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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Alberni Valley Museum
and Heritage Commission



Wednesday, January 5, 2022

7:00pm → Zoom

Minutes

Attending:

Bert Simpson
Claudia Romanuk (Community Arts Council)
Colin Schult
Dan Washington
Ed Ross
Gareth Flostrand
Ken Watson
Nancy Blair
Pam Craig
Penny Cote
Willa Thorpe (staff)

Regrets:

Bill Collette

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering/PW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks, Rec. & Heritage
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Development Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Comm. Summary</i>
File #	<i>0360-20-AVHHC</i>

Called to order: 7:00pm

1. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Penny, that the agenda of the January 5, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
2. Moved by Pam, that the minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.
3. Old Business
 - a. Train Station
 - i. Site visit with the Construction Manager and Architect on December 9 to review project specifics
 - ii. RFP for prospective tenants is being finalized; distribution date has not been finalized
 - b. Meeting Locations
 - i. Commission member organizations will confirm if they are available to host meetings in 2022
4. Correspondence – none
5. New Business – none
6. Reports
 - a. Regional District
 - i. First Board meeting of 2022 is next week
 - ii. New CAO has started



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- iii. Great Central Lake (Little Germany) exploring becoming a heritage service within the Regional District
- iv. Grant in Aids applications due shortly
- b. Chamber of Commerce
 - i. The Chamber/Visitor Centre is closed for the season through to Monday, January 10th. One extra week to cover for staff overtime that has built up. We're not busy with clients at the door. Bill is working as is Elliot. All others are off for another week.
 - ii. The Chamber's Shop Local program has been excellent. Very good feedback and close to 800 submissions for the prizing. So far we've awarded 10 people with \$500.00 gift card packages. We start again on the 6th and will continue through to the end of the month – Mon – Fri at 9:10am on The Peak giving out a \$500.00 gift card package.
 - iii. This month we defer to a 'Dine-Out West Coast' theme however we admit to being unsure how that will unfold due to the ongoing restrictions.
 - iv. We are working with Tim Horton's on their annual Gift Card program for their staff. Purchasing \$5000.00 worth of gift cards for them through this program.
 - v. The Chamber is starting its Strategic Plan next Wednesday with Theresa Kingston.
- c. McLean Mill
 - i. The Heritage Christmas Village went very well. Unfortunately, we only completed 7 of the 9 scheduled nights. The last two were cancelled due to inclement weather (snow/ice). Nonetheless the results of the program were exceptional. We averaged a near sell-out (400 people) each of the 7 nights we completed. The Festival of Trees component also exceeded expectations. We expect to be writing a cheque to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation of ~ \$14,000.00. We thank all who attended, all who continue to support the McLean Mill National Historic Site. We closed operations as of December 20th and have not scheduled staff to return until the 10th of January. At that point our focus will be Xmas teardown, full inventory count, general clean-up, preparation for a couple of events in February when we plan to re-open on weekends.
- d. Maritime Heritage Society
 - i. AGM – Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday, November 30, 2021.
 - 1. President - Ken Watson
 - 2. Vice-President - David Cox



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3. Treasurer - Don Jones
 4. Secretary – Gareth Flostrand
 5. Director - Lawrence Charnell
 6. Director – Peter Geddes
 7. Director - Jean McIntosh
 8. Director - Ken McKinnon
 9. Director - Geo Monrufet
- ii. Annual Memberships – Our membership numbers have dipped somewhat during the COVID years likely due to lack of face-to-face Maritime Heritage events. We are now receiving memberships for 2022 and would like to get our numbers back up so if you would like to renew yours, please email our Treasurer Gareth Flostrand at gfls@telus.net. The membership fee remains at \$20/yr.
 - iii. Facility Hours – The Gallery and Lighthouse are currently closed due to frozen pipes under the causeway. We are working with the Port Authority to get this fixed and get back to normal. Once this is achieved, we will be open Thursday – Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. Vaccination passport protocol & masks are mandatory.
- e. Community Arts Council
- i. Rollin Art Centre hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - ii. We are currently closed to the public until February 1, 2022.
 - iii. NEXT EXHIBIT
February 1 – 26, 2021, Sarah Williams. Watercolours, mixed media, and acrylic paintings.
 - iv. CELTIC CHAOS
Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2pm, Capitol Theatre
We welcome back this popular group for an enjoyable family event. Tickets are \$25, available from Rollin Art Centre. They make a nice Valentine's gift.
 - v. AGM
Thursday, February 24, 2022, via Zoom.
 - vi. CAC REPRESENTATIVE
Nancy Blair has represented the Arts Council on the Heritage Commission for some six years. She is now passing the baton to CAC director Claudia Romaniuk as of March 2, 2022.
- f. School District
- i. Senior Administration and school administrators have been meeting and working since the announcement by the Provincial Health Authority to implement the Winter Break Extension Order:



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1. Trustees met with the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer on Mon Jan 3 to discuss the Health Order and the impact of the order on SD70 schools.
2. Schools are essentially closed till Jan 10. There will be an exception to 'schools are closed' to accommodate elementary-aged children of Essential Services Workers and students with special needs for the week of Jan 4 to 7. ESW parents and parents of special needs students are asked to confirm with their schools the attendance of their children.
3. Onsite Childcare operators and parents have been directed to continue with offering childcare through this time but it is their responsibility to arrange for this so parents are asked to confer with the childcare operators.
4. All sporting events and practices are on hold at this time.

g. City Council

- i. CAO Tim Pley officially retired December 31 2021, Scott Smith, Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO has assumed the role as Acting CAO.
- ii. The Mayor presented the City Council 2021 Annual Address.
- iii. Council directed staff to construct two segments of the Connect the Quays Pathway in 2022 including approximately 1100 metres of path between Harbour Quay and Tyee Landing complete with a view point into the Somass lands and approximately 850 metres of path from Gertrude Street through Roger Creek Park to the bridge across Roger Creek Council further authorized staff to award the associated detailed design work to PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc.
- iv. Ellen Froid | Alberni Community and Women's Services Society invited Council to register as a team for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser taking place February 26, 2022.
- v. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: Supportive Housing Task Force Verbal report from the Director of Corporate Services regarding the establishment of a Task Force for the purpose of determining short and long-term supportive housing options in the Alberni Valley with the highest priority being relocation of citizens currently living in the trailers at 4th Avenue.
- vi. The Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO provided Council with information regarding a preliminary development application by Pacific Mayfair Estates for properties on Burde Street, noting that the developers have indicated that they intend to make substantial changes to the application. Once those changes have been made, staff will review the



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revised submission and determine the appropriate process to move the application forward.

- vii. Starting Monday, December 20, 2021, Recycle BC has resumed the collection of non-deposit glass bottles and jars at all ACRD Recycle BC depots, including the 3rd Ave. Depot in Port Alberni.

- 1. Collection had been temporarily suspended due to reduced transportation resulting from BC floods.
- 2. Collection of foam packaging remains suspended at this time.

- h. Historical Society

- i. The Archives closed from Dec. 17, 2021 to Jan. 4, 2022 for a Christmas Break.
- ii. Hopefully we will be able to welcome researchers in the coming months.
- iii. Volunteers are in the Archives Tues – Thurs, 10 am – 3 pm. Only phone or email inquiries are being accepted at this time.

- i. Industrial Heritage Society

- i. Due to COVID and weather IHS has been very quiet
- ii. The lowbed trailer is being reworked for annual inspection
- iii. Work continues on the safety plan for the IHS Centre
- iv. The Farquhar steam tractor had a preliminary inspection by BC Safety Authority
- v. Les Stevens would like permission from the City to fire the steam tractor for further inspection
- vi. Held a Directors meeting instead of regular December meeting

- j. Community at Large

- i. Until February 25th: Heart of Winter Art Exhibit at Draw Gallery
 - 1. Artist Judith Rackham
 - 2. Each week Tues-Fri 12 to 5
- ii. Totem 66 has been cancelled
- iii. Jan 17 - Snowed in Comedy tour at Capitol Theatre
- iv. Jan 28-30 Tim Hortons Ladies Bonspiel at the AV Curling Club
- v. Arrowsmith Rotary banner painting (same format as last year):
arrowsmithrotaryclub@gmail.com

- k. Museum

- i. The Snapshots exhibit runs Jan. 12 until early April
- ii. Two grant applications will be submitted before end of January:
 - 1. Young Canada Works (summer students at Museum)



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- 2. Parks Canada (Green Chain project at McLean Mill)
 - iii. Planning for spring programming (March – June) is underway
 - iv. Heritage Fair (via Zoom) will move forward in May, if we can confirm four classes participating
- I. Hupacasath First Nation – no report
- m. Tseshaht First Nation
 - i. Ed is the cultural lead for Tseshaht
 - ii. Tseshaht is very excited and open to bringing strong identities out
- 7. Next Meeting
 - a. Wednesday, February 2 → 7pm (Industrial Heritage Centre)
- 8. Adjourn
 - a. Moved by Colin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.