



SUMMARY OF JANUARY 26, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

This is an information report regarding the most recent meeting of Port Alberni City Council. This is not the official minutes of the meeting. For more information please contact Russell Dyson, City Clerk 250-720-2810 (e-mail: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca)

► DELEGATIONS

The Economic Development Manager introduced two **Canada World Youth students** currently assisting him.

Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum) discussed issues and priorities.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed April 25, 2009 as "**World Malaria Day**".

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from the **Celebrate Canada Program** regarding community-based celebrations and Canada Day Youth.

Council received a letter from the **Recycling Council of British Columbia** requesting membership.

Council received a letter from the **Western Canada Wilderness Committee** inviting purchase of their 2009 calendars.

Council received a letter from the **Centre for Civic Governance at Columbia Institute** and authorized Councillor John Douglas attendance at the annual forum for progressive governance, called "From the Ground Up" on March 6 and 7, 2009 in Harrison Hot Springs.

Council received an e-mail from **Charley Beresford of the Columbia Institute** inviting Council to add their name to an Open Letter to all political parties to commit to legislating targets and timelines to reduce homelessness and poverty in BC.

Council received a letter from **CivicInfoBC** and membership will be renewed in the amount of \$928.20.

Council received a letter from **The Truck Loggers Association** and will forward their book entitled "**Forestry A-Z**" to School District 70 for consideration.

Council received a Member Notice from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) regarding the "**Municipal Pension Retirees Group Health Benefit**" and the information will be forwarded to the Municipal Pension Retirees Association, Branch 24.

► UNFINISHED BUSINESS

► BYLAWS

Council introduced and gave three readings to "**Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2007, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw 4710**".

► REPORTS

Council adopted the "**Tangible Capital Assets**" policy.

Council received a report regarding the **2009 Assessment Roll Freeze** announced by the Province

Council received a report advising that the owner of the **MV Lady Rose** has offered to **gift the vessel to the City** to develop as a static tourist attraction.

Council received a report regarding the contract services budget allocated to **cruise ship shore excursion coordination**.

Council received a report regarding progress on the **Climate Change and Sustainability Initiatives** now underway.

Council received a report regarding **Enforcement of Snow Removal Standards** and will undertake an annual public education program prior to and during snowfall events encouraging residents to remove their vehicles from the street to permit effective snowplowing and encouraging residents and businesses to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks in front of their premises to increase pedestrian safety.

Council has directed staff to forward an application for funding for the **2009 Bear Aware Program** to the Regional District and commit the City's support for our share of the cost for the BC Conservation Foundation Bear Aware Program for 2009.

Council will provide the information regarding a **Fire Services Model Project** draft to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and all stakeholder groups in which the City has representation.

Council received a report regarding the **collapse of a residence at 2624 5th Avenue**.

A **draft of the 2009-2013 Five Year Financial Plan** was presented for review. (Note: Public Input Session will be held at Echo Centre on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm).

Council received the **Public Hearing report** from January 12, 2009 ("Zoning Amendment No. 71 (2633 7th Ave - Porter), **Bylaw No. 4708**").

Council will provide the requested **in-kind services** valued at approximately \$400 and further provide **direct financial assistance of \$_____ to the Alberni Athletic Association** to be used for Athletic Hall upgrades required as part of hosting of the Junior All Native Provincial Basketball Tournament to be held from March 15 to 22, 2009.

► DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council received monthly reports from the Manager of **Human Resources and Community Development**; the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum, minutes from the **Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission** held January 7, 2009, **RCMP OIC**, the Director of **Parks and Recreation** and the **Economic Development** Manager.

HIGHLIGHTS

► OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

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