



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 November 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

Changes to Snow Plowing

The City's Streets Superintendent – Randy Fraser provided a description of the procedures for snow plowing. Residents can expect changes this year with more snow being plowed to the side of roads. To avoid being stuck do your best to remove your vehicle from the road when it snows. (see next page for summary)

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Embassy of Japan

The embassy is celebrating 80 years of diplomatic ties between Japan and Canada. They acknowledge the value of the sister-city relationship between Port Alberni and Abashiri, as well as promote the Japanese Exchange and Teaching program.

Festival of Trees

Information was received about the 1st Annual "Festival of Trees" at the Best Western Barclay Hotel to raise funds for BC Children's Hospital from November 26, 2009 to January 4, 2010. Sponsorship with the opportunity to decorate a tree is available.

Ministry of Community and Rural Development - Building Canada Fund

The Mayor and Clerk will sign the China Creek Watermain Replacement - Phase 2 agreement. The project is approaching completion, this agreement secures the provincial and federal funding.

Western Economic Diversification Canada

The City's proposal (under the federal Community Adjustment Fund) for the Rogers Creek Trail proposal was not successful. The Mayor will send a letter requesting an explanation for the denial.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy

Options for a Policy regarding Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment were considered and Council elected to refer the proposals to the owners of existing manufactured home park properties within the City for their input.

■ BYLAWS

Development Cost Charges are coming

A revised bylaw regarding Development Cost Charges was introduced, given three readings and forwarded to the Ministry for approval.

Advisory Planning Commission expanding

A revised bylaw was introduced and given three readings following direction from Council that the Advisory Planning Commission include representation from the two local First Nations - Tseshaht and Hupacasath.

Proposed Liquor, Beer and Wine Store Relocation

Council held a public hearing to consider the rezoning of property at 3680 3rd Avenue to accommodate the relocation of the licensed premises at the Rusty Anchor. Council considered all input and provided the bylaws with third reading. Final adoption is subject to a preliminary Layout Approval for the required subdivision.

Small Lot subdivision approved for 7th Ave.

Zoning Amendment No. 71 (2633 7th Avenue - Porter), Bylaw No. 4708 was finally adopted.

■ REPORTS

Provincial Cooperation with Community Economic Development

Council endorsed an Agreement on Community Economic Development with the Province of British Columbia . It will provide liaison and resources for several key initiatives in the Valley.



City Snow removal challenges and policy highlights:

- Snow removal balances safety, traffic flow, resources, budget and weather conditions.
- Weather conditions are constantly changing, no two snow incidents are ever the same.
- Streets are plowed based on priority:

Arterial streets and bus routes	27 km
Collector streets	33 km
Local streets	94 km
- Plowing generally starts at a 4" depth.
- Local roads will not be plowed during overtime hours unless the depth is 6" or greater.

How can residents and businesses respond in to a snow fall:

- Be patient and help your neighbours.
- Keep your sidewalks clear of snow.
- Clean catch basins in advance of an event.
- Keep vehicles parked off the road.
- Do not travel unless necessary.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 23

- 4:00 pm @ Committee Room
Audit Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Regular Council Meeting