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Alberni Valley Museum  
and Heritage Commission



Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00pm → Visitor Centre

Minutes

Attending:  
Bill Collette  
Colin Schult  
Gareth Flostrand  
Ken Watson  
Nancy Blair  
Pam Craig  
Penny Cote  
Ron Corbeil  
Jen Richardson (Guest)

Regrets:  
Bert Simpson  
Dan Washington  
Ed Ross  
Willa Thorpe (staff)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Comm. Summary</i>

File # 0360-20-AVMHC *RCH Apr 05, 22*

Called to order: 7:02pm

1. Moved by Ken that the agenda of the March 2, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
2. Moved by Nancy that the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
3. Old Business – none
4. Correspondence
  - a. ACRD Heritage Commission appointment of Penny Cote as the ACRD representative and Ron Corbeil as alternate
5. New Business – none
6. Reports
  - a. Maritime Heritage Society
    - i. Lighthouse Roof – The roof began leaking in several spots this winter. Quotes for roof replacement have been received and Javen Simon Roofing has been retained to undertake this work as their schedule and weather permit. Applications for funding assistance with this important project have been made to the City, ACRD and PAPA.
    - ii. Tsunami Exhibit – The 1964 Tsunami Exhibit has now been completed at the Gallery. This is a great n new permanent exhibit for the Gallery. Thanks to



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David Cox and Kirsten Smith and Amy Vandal from the AV Museum for all their work on this.

- iii. Radar Artefact - This old technology was donated recently by Ann Bainbridge and her family. Thanks to Geo Monrufet for refurbishing this unit and mounting it into the Lady Rose Bridge display.
- iv. Harbour History Pictorial Display - We are investigating a possible new temporary display of black & white photos of the Alberni Harbour from the late 1970's & early 1980's. They are originals in the Alberni Valley Museum Collection. Thanks to Dave Cox and Jean McIntosh for organizing this.
- v. Open Hours - we are open Thursday – Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. Vaccination passport protocol & masks are mandatory. Stop in at the Gallery to see the Tsunami exhibit and renew your membership this week!

**b. Community Arts Council**

**i. CURRENT EXHIBIT**

March 1 to March 26. Featured artist Ilya Treleaven, showcasing his work in acrylic, watercolour and mixed media. The exhibit is titled Unseen Things, and the meet and greet is March 5 at the gallery from 1-3. We are pleased to be able to have meet and greets at the gallery again.

**ii. BOOK SALE**

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**iii. GARDENS**

We have been moving forward on our plan to have different people doing different jobs in the garden. We are close to having this finished.

**iv. AGM**

We had our AGM on Thursday, February 24 via Zoom. Unfortunately, 2 of our directors stepped down, and we have no new directors. We have decided that we can operate with our new smaller board, but our activities will be scaled down this year.

**v. SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

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- c. Regional District
  - i. Regional District information shared by Ron Corbeil re: presentation to the ACRD Board of Directors from the Twinning Society of memorabilia from the years of working with Port Alberni's sister of Abashiri. Items will be likely placed into collection at the AV Museum.
- d. Chamber of Commerce
  - i. Communicating and visiting with upper 3rd Avenue businesses surrounding the idea posed by many to develop public 24/7 washrooms near the Overdose Prevention Site.
  - ii. Our Strategic Plan has also taken a fair bit of time and continues to be a work in progress. We expect to learn more about the outcome in the coming days.
  - iii. Chamber is working with The San Group to develop some monthly breakfast meetings. One is currently scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd 7:30am at the BW Barclay. If any on this group are interested in attending as a representative of your organization, please reach out to me ASAP. No cost to attend.
  - iv. We are also working on our annual audit. This is a requirement under the Federal Board of Trade Act.
  - v. We are also working hard on our Community Excellence Awards event planned for Friday, June 10th at the McLean Mill National Historic Site. The gap between the last one and this one coming up will be nearly 38 months.
  - vi. The Chamber is also hosting a Welcome Back Tourism event scheduled for Friday, April 29th 3pm on the Frances Barkley (returning around 7 pm). Tickets are available on our website.
  - vii. The Chamber AGM is planned for later May. We will almost certainly be looking for new Directors to cover positions left vacant by departing or retiring directors.
- e. McLean Mill
  - i. The ALC decision with respect to the ALR application in 2020 has been made. We are very pleased with this decision, and we look forward to a renewed effort on advertising and marketing. We've held off on that through the course of the ALR review.
  - ii. We have lost a total of 10 wedding events over the past weeks all of them connected to the bride/groom concerns about the ALR ruling. We are now reaching back out to those couples to see if they might be willing to reconsider.
  - iii. We have hired an Events and Programming Manager (started this week). She will be FT with us and will take on a myriad of different challenges.





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- iv. We met with City Council via a Committee of the Whole meeting format in later February. We presented a five-year financial plan for Council to consider. We provided two scenarios with one being no change to the current (recent) challenges of ALR/COVID. The other scenario was more favourable and now with one of the two roadblocks removed and the other likely to be we are confident with our better analysis.
- f. School District
  - i. School Sports Teams and student athletes are now permitted to travel and attend tournaments around the province. Student athletes and coaches are excited to be back in action.
  - ii. Congratulations to the ADSS Armada Senior Girls Basketball Team as they won the Island Championships and will compete in the provincial tournament.
  - iii. ADSS and USS Wrestlers were in Vancouver over the weekend for the Provincial Wrestling tournament. Many students achieved success (details not available at the time of writing this report). SD70 District Principal, James Messenger was the Official Host of the Provincial Tournament. In a Global news interview James stated the strength of the Wrestling program is in the building of confidence and character in all participants. Haida Gwaii students competed this year as well.
  - iv. COVID Antigen test kits are being distributed in schools.
  - v. SD70 Budget input opportunities are public board meetings on March 8 and April 12.
  - vi. Spring Break is March 14 to 25 – school reopens March 28.
- g. City Council
  - i. City of Port Alberni – Development of the 10th Ave. and Redford vacant lot is about to get underway. Salvation Army has been tasked with organizing the upgrades on the site – suggested term of a “Pocket Park”. Ron mentioned he is considering a similar development at the corner of Burde and 3rd Ave.
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i. Industrial Heritage Society

- i. IHS crew continues to work on fire safety plan
- ii. Hayes birthday party plans are progressing
- iii. Rail crew working at roundhouse clean-up
- iv. Farquhar steam tractor ready to go operators working on their certification
- v. Logging crew met with staff at McLean Mill to discuss upcoming season
- vi. AGM scheduled for Wed. March 16 at 7:30 pm at Echo Centre

j. Community at Large

- i. 3rd – Douglas Round Table – virtual – Port Alberni's Innovation Economy 12pm-1pm
- ii. 4th – Dog and Cat Teeth Cleaning at Bosley's 9am-4pm
- iii. 6th – Alberni Fish and Game Club – High Power Match 9am
- iv. 7th – City of Port Alberni 2022-26 Financial Plan – online event 7pm
- v. 10-12th – TOTEM is back
- vi. 12-13th – Alberni Valley Rock and Gem Show – Athletic Hall 10am-4pm
- vii. 27th – Alberni Fish and Game Club – Small Bore Match



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k. Museum

- i. 1 school (4 classes) from Nanaimo have registered for the Heritage Fair; staff are working with our provincial contacts to explore a modified regional Heritage Fair
- ii. The travelling and temporary exhibit schedule is starting to firm up for 2022, 2023, and 2024
- iii. Awaiting news from the Toronto Film Circuit on the dates for starting the Film Fest series again
- iv. McLean Mill - Exterior work is nearing completion on the restoration of the Worker House. A few window repairs and cedar shakes are all that remain. (This project is part of the Parks Canada cost-sharing grant)

l. Hupacasath First Nation – no report

m. Tseshaht First Nation – no report

7. Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday, April 6 → 7pm (Alberni Valley Museum)

8. Adjourn

- a. Moved by Colin to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.