



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 September 12, 2011.
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■ DELEGATIONS

E-Readers

Michael de Leur, Library Manager, Port Alberni Branch, Vancouver Island Regional Library provided information on the new Kobo E-Readers available at the library.

Audited Financial Statements for the year 2010

Council received the Audited Financial Statements for the year 2010 presented by Don Jones of Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

November 13 to 20, 2011 "**Restorative Justice Week 2011**"

September 12 to 18, 2011 as "**Terry Fox Week**"

September 17, 2011 as "**Toy Run Day**"

September 11 to 17, 2011 as "**Toy Run Week**"

October 17 to 23, 2011 "**Waste Reduction Week**"

October as "**Community Living Month**"

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Heat and Frost Insulators Union

Council received a letter from the Heat and Frost Insulators Union requesting support for the resolution at UBCM that any future updates or amendments to the BC Building Code include specific up-to-date requirements on mechanical insulation.

Bus Passes for Canada World Youth

The City will provide bus passes for Canada World Youth group of 18 participants volunteering once again in the community between December 11, 2011 and March 9, 2012. Staff will also try to accommodate their request for meeting space.

Nestle Waters

Council received a letter from Nestle Waters expressing concerns about the possibility of a ban on the sale of bottled water at City of Port Alberni facilities.

FORTIS BC

Council will meet with Fortis BC representatives during the UBCM convention in September 2011 to discuss local issues.

John H. Bourne

The Economic Development Manager will respond to Mr. John H. Bourne's request about information on the local economy.

Smart Meters

Council will seek more information at the UBCM convention with regards to Smart Meters. The Coalition to Stop Smart Meters has requested that Council support a motion at UBCM for a moratorium on mandatory installations of wireless meters.

British Columbia Youth Parliament

A letter inviting eligible youth from the municipality to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament was referred to *School District 70 (Alberni) and North Island College*.

UBCM

Councillor Solda's name will be forwarded to the UBCM for consideration as a member of the BC/local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee. This will be a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between Local Government and the Province regarding the agreement under which the RCMP provides local police services in BC.

ADSS Site on Burde Street

Council will write to the Ministry of Education and SD70 with a request to meet to discuss the future of the current ADSS property on Burde Street.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Legal Fees Expenses Paid November 2008 – August 2011

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Finance provided a report stating that the total legal fees paid by the City during the period November 2008 through August 2011 was \$163,186.32, and of this amount, \$47,145.34 attributed to the Catalyst Paper case.

■ BYLAWS

Council considered **Development Applications for 3010 – 10th Avenue, 3515 Carriere Road and 5100 Tebo Avenue.**

The following Bylaws associated with the Development Applications were given **first and second reading** and advanced to a **Public Hearing** on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Committee Room:

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 10 (3010 – 10th Avenue), Bylaw No. 4778"

"Zoning Text Amendment No. T35 (3010 - 10th Avenue - Schafer), Bylaw No. 4779"

"Zoning Amendment No. 92 (3010 - 10th Avenue - Schafer), Bylaw No. 4780"

"Zoning Amendment No. 93 (3515 Carriere Road - Don Carriere), Bylaw No. 4781"

"Zoning Text Amendment No. T36 (5100 Tebo - Jericho Road Church), Bylaw No. 4782"

"Zoning Amendment No. 94 (5100 Tebo - Jericho Road Church), Bylaw No. 4783"

■ REPORTS

Community Development Grants Committee

Council received a report from the Community Development Grants Committee outlining recommendations for a process for the distribution and evaluation of grants given to community groups through the Grants In Aid program and the additional funds approved from gaming revenues and directed staff to implement the Community Investment Program as presented.

Director of Finance - Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2010

Council approved the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2010 (*available now on the City's website*)

Annual Report

Council endorsed the Annual Report for the year 2010 and directed that the report be made available for public inspection and referred to the regular meeting of Council on October 11, 2011 for public questions and comments. (*Available now on the City's website or at City Hall*)

Liquor Licence – Permanent Change Application, Kingsway Hotel 3203 1st Avenue

Council will not provide comments or recommendations to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch with regard to the application of Kingsway Hotel (487257 BC Ltd) for a permanent change in their liquor licence hours on weekends.

Fire Chief – Centennial Fire Engine Restoration

Council approved funding of approximately \$6,600 from the Contingency Fund for restoration of the City's 1928 Chevrolet fire engine as part of

the Fire Department's 100th anniversary celebration in 2012.

Fire Chief – Dugal Smith & Associates Report

The Fire Chief reported on progress towards implementation of the recommendations made by Dugal Smith in the Fire Services Review Report and directed that the Fire Chief and the City Clerk draft a revised Fire Bylaw for review and implementation by May 31, 2012 and that consideration of an administrative support position for the Fire Department be forwarded for discussion during the 2012- 2016 financial plan process.

Sale of Bottled Water in City Facilities

Council did not support a proposal to ban the sale of bottled water in City facilities or at City functions but will encourage public use of City water from drinking fountains - costs for restoration and maintenance of public drinking fountains in City Parks will be considered during the 2012 budget presentations.

Development Permit Amendment

An amendment was approved for Development Permit No. 11-03 to facilitate the replacement of additional existing mini storage units with more permanent mini storage units at Budget Self Storage on 3rd Avenue.

Tax Rates Error

During the 2011 tax season the City collected approximately 1.3% more than was identified as being required in the City's Five Year Financial Plan. This occurred due to an error in the tax rates set in the 2011 Tax Rates Bylaw and equates to \$244,000 or approximately \$21 for the average homeowner in Port Alberni. *Community Charter* legislation prohibits the City from providing refunds to taxpayers. Council has directed that the additional funds collected be retained with interest accruing and used to reduce property taxation requirements in 2012.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thu. Sept.15 @ 11:00 am

Permissive Tax Exemption Committee Meeting
@ Committee Room

Thu. Sept. 29 @ 12:00 pm

Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
@ Committee Room

Wed. Oct 5 @ 7:00 pm

Museum & Heritage Commission Meeting
@ AV Museum

Tue. Oct. 11 @ 2:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers

Tue. Oct 11@ 5:30 pm

Public Hearing
@ Committee Room

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