



# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor John Douglas, Councillors Hira Chopra, Jack McLeman,  
Cindy Solda, Rob Cole, Dan Washington and Wendy Lee Kerr

## COUNCIL SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held January 9, 2012. This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 250-720-2810 or e-mail: [davina\\_sparrow@portalberni.ca](mailto:davina_sparrow@portalberni.ca)

Council observed a moment of silence in honour of well known community member Terry Whyte who recently passed away.

### ■ DELEGATIONS

#### Outlook 2020

In response to David Whitworth's request for Council to make a commitment to the Vision of the Alberni Valley created by Outlook 2020, Council decided to use the vision statement as a guide in its upcoming strategic planning process and have it uploaded to the City's website.

### ■ PROCLAMATIONS

February 2012 is "**Heart Month**"

February 4, 2012 is "**Family Literacy Day**"

January 30 to February 5, 2012 is "**Toastmasters International Week**"

### ■ CORRESPONDENCE

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Scottish Regiment

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association requested permission to place a bronze plaque in Port Alberni to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). Council directed the Director of Parks and Recreation to work with the group to determine a suitable location and have staff send an invitation for a representative to join the Centennial Committee.

#### BC Hydro – Smart Meters

Council requested that a representative from BC Hydro (and Citizens for Safe Technology – see Question Period) attend an upcoming council meeting after receiving correspondence (listed below) regarding the BC Hydro Smart Meters:

- **Christopher Alemany** requested that Council support the BC Hydro Smart Meter program.
- **Monty Elliston** requested that Council not support Smart Meters and place a moratorium on the installation of BC Hydro Smart Meters in Port Alberni.
- **Tom Gowan** requested that Council write to BC Hydro and appropriate Ministries requesting a moratorium on the installation of BC Hydro Smart Meters.

#### BC Water and Waste Association (BCWWA)

One member of Council and the City Engineer will meet with the BCWWA Board of Directors in late January/early February to discuss water and wastewater issues.

#### Request for Fireplace/Wood Heat Bylaw

The Fire Chief will prepare a report in response to letters from Gary Lajeunesse and Richard Kudra requesting that Council consider adoption of a fireplace/wood heat bylaw.

#### Fisheries and Oceans

The City will schedule a meeting with local interest groups prior to meeting with Fisheries and Oceans to discuss the 2012 Somass River Salmon Fishery.

#### Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Membership

The City will renew its membership with UBCM for 2012. The membership fee, based on population was \$8,333.74 plus taxes for 2011.

#### Western Forest Products

In response to a letter from Western Forest Products Council passed a motion affirming their support for the local forest industry.

### ■ REPORTS

#### Advisory Planning Commission

Council received the summary report of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held December 15, 2011 from the City Planner.

#### Extension for Development Permit No. 09-03 for 4963 Angus Street

Council tabled the request from Paul Saroya for a development permit extension to the Regular Meeting of Council on February 13, 2012.

#### Derelict Buildings

Council directed the City Planner to prepare a report on the City's options for dealing with derelict buildings.

#### Website Support for Alberni Valley Heritage

Council directed staff to investigate the capacity of the Information Services Department to support the development and maintenance of websites for groups within the Heritage Commission.

### **Mayor & Council's Open Door Session**

Mayor Douglas invited the public to an informal open door gathering in the Office of Mayor and Council on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. The event is an opportunity for the public to connect with the Mayor and Council on local issues and share ideas.

### **▪ QUESTION PERIOD**

#### **Cheryl McLean – BC Hydro Smart Meters**

In response to a question from Port Alberni resident Cheryl McLean, Council requested that a representative from Citizens for Safe Technology join the BC Hydro representative at the same upcoming council meeting.

## **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Wed. Jan 18 @ 10:00 am  
Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting  
@ Committee Room

Thurs. Jan 19 @ 12:00pm  
Advisory Planning Commission Meeting @  
Committee Room

3:00pm Mayor & Council's Open Door @ Office  
of Mayor & Council – City Hall

Mon. Jan. 23  
4:00 pm Audit Committee Meeting  
@ Committee Room

7:00pm Regular Meeting of Council  
@ Council Chambers

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