



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 September 14, 2009. 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

Local Bear Smarts Reducing Human Conflict

Crystal McMillan and Jeff Tyre discussed the status of bear conflicts and the Bear Smart Committee. Improved management of garbage and improved natural food sources have resulted in lower bear – human conflicts this year. As of this date, no bears have been destroyed in the Community. Dawn Boyes, a Committee member, discussed her own experiences with bears and the need to continue to improve our habits with garbage and other bear attractants.

Youth Describe Sustainability Experiences

Local students Kristine Arklie and Chris Galbraith participated in the Sustainability Toolbox program in Powell River where they learned leadership skills and the ability to help the community move toward sustainability. They will be sharing their skills with their grade 11 classmates at ADSS.

Literacy Alberni Society

Council declared September 2009 as "Literacy Month". September 23, 2009 is "Raise-a-Reader Day" and Council will help others hand out free AV Times newspapers throughout the City to promote reading.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council declared the following proclamations:

- "Fire Prevention Week" October 4 - 10
- "Fire Service Recognition Day" October 10
- "Community Living Month" October
- "Restorative Justice Week" Nov. 15 - 22

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Concern for Fire Hazards

Wade and Kelly Hepp expressed concerns about a fire hazard due to the long, dry grass on vacant property in their neighbourhood and requested the City mandate immediate cutting of grass during extreme dry weather conditions. The subject property has been remedied.

Navy League Seeks Support for Demolition

Requested that the City pay the disposal fees for the demolished "round building" at 4210 Cedarwood Street. The request has been referred to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District for consideration.

Cutting Wedge Pizza to open at the Quay

Cutting Wedge Pizza will be taking over Kim's Dim Sum at Unit #15 at the Alberni Harbour Quay effective September 15th, 2009.

Catalyst and the Multiplex Upper Lounge

A letter requesting Catalyst's name be removed from the Upper lounge for non-payment of their donation was received with no further action taken by Council.

■ BYLAWS

Public Hearing Report - 3778 15th Avenue Bylaw Nos. 4726 and 4727 - August 10, 2009

Council considered the two bylaws which apply to the land south of the A-1 Convenience Store. The owner proposes a car wash. Council decided on two conditions for the approval of the bylaws. The owner will be required to erect a noise barrier fence and eliminate the potential for over spray. The bylaws were given third reading.

"Short Term Capital Borrowing for the Argyle Pumpstation Upgrade

The Bylaw to authorize borrowing for this project was given three readings.

Diverse Projects proceed to next step

Council endorsed recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission for two projects – a new Southside Community Church at King Street –and a duplex for 3959 Compton Road. The Bylaws will be advanced to a Public Hearing on October 13, 2009.

The public is required to provide any input in advance of the Public Hearing. Once the hearing is terminated Council are not to receive new information before adopting the required bylaws.

Bylaws Adopted for Pacific Coast University

The property at 4755 Cherry Creek Road is now zoned to accommodate the proposed University.

■ REPORTS

Write-Off of Uncollectable Accounts

In the last four years the city has maintained a collection rate of 99.994% of monies owing. Despite extensive attempts to collect, seven accounts amounting to approximately \$52,000 are no longer collectible and Council agreed to write off these accounts.

Replacement Fire Engine

Council agreed to the replacement of the #3 Fire Engine. Fort Garry Fire Trucks was the successful bidder to supply a Fire Engine for the price of \$480,000 (+ GST) with delivery expected in April 2010.

Medical First Responder Program - City agrees to new terms with the province.

The Emergency and Health Services Commission (EHSC) has developed a new agreement authorizing Local Governments to provide Medical First Responder services. Council agreed to the Consent and Indemnity Agreement for Medical First Responder Services.

Proposed Harbour Quay Developments

The Director of Parks and Recreation outlined the proposed changes to Alberni Harbour Quay, they include a new boardwalk, upgraded and expanded Farmers' Market and new commercial space.

Secondary Suites Program

Council directed staff to begin the process of researching the suitability of permitting secondary suites within the City of Port Alberni. Public input will be part of the process and the City Planner will report the results back to Council.

Water Capital Project Request – Tebo Avenue to Cherry Creek Road

\$50,000 from the Water Capital Fund was allocated for the construction of a 200m – 200mm diameter water main between Tebo Avenue and Cherry Creek Road to improve water flows in the area of the new BC Hydro Building and the Pacific Coast University.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, September 17

- 12:00 pm @ Committee Room
Advisory Planning Committee

Wednesday, October 7

- 7:00 pm @ Museum
AV Museum & Heritage Commission

Tuesday, October 13

- 6:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Public Hearing
- 7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Regular Council Meeting