Lower Dry Creek Park be made operational for Off Leash Areas for dogs as time and funding allows.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wed. June 1

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

Mon. June 13

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers
5:30 pm – Public Hearing
Re: 3962 Dunsmuir Street
@ Council Chambers

Thurs. June 16

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