



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 February 9, 2009.
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720-2810 or e-mail: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca*

■ DELEGATIONS

Champions in Track and Field Recognized.

Once again the Valley's track and field club has posted great results last season. Sharon Macauley introduced a number of successful youth ages 9 – 18.

Regional District Chair introduces new CAO

Councillor Chopra introduced Rob Sabine, the new Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional District of Alberni Clayoquot.

Robert Duncan, CAO Hupacasath First Nation, Unveils Plans for Tsu Mas As Transformation Centre

The City will be considering a proposal for an Interpretive Centre to be constructed at Clutesi Haven Marina. The opportunity for public input will be provided before Council determines the future of the proposal.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaims Kidney Month and Public Works Week

March is Kidney Month and May 17 – 23 National Public Works Week.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Coastal Forest Products Association to meet with Council

Council will be meeting with the Association to learn their perspectives on the coastal forest products industry.

Bus Stop Ventures seeks new Bench Agreement with City

Rodney Wade, principle of Bus Stop Media, provides information for Council's consideration. He seeks their approval to continue with his "bus bench" service. Council directed the City Engineer to bring forward an agreement for consideration.

■ BYLAWS

Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2007, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4710 Adopted

New fees are now in place for various engineering services and plans as well as cost recovery for the fire department to board up fire damaged homes.

■ REPORTS

Council reflects on Public Input from Monday February 2 Budget Session

With 58 people in attendance Council received many different ideas and suggestions for the budget at the public meeting on February 2 at Echo Centre. The next budget meetings are scheduled for Monday February 16 and 23 when each Department's budgets will be considered in detail. See "Meetings at a Glance" on the next page for times and locations.

Council receives report on Bylaw challenge

The City's bylaws to accommodate the high school at Roger Street were adopted following legitimate procedures, nonetheless the preparation for the legal challenge, which was dropped days before the court date, cost the City over \$3,000 in legal fees.

Council approves expenditures to complete design of Klitsa Ball Fields

Approval is provided to prepare the detailed design, at a cost of \$70,000, for the new ball fields to be constructed at Klitsa Field. All ball fields will be in the one location. This facilitates the construction of the new high school on Roger Street.

City to adopt Development Cost Charges

Development Cost Charges are the means for new developments, which benefit from existing services, to contribute to future infrastructure needs. Council has proposed charges that will be some of the lowest on Vancouver Island.

Taylor Road Park Site Update

Landscape improvements continue at the City Park while funds are being sought for park development.

Council directs remuneration Increase

Council have directed staff to prepare a bylaw that would implement 2 % annual increases for the Mayor and Council to reach the average of similar municipalities.

▪ **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Engineering

The Department has continued to respond to snow and ice. The Argyle Street pump station has been running smoothly since mid January.

Fire Department

The department responded to 95 calls for service in January. They continue coordinate regional fire services within the valley.

▪ **OTHER BUSINESS**

Request of Vancouver Island Health Authority

Council for the City of Port Alberni request the Vancouver Island Health Authority to install a covered bus shelter for public transit users at the West Coast General Hospital

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Monday, Feb 16/09

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Five Year Financial Plan
Department Presentations

Thursday, Feb 19/09

12:00 pm @ Committee Room
Advisory Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, Feb 23/09

2:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Five Year Financial Plan
Department Presentations

4:00 pm @ Committee Room
Audit Committee Meeting

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Regular Council Meeting

Monday, Mar 2/09

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Five Year Financial Plan
Department Presentations

Wednesday, Mar 4/09

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