



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held November 9, 2015.
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■ PUBLIC INPUT

Bob Cole provided an update on the status of the Bulldog's Office Expansion Project and their request for the City to partner in completing the project.

Alicia noted the article on Port Alberni in the recent Kiteboarder magazine which has a worldwide distribution.

Brianna Pearson noted there are 13 liquor stores in our community of 17,500 and suggested marijuana helps a lot of people.

Local resident commented on her health issues stating marijuana is the only thing that takes away her headaches.

Vaughan Chase stated marijuana was the only thing that worked for his mother prior to her passing from Parkinsons Disease.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Response to Questions from October 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

The Mayor provided a response to questions regarding recommendations implemented following the 2011 Management Structure

Review (which is on the City's website) and advised the current review report will be released publicly once all personnel issues are dealt with.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Harbour Quay Lease

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to renew the lease for Unit #16 at the Alberni Harbour Quay with "Homestead Cookhouse" for a three year term.

Marijuana Dispensaries

Considerable discussion was held regarding the issue of illegal medical marijuana dispensaries. Late correspondence items were received. Council endorsed a motion directing staff to prepare a report recommending zoning and operating conditions for medical marijuana dispensaries including working with local business regarding conditions.

Financial Planning Process & Schedule

Council endorsed the 2016-2020 Five Year Financial Plan development process with a tentative schedule of department and external agency presentations. The first draft of the 5 Year Plan is scheduled to be presented at the December 14th regular meeting.

■ BYLAWS

Advisory Planning Commission

Council received the summary report of the October 29, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission.

First and second readings were given to:

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 17 (3333 Burde Street - Harris), Bylaw No. 4889";

"Zoning Map Amendment No. 9 (3333 Burde Street - Harris), Bylaw No. 4890",

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 18 (4905 Cherry Creek Road - Complete Contracting), Bylaw No. 4891" and

"Zoning Map Amendment No. 10 (4505 Cherry Creek Road - Complete Contracting), Bylaw No. 4892". The Bylaws were advanced to a **Public Hearing on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:00 pm** in the City Hall Council Chambers.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Bike Racks

Staff will assist the Young Professionals of the Alberni Valley (YPAV) in the transportation and storage of industrial parts from Catalyst Paper and the installation of bike racks with locations to be determined in consultation with the City and the cycling community.

Industrial Triathlon

Council supports in principle the concept from the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce to host an "Industrial Triathlon" in 2017 and will await more specific details.

Port Alberni Junior Hockey Society (PAJHS)

With regards to the request from PAJHS for the City to assist in the finishing work required to complete their office expansion project, Staff was directed to identify the scope and costs of outstanding work prior to any decision.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

November is **"Adoption Awareness Month"** in Port Alberni.

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

The Mayor confirmed the transfer of Theresa Kingston to the position of Director of Community Services encompassing the duties of Parks, Recreation & Heritage as well as community development. Theresa commences her new role November 15th.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Council endorsed a motion to write to the Minister of Immigration, Citizenship & Refugees indicating the City's willingness to work with local and federal agencies to provide for relocation of a portion of the planned 25,000 Syrian refugees.

A notice of motion was provided regarding a letter to the federal government urging them to consider and move forward on plans to legalize marijuana.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thurs. Nov 12

6:00 pm - McLean Mill Advisory Committee
@ McLean Mill

Thurs. Nov 19

12:00 pm - Advisory Planning Commission
@ Committee Room

Mon. Nov 23

4:00 pm - Audit Committee Meeting
@ Committee Room
6:00 pm - Public Hearing
Re: Bylaws 4889, 4890, 4891 & 4892
@ Council Chambers
7:00 pm - Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers