



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 April 12, 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

■ PROCLAMATIONS

National Hospice Palliative Care Week

Council proclaimed May 2 to 8, 2010 as "National Hospice Palliative Care Week" in the City of Port Alberni. The **Annual Hike for Hospice event** takes place on the Kitsuksis Dyke, Sunday, May 2nd between 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Prevention of Violence Against Women Proclaimed

At the request of Sheila Seitcher of the Alberni Community & Women's Services Society, Council proclaimed the third week of April as Prevention of Violence Against Women Week in the City of Port Alberni.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Truck Traffic Count on Third

Volunteers from the Cancer Society office concerned about heavy vehicles in the uptown area provided truck traffic count information from 3rd Avenue. The Mayor and City Engineer have asked Island Timberlands and Western Forest Products to have their contractors use the Harbor Road as an alternative.

Demolition Permits

Jennifer Fisher-Bradley requested the City's building bylaw be enforced regarding the demolition of buildings without permits by the Falls Street trailer park developers, River Bank Estates. The City Planner explained demolition permits are not for the purpose of the City inspecting and managing the demolition process.

National Day of Mourning

The City of Port Alberni will observe the "National Day of Mourning" and fly their flag at half-mast on April 28, 2010 and throughout the week.

Spring Home Show

Evergreen Exhibitions Ltd. have permission to suspend a banner across 10th Avenue near Echo Center from April 13 to April 19, 2010 to promote the annual Spring Home Show at the Alberni Valley Multiplex, April 16th to 18th.

Noise and Air Pollution

Concerns about traffic near Gertrude Street and Compton Road area were referred to the Advisory Traffic Committee for a response.

Flower Boxes

A concern was received about the removal of the flower boxes throughout the City and suggested they be returned to merchants who are willing to look after them. The Director of Parks and Recreation explained that this was a service reduction explained and approved in the budget process.

Mobile Homes

Questions about the City of Port Alberni's policies on longer mobile homes were discussed by the City Planner. Circumstances in Parksville which were ruled on by a provincial court judge do not apply in Port Alberni where the existing mobile home parks are zoned appropriately.

Food Insecurity Link with Childhood Obesity

Information about the link between food insecurity in households and childhood obesity was referred to the Regional District as a health issue, affecting all of the Alberni Valley.

■ BYLAWS

Council finally adopted "**Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw 2010, No. 4745**". These Bylaws, mostly former lease agreements, no longer apply.

■ REPORTS

Disposition of City Property (4110 6th Avenue, Former RCMP Building)

Council will proceed with the sale of 4110 6th Avenue (former RCMP Building) for the price of \$250,000 to A. and S. Cardinal and V. Smith and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the required transfer documents.

2010/11 BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement

Council approved the 2010/11 Annual Operating Agreement for transit services in Port Alberni and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

Residential Solid Waste Fee and Billing

Council has directed staff to prepare the necessary bylaw amendments to implement bi-weekly solid waste collection for residential solid waste collection. The City will also adjust the annual fees charged and to bill the collection fee in three equal installments on the current utility bill commencing for the year 2010.

Liquor Licence Application - Chances Rim Rock Gaming Centre

Council recommended the approval of the application to provide a new outdoor patio increasing capacity by 49 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.

Committee for Approval of Public Events (CAPES)

Council endorsed the recommendations of the March 24, 2010 meeting of the Committee for Approval of Public Events to consider 2010 applications for Special Events.

Operation of the McLean Mill

Council recommends that the Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society and the City of Port Alberni pursue adoption of a new operating agreement for the McLean Mill. The new agreement should:

- Refine the roles and responsibilities of the Museum and the Industrial Heritage Society to achieve more clarity and efficiency with regard to management of the McLean Mill.
- Simplify and clarify the financial relationship between the two organizations.
- Provide for a dispute resolution process should conflict arise on operational issues.

Asphalt Patch Truck

Council awarded the low bid tender for the Asphalt Patch Truck to Island Freightliner for \$150,501.60. This vehicle was an approved purchase in the Financial Plan and replaces aging stock through the City's Equipment Replacement Reserve.

OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Welcome Sign and Landscaping near Ship Creek Road and Anderson Avenue

Council has directed staff to investigate and report back to Council, the placement of a welcome sign and modest landscaping on the City's southern boundary near Ship Creek Road and Anderson Avenue.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thurs. Apr 15

12:00 Noon - Advisory Planning Committee
@ Committee Room

Wed. Apr 21

10:00 am - Advisory Traffic Committee
@ Committee Room

Mon. Apr 26

4:00 pm - Audit Committee
@ Committee Room

6:00 pm - Public Hearing
Re: 2659 Burde – Koehle
@ Council Chambers

7:00 pm - Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers