



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

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

COUNCIL SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held November 22, 2010. 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

25 years of Service

25 Year Employee Recognition Awards were presented to Don Dunbar, Parks Yard and Leo Chevrette, Construction Chargehand.

Thanks from the Tall Ships Society

Don Jones made a brief presentation on behalf of the Tall Ships Society – a framed picture taken by Pauline Hannaford.

Port Alberni & District Labour Council

Representatives from the Port Alberni & District Labour Council made two presentations - increasing the minimum wage and pension reform. Council supported both initiatives.

Ready for Snow

Randy Fraser, Streets Superintendent gave a presentation on winter preparedness.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Beta Sigma Phi Week

April 24 to 30, 2011 is proclaimed as "Beta Sigma Phi Week" in Port Alberni in recognition of their 60th Anniversary.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from ADSS Students

From concerns about local youth violence to the needs for a BMX track, letters were provided by ADSS students.

New BMX and/or Bike Park

The request from Bradley Cowan for the creation of a new BMX and/or bike park was referred to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for response.

New Skate Park

The request from Connor Smyth and Jaeden Hartt for a new skate park or renovations to the existing skate park was referred to Scott Kenny, Director of Parks and Recreation, for a reply.

Residential Garbage Service

Roland Smith wrote a letter regarding residential garbage services and provided additional information for consideration. The matter was referred to the budget process.

Port Alberni & District Labour Council

The Port Alberni & District Labour Council has requested Council's position on the Local Government Elections Task Force recommendation to increase the terms of civic office from three years to four years.

This recommendation was not endorsed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Garbage Concerns

Mae LeBlanc expressed frustration regarding bears and bi-weekly garbage pick-up as she is often away on her pickup week.

Jennifer Fletcher is concerned about "garbage bears", safety of children and encouraging Council to do the right thing.

VIA RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE

Graham Bruce, Island Corridor Foundation, has requested Mayors and Chairs to send letters to the Federal and Provincial Governments encouraging them to support VIA Rail passenger service improvements and the \$15 million infrastructure investment request. The Mayor will comply.

Geoscience BC

Council concurred with the request that letters be sent to Ministers Pat Bell, Steve Thompson and Randy Hawes encouraging them to support the "Data for Discovery" program that encourages exploration discovery and sustainable development of new mineral and energy resources in the Province.

Truck Route on the Waterfront

Council agrees to participate in a meeting coordinated by the Port Authority to explore options for addressing an established truck route.

Walk for Peace Day

The Holy Family/Notre Dame Parish will use City streets for their 12th annual "Walk For Peace Day" on January 1, 2011.

■ **BYLAWS**

Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Applications - 4340 Vimy Street

An amending bylaw will be prepared for 4340 Vimy Street that would create a new commercial district with limited permitted uses.

3949 Maple Way - Dammar Properties

"Zoning Amendment No. 86 (3949 Maple Way - Dammar Properties), Bylaw No. 4760" was finally adopted.

■ **REPORTS**

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation

The resignation of Robert Hunter, Director, from the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation Board has been accepted. Jamie Jensen is appointed as a Director as nominated by the Tseshaht First Nation.

Development Permit for 4815 Argyle Street

Council approved a Development Permit that would facilitate a renovation to 4815 Argyle Street.

Echo Aquatic Centre Mechanical Systems Replacement

The Director of Parks and Recreation provided the final expenditures and results of the recently completed mechanical systems upgrades at the Aquatic Centre.

Contract Award for the Cowichan Altitude Valve

The low bid tender was awarded to Knappet Industries for \$399,716.80 (including HST) for the final work on the China Creek Water Main Replacement Phase II Project (the Cowichan Altitude Valve).

Harbour Quay Spirit Square Final Report

The Director of Parks and Recreation provided the final expenditures for the Alberni Harbour Quay Spirit Squares project.

Liquor Licence Application - Chances Rim Rock Gaming Centre

Council recommended the approval of the application to provide new Conference space increasing capacity by 164 persons for Liquor License #302659 to Rim Rock Gaming Centre at 4890 Cherry Creek Road and that this be communicated to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch who determine the applications.

2011-2015 Financial Planning Process

A format and timing of the 2011 – 2015 financial planning process has been adopted by Council. A public opinion survey has commenced this week and public meetings will start in January 2011.

Endowment Fund from Additional Gaming Revenue

A report from the Director of Finance reviewing the opportunities and implications of donating 50% of the revenues from the 25 additional slot machines at Chances RimRock Gaming Centre to an endowment fund to support local social health organizations, was referred to the 2011 budgeting process with regards to increasing Grants-in-Aid which support agencies addressing social ills such as homelessness, poverty and addictions.

Earthquake Drill – ShakeOut BC

Council endorsed a request from the Emergency Program Coordinator to support the locally driven, province-wide "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill on January 26, 2011.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wed. Dec 1

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

Mon. Dec 6

7:00 pm - Annual Organization Meeting
@ Council Chambers

Thurs. Dec. 9

1:30 pm - Meeting with Port Alberni Port Authority
@ Cedarwood Lodge

Thurs. Dec. 16

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers