



# 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 October 13, 2009.  
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### ■ DELEGATIONS

#### **Recognition of Track and Field Champion**

Dave Oscienny was recognized for his BC Seniors Games achievements. Dave achieved 1 gold, three silver and 2 bronze medals in his six field events. He encourages others to consider competing in next year's event, hosted by Comox – Courtenay.

#### **Port Alberni Transition Town**

John Mayba and Bonnie Ruttan talked about "350.org", a world wide day of action on climate change October 24. You can volunteer to ride a bike for 10 km or attend the events at Echo Community Centre at 2 pm.

#### **Portal Players Dramatic Society**

Elliot Drew thanked Council for their support and advised of plans for the 2009-2010 season, which opens with the Rocky Horror Picture Show October 30. The Players are providing Capitol Stages a program for youth interested in all aspects of drama.

#### **Permissive Exemption Appeal**

The Port Alberni Association for Community Living requested Council provide their newly acquired property at 4471 Margaret Street with tax exempt status. Council provides an exemption for their Second Avenue Property and denied this request along with a proposal from the Free Masons for their Argyle Street property.

### ■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council declared the following proclamations:

"National Technology Week", November 2-6

"Diabetes Month", November

"World Diabetes Day", November 14

### ■ CORRESPONDENCE

#### **Be a Member of the Youth Parliament**

Eligible youth ages 16 – 21 from our municipality are invited to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament in Victoria December 27 – 31, 2009.

#### **Gone to the Dogs**

Kirk McPhail will receive a complete report of bylaw enforcement actions over the last year. His interest is a summary of fines collected for dog owners not disposing of their dog's feces.

#### **Community Interest by ADSS Students**

Several letters were received from students on a number of topics, including: designating graffiti walls; graffiti, new mall, brand-name clothing, upgrade or build new skate park, raise legal drinking age, locker checks, more teacher supervision, more youth friendly establishments, unique stores, new movie theatre, bullying and teenager drug and alcohol issues. The Mayor and City Manager will meet with the students to discuss their ideas and concerns.

#### **Concluding a Final Tax Sale**

Kuldeep and Nellam Lal requested to purchase the property at 3957 10th Avenue. Their bid was accepted by council.

#### **City is 100<sup>th</sup> Competitor in Gamestown**

Submit your entry to:  
[www.gamestown2010.ca/port-alberni](http://www.gamestown2010.ca/port-alberni) Judging will take place for gold, silver and bronze awards in January (\$100,000, \$50,000 and \$25,000 respectively). Submit a brief story related to health, fitness or our community spirit. You can easily include picture or video.

#### **Thanks for the Recycling program**

Thanks from Ashlee - Alberni Elementary School students will be passed onto the Regional District for their curbside collection program. Staff provided results of analysis of recycling rates in the city and residents need to do more to recycle. It saves the city money!

#### **Tag Day for the Special Olympics**

Council approved Thursday, October 22 and Friday October 23, 2009 for tag days to help with fund raising for the Special Olympics.

#### **Cats**

Yvonne Norm is concerned about the feral cats residing at the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors' Centre.

#### **Blair Park Washrooms**

A letter was received from Matt Gregory concerned about the closure of the Blair Park Public Washrooms and suggesting that "Porta-Potties" be installed.

## ■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **Tseshaht Protocol Agreement Approved**

Council endorsed the draft Cooperation Protocol Agreement between the City and Tseshaht First Nation. No public input was received.

### **Get Involved in True Sport**

The information on the True Sport movement will be forwarded to local sports organizations to encourage them to participate in the program.

## ■ BYLAWS

### **Cemetery Management**

Council gave three readings to a new Cemetery Management Bylaw which sets standards for the City's Greenwood Cemetery.

### **Proposed End to Local Commercial Vehicle Licensing**

"Commercial Vehicle Licencing Repeal Bylaw, No. 4736" was introduced and read three times. The City is no longer participating in the program.

### **Public Hearing**

The City Clerk gave a verbal report from the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm to consider rezoning of a vacant property on King Street for the Southside Community Church - Bylaw Nos. 4728 and 4729 and the rezoning of 3959 Compton Road to accommodate a duplex, Bylaw No. 4730.

Council provided three readings to all three Bylaws, but the final adoption of the King Street Bylaws will be subject to the proposal being connected to community sewer and access being provided from McIntyre Drive.

### **Relocation of Liquor Store**

An application for a liquor wine and beer store to be relocated from Kingsway to 3680 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will be considered at a Public Hearing to be held on November 9, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

## ■ REPORTS

### **Permissive Tax Exemption for 2010**

Recommendations of the Permissive Tax Exemption Committee were endorsed. Council will notify all organizations receiving exemptions that Policy will be reviewed, for possible reductions in the value of exemptions or additional requirements to qualify. Organizations will be asked for input.

### **Technical Services for the Port Authority**

The City will be integrating technical services and providing support for the Port Alberni Port Authority.

### **Lease Renewal of Water's Edge Bistro**

An Agreement with Thomas Geiger for Unit #2 of Alberni Harbour Quay was renewed.

### **Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy**

Council tabled a Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy as proposed in the City Planner's October 6th Report. Council received late correspondence from Deb Molloy and requested the time to consider her information.

### **Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation (Inc. No. BC0862820)**

Council approved the "Application to Transfer" document for the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation (Inc. No. BC0862820).

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## MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

### **Thursday, October 15**

12:00 pm @ Committee Rom  
Advisory Planning Commission Meeting

### **Monday, October 26**

4:00 pm @ Committee Room  
Audit Committee Meeting

7:00 pm @ Council Chambers  
Regular Council Meeting