



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 April 27, 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

Plaque Honours 30 Years Service

The Mayor presented a plaque from the BC Ambulance Service to retiring paramedic Don Swerdfeger.

BC-STV Described

Shoni Field, member of the Citizens Assembly on Electoral Reform described the Single Transferable Vote. This is a referendum question during the 2009 provincial election – May 12.

Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society

Gillian Shearwater advised of the 2009 Canada Day parade and the earlier start time (10:00 am instead of 11:00 am). This year the theme of the parade is "Celebrate our Valley". Contact Gillian for further information at: canadadayparade@gmail.com

Woodstove Exchange Proposed

Bernadette Wyton discussed the possibility of a woodstove exchange program, to diminish emissions and provide for more efficient wood burning.

Opposition to Aquafit Cost Increases

Arnold Begg presented concerns and alternatives to the proposed recreation fee increases. Council directed that the proposed bylaw be amended and staff are to bring forward a new alternative eliminating the dramatic increases.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Housing for Seniors and Persons with a Disability

An invitation to partner with the Province of British Columbia in the creation of new housing units for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities has been referred to existing service providers and first Nations.

Alberni Valley Social Planning Council

The inaugural meeting of the Alberni Valley Social Planning Council will be on April 30, 2009 at 1:30 pm at Gyro Youth Centre. The City's representative will be Councillor Solda.

Concern for Future of former RCMP Building

A petition opposing the Alberni Valley Community Stakeholders Initiative for the former RCMP building at 4110 – 6th Avenue was received by council for information.

Small Business Taxes in Port Alberni Canadian Federation of Independent Business

A concern was received that small businesses in Port Alberni are carrying a disproportionate tax burden through property taxes. Staff will provide accurate information regarding the comparative rates as the Canadian Federation of Independent Business analysis for Port Alberni varied from actual tax rates.

■ BYLAWS

The City Clerk reported on the outcome of the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm regarding Bylaw 4714. This bylaw to rezone **3993 Compton Road** was read a third time.

"5 Year Financial Plan 2009 – 2013, Bylaw No. 4715" Finally Adopted and Council proceeds with the 2009 tax rates Bylaw.

The following bylaws were finally adopted:

"Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 5 (Rates) 2009, Bylaw No. 4716"

"Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 5 (Sewer Rates) 2009, Bylaw No. 4717"

"Noise Control Bylaw 2009, No. 4718"

Offenders may now be issued with tickets including fines for \$100.

The following bylaws were given three readings:

"Property Maintenance Bylaw 2009, No. 4712"

The Bylaw will impose a ticketing process and fines will be issued to offenders.

"Pesticide Reduction Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4720"

Development Application - NIDMAR

Council is considering a change in the designation of 4755 Cherry Creek Road from Industrial to Institutional for the development of NIDMAR (National Institute of Disability Management and Research).

Development Application - Habitat for Humanity

Council is considering rezoning of 4465 and 4453 9th Avenue from P2 Parks and Recreation District to R1 – Single Family Residential District for a Habitat for Humanity development.

Public Hearing on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers

to consider the above two development proposals - Bylaws #4721, #4722 and #4723.

Development Cost Charge Bylaw Provided Two Readings

The City introduced Development Cost Charge Bylaw, which will impose capital costs to new developments for new infrastructure costs.

■ REPORTS

City Clerk - Freedom of Information Request

A report from the City Clerk providing information from special in-camera meetings related to the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre was received.

Director of Finance - 2009/10 Port Alberni Transit Annual Operating Agreement

The 2009/10 Annual Operation Agreement for transit services in BC was approved.

Future of the MV Lady Rose

The Economic Development Manager provided a summary of the outcome of the public meeting on the future of MV Lady Rose. The City will meet with the owner to state its position and express appreciation for offering an opportunity for the community to preserve the ship.

Economic Development Manager - Status of Recommendations from Review of Port Alberni Forest Industry

The Economic Development Manager summarized the status of recommendations made in the "Review of the Port Alberni Forest Industry".

■ DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Human Resources

Museum

Parks and Recreation

Economic Development

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, April 30/09

1:30 pm @ Gyro Centre
Alberni Valley Social Planning
Council Inaugural Meeting

Wednesday, May 6/09

7:00 pm @ AV Museum
AV Museum & Heritage
Commission Meeting

Monday, May 11/09

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Regular Council Meeting