



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 March 22nd, 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

■ DELEGATIONS

Woodtech 21 Provides Annual Update

Gillian Trumper, a Member of Woodtech 21, presented their Annual Report and requested Council's consideration of a wood-first policy in public buildings. Staff have been directed to prepare a policy for Council's consideration.

Mainstream Canada Update

Representatives from Mainstream Canada (a local finfish aquaculture producer) provided an update on their organization.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

April is "Daffodil Month" and
April 9 is the first annual "Daffodil Day",
April 18th to 24th is "Arts and Culture Week",
June 6th to 12th is "Seniors Week"
The Month of April is proclaimed "Autism Awareness Month".

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Save Clutesi for Fishers Committee

A group has formed the Save Clutesi for Fishers Committee and presented Council with a petition opposing the proposed Hupacasath Tsu-Ma-As Transformation Society "centre" at the Clutesi Haven Marina. Mayor McRae informed Council that the Tsu Ma-As Transformation Society is going back to the drawing board and working with the Tseshaht and a planning consultant will develop new plans and test their viability before coming forward for the City's consideration.

Burde Street Potholes to be patched

An email dated March 2, 2010 requesting that the City fix the potholes on Burde Street at 10th Avenue, was received and referred to the City Engineer.

Tourism Vancouver Island's 2011 or 2012 Conference & AGM

Council referred an email from Tourism Vancouver Island inviting the City to bid to host the Tourism Vancouver Island's 2011 or 2012 Conference and AGM to the Chamber of Commerce and Alberni Valley Tourism.

Earth Hour, March 27, 2010, 8:30 – 9:30 pm

The public is encouraged to celebrate this year's Earth Hour by turning out lights from 8:30 to 9:30 pm on Saturday.

Parking for Johnston Road Businesses

A letter from businesses on the east side of 4800 block of Johnston Road requesting signage changes was referred to the Advisory Traffic Committee for consideration. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer is working with residents to address parking problems.

First Nations Culture

A letter requesting that the City encourage knowledge of First Nations culture through Potlaches and teachings within our public schools will be referred to School District #70 and the Nuu-cha-nulth Tribal Council.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vancouver Island Bio-Fuel Network Project *(from February 22, 2010 Council meeting)*

A letter of support in principle will be provided for Cowichan Energy Alternatives Society's "Vancouver Island Bio-Fuel Network Project".

■ BYLAWS

Two bylaws were adopted :

"Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4743", which reduced Council's rate of pay for 2010 and;
"Development Cost Charges, 2009, Bylaw No. 4713" which will implement fees for new development in order to pay for infrastructure.

Proposed Redford Carwash requires a Variance and Development Permit

Council received a recommendation to deny the application outright from the Advisory Planning Commission and City Staff. Council elected to consider the proposal following public notification. The application will be considered at the April 26 regular meeting of Council. The applicant requires the Rear Yard Setback be varied from 6 m (19.7 ft) to 4.3 m. (14 ft).

Subdivision Application in Upper Burde Street to go to Public Hearing

D. and H. Koehle have applied to amend the Official Community Plan from Future Residential to Residential and the Zoning amendment from FD – Future Residential to R4 – Semi Rural Residential District. The Public Hearing will be held on April 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

■ REPORTS

Alberni Valley Museum Fund Raising Board

Council endorsed the fund raising initiatives being undertaken by the Fund Development subcommittee of the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission.

The City Clerk provided a summary of the recent **Local Government Elections Task Force Workshop**. Anyone interested in the proposals or wanting to provide input on campaign financing, terms of election and the Corporate vote are encouraged to view the website: www.localelectiontaskforce.gov.bc.ca

Council adopted the **Revised Purchasing Policy** which includes new direction on advertising tenders and a Local Vendor Preference.

Nuisance Property at 4135 Hollywood St.

Council declared the property a nuisance and the owner of the property will be ordered to remove all refuse by midnight on the 30th day of April, 2010.

Disc Golf Grant Application

Staff will apply for grant funding, totaling \$10,000, to the UBCM Senior's Housing Initiative for financial assistance with the development of a Disc Golf Course in the Echo Park Area. There will be no expense to the City.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wed. Mar 24

10:00 am – CAPES Meeting
@ Council Chambers

Wed. Apr 7

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

Mon. Apr 12

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers