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Alberni Valley Museum
and Heritage Commission



Heritage Commission Meeting

April 5, 2023

Minutes

Location:
McLean Mill

Attendees:

City Council
Community Arts Council
Community at Large
Historical Society
Industrial Heritage
Maritime Heritage
McLean Mill
School District 70
Staff

Charles Mealey
Claudia Romaniuk
Colin Schult
Gareth Flostrand
Richard Spencer
Ken Watson
Elliot Drew
Pam Craig
Willa Thorpe

Regrets:

ACRD
Tseshah First Nation

☒ Council
☒ Mayor
☒ CAO
☐ Finance
☒ Corporate Services
☒ Agenda
File # 0540-20- AVMHC

☐ Economic Development
☐ Engineering/PW
☐ Parks, Rec. & Heritage
☐ Development Services
☐ Community Safety
☐ Other

RCM May 23/23

Called to order: 7:02pm

1. Moved by Pam that the agenda of the April 5, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated.
2. Moved by Ken that the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated.
3. Old Business
4. Correspondence
 - a. BC Arts Council → 2023 Operating Grant at AV Museum
 - b. Ladysmith & District Historic Society → Invitation to attend an event on May 27, 10am – 4pm at the historic railyard
5. New Business – none
6. Reports
 - a. Regional District – no report
 - b. Community Arts Council
 - i. Gallery Exhibits
 1. Alberni Valley Landmarks – January 31 to March 24. People's Choice Winner – Shelley Penner
 2. Climate Change – March 29 – May 26. Meet and Greet was Saturday, April 1. 26 Artists exhibiting, 14 are new to us. 45 pieces of



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art. 73 people attended the meet and greet, including most of the artists.

3. June 1 to 23 Student art exhibit – Grad at the Grove – Meet and Greet Saturday June 3, 1-3

ii. Workshops

1. Connie Chaplin – Eco/Botanical printing on watercolour paper and silk scarf workshop April 22
2. Susan Schaefer – Through the Forest – into the Light, acrylic painting workshop May 6
3. Susan Schaefer – Sunflowers – acrylic painting – Saturday July 15

iii. Website → Melissa and Meghann Rader, one of our new board members, have been working on a new design for our website, making it more user friendly

iv. Boardroom → The upstairs boardroom in our gallery has been rented for April 13, 14, 15, and 16. We are looking at other opportunities for renting this room and space.

v. Raffle → We are getting our spring raffle basket ready for April 11 – June 24.

vi. Book Sale → We were happy to be allowed access to Gill School for the following year.

vii. Moving → We are moving the remainder of our stuff from Rollin on April 14 to a storage facility secured for us by the city.

viii. Solstice Arts Festival → June 17, 11am-6pm.



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c. Maritime Heritage Society



PAMHS Report to the Heritage Commission
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- **Newsletter** - the April edition of our newsletter "Ahoy Mateys" is now complete and will be emailed out to members shortly.
- **Craft Drop In** – A kids Craft Drop-In was held on Wednesday, March 22. 46 people (25-30 children) attended throughout the day, for an average of 30 mins per visit. Paper lighthouses, wooden ship paint craft, button-maker were popular choices. Watch our Facebook page for future kids craft events.
- **Dory Build** – Chris Johnson is building a small traditional Grand Banks Dory (wooden rowboat) in the shipyard. This project will take 12 weeks, and is open to the public to watch on Thursdays. The vessel will be constructed using hand tools. Check out the plans for this interesting project on our Facebook Page.
- **Lighthouse Repairs** – This iconic Port Alberni waterfront building is now over 20 years old and while it has been well maintained it is showing its age. The Roof was replaced in 2022 and major repairs to the building siding are still required. This will be an expensive project with quotes in the order of \$50,000 to complete the work. PAMHS is fundraising, applying for available grants, and looking for community donors to help us get this done.
- **Open Hours** – We are now open 4 days a week, Thursdays to Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Stop in to our Gallery and lighthouse to meet our Facilities Coordinator Chris Johnson and learn some interesting facts about our maritime history in Port Alberni. If you haven't renewed your membership for this year stop by
- **Visitors** - In March we had 149 visitors to our Facilities which is a significant increase from 68 we had in February.

d. Chamber of Commerce

- i. March has finally brought sunny skies and we are feeling the effects. The Visitor Center welcomed 343 visitors last month most in the final couple of weeks. We continue to finalize our financials for 2022 and work on our budget for 2023. Planning for our busy season at the Visitor Center and the continuation of the Ambassador Program at the Grove is ongoing. We are still looking for volunteer Ambassadors for 3 or more hours a week. If you know anyone who would like to help, please have them contact us at the visitor center.




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- ii. The McLean Mill 10km, formally the Paper Chase Run, took place on Apr 2. This will be the final year that this event is spear-headed by the Chamber and we are proud to be handing it off to Ridgeview Health and Performance. Sasha Visona and her team did an amazing job this year helping us welcome 407 runners. Over 700 people registered but some may have been scared off by the forecast. In truth the weather could not have cooperated better and the 550 racers and spectators enjoyed an amazing morning at McLean Mill. Delicious food from Starboard Grill, cold beer from Dog Mountain Brewing and awards from Two five oh Awards and Design and Billy Beauty Inc, along with help from many generous sponsors made this a stand out part of this year's series. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped out and we look forward to finalizing our numbers and donating the proceeds to KidSport.
 - iii. We decided to postpone our Network Event for March 29th due to ongoing developments around the evolution of rail and the Island Corridor. We look forward to holding a meeting around this topic once things are more definite and settled. Please watch our website and Facebook page for more information about upcoming events.
 - iv. Jolleen Dick has now officially joined us as the new CEO of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce. We are truly excited to have her passion and experience leading us into the next chapter at the Chamber and invite you to reach out to welcome her.
- e. McLean Mill
- i. We continue to prepare for the 2023 season. Site clean-up has been front and center as we prepare to welcome our guests this spring and summer. Winter has left its mark, as always, so removing branches, filling potholes and deep cleaning our buildings to prepare for the first big event of 2023 has taken most of our time.
 - ii. Speaking of our first event McLean Mill played host to the rebranded Paper Chase run on Apr 2nd. Presented by Ridgeview Health and Performance and the Alberni Chamber of Commerce and now called the McLean Mill 10km, as part of the Vancouver Island Race Series, this race welcome runners from all over the Island. We estimate over 550 people enjoyed the heritage and nature of our unique environment as they stretched their legs over a challenging run.
 - iii. The campground started booking as of March 16th and we welcome our first campers on April 7th. We are once again be offering 7 serviced RV sites, 2 non-powered RV sites and 5 tent sites. E-Bike rentals are also available now to reserve on-line for those who wish to take in the trails on wheels and are free to those 55+ as an ongoing part of the Bike SEAT program.



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- iv. We are working on interpretive signage for our Self-Guided Walking tours. These 30 A Frame signs will work with an updated site map to share pictures and information about key stops and points of interest as visitors tour the grounds. Each sign will also encourage guests to book a guided tour to unlock all the history and stories of McLean Mill. We will be unveiling these on our official opening day Thursday May 18th.
 - v. As always, we are proud to be the stewards of this key attraction of our community and are excited that 2023 brings us the opportunity to share it with our residents and visitors alike.
- f. Industrial Heritage Society



**Western Vancouver Island
Industrial Heritage Society**

April 5th, 2023 Report to the Heritage Commission

1. The IHS held two Parks and Rec Visits over spring break, and three Elementary school classes have scheduled visits. The kids got to go around to four different stations and learn about multiple aspects of Industrial Heritage, while also getting to do a craft that they got to take home. A 'Father & child' event is being organized in conjunction with the Museum for Fathers' Day weekend.
2. Richard Spencer and David Hooper worked on reporting and getting the word out when the Two-Spots bell was discovered stolen on March 22nd. The police and media were notified, as well as the local pawn shops and foundry. Bert Simpson has tightened up the security fencing and gate around the un-alarmed section of the Roundhouse. He has also made the "No 2" nose button more secure -e. more work to steal. However, the blunt reality is that thieves find no difficulty in penetrating the chain-link fencing and locks are easily cut these days. The IHS is looking into better security options for the Roundhouse going forward.
3. Directors and Members are preparing for our Annual General Meeting on April 12th at 7:00pm at Echo Centre. We will have our election of directors and a guest speaker presentation by Frank Holm on the "History of the Alberni Inlet".
4. Two larger events are in the works around the IHS, one being the Annual Antique Truck Show held at the Industrial Heritage Centre Labour Day Weekend, and the No. 7 Steam locomotive Festival which will be held at the roundhouse in early August.
5. In consultation with the Fire Department, IHS members, led by Bob East, have been implementing the new Fire Safety Plan, with new signage, lighting and procedures.
6. After three years of 'Covid' dislocation, the Crew is trying to resume a regular Maintenance programme at the I.H.C. The crew are continuing systematic maintenance and repair work on vehicles in the City's Industrial Collection. Our main lowbed was recently re-decked, painted and inspected; the 1937 McLeans "White" is presently getting a Brake job and work done on the Carburetor. The 1938 "Mack" received new brakes. The 1955 "Brock Hayes" was serviced and the brakes checked out and the 1932 "Hayes-Anderson" has been receiving necessary attention, too.
7. Vegetation control (blackberry cutting) is resuming at the APR site.



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g. Historical Society

- i. May 18, 2023 is the date for the Alberni District Historical Society AGM. This meeting will be held in Echo Centre at 7pm.
- ii. Volunteer hours for March was 222 3/4. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers.
- iii. Researching is ongoing mostly via emails. E-transfer is so great for receiving donations for this research.
- iv. Do you know of a local organization that will be folding? The Archives collects minutes and financials from their AGM's and lists of their Board of Directors. Please let the organization know of our service.
- v. The Archives are open Tues.-Thurs., 11am to 3 pm.

h. Community at Large

April activities around town:

5th – PA Blood Donation Event – BW Barclay 2-645pm

6th – Mount Klitsa Garden Club – 7pm Echo Centre – Speaker on Medicinal remedies from Wild Herbs

7th – Easter Extravaganza – Hansen Hall Society event by Northgate Church 230-430

7th – Friday Night Market @ Harbour Quay 4-8pm event by Wesco Foods, local food vendors, artists, crafters, and music

7th – Easter Bunny – hosted by Steampunk Café 10-3, photos by donation to Salvation Army

8th – AV Easter Egg Hunt by BC Volunteer Fire Dept 1130-130

8th – Community Easter Egg Hunt – First Baptist Church 12-2

9th – Bunny Trail Walk – BC Community Hall 11am-1pm, bunnies, bugs and animals created from repurposed items

11th – AV Nature Club 7pm basement of Christian Reformed Church, speaker is Forest for Dinner

13th – Cougar Annie's Tales @ Chars Landing – 730pm

14th – Tsunami 11th Relative – documentary – Echo Community Centre – event by AV Emergency Program 630-8pm – free entrance to promote Tsunami Preparedness Week Apr 6-15

15th – Battle of the Bands – The Zattzoo Project – Rainbow Room 6pm

16th – Greater Victoria Police Chorus – ADSS Theatre, sponsored by CCFB, 2pm, tix from the Grove

16th – Dragon Boating, open house at SL Landing 11-3pm, open to everyone over 15

19th – The OK, Dope Stand-Up Comedy Tour live at DMB 8pm

19th – AVTTS monthly meeting @ Char's Landing 6pm

20th == I Hate Hamlet – Portal Players April 20-May 6, Thurs/Fri/Sat.

20th – French Movie Night – AES 6-8pm



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La Guerre des Tuques - for younger viewers
L'arracheuse de Temps - for older children (subtitles available)
20th – Big Beast Stand-Up Comedy – 4680 Victoria Quay (RCL) \$25 8pm
21st – Alberni Arts Hub at the AV Makerspace 7-9pm
Tour the venue, meet artists, creatives and arts supporters. Also meet the Octopus
22nd – PA Community Clean Up – register to clean up your neighbourhood,
favourite park or street
22nd – 2023 McLean's Mill 3d Shoot event by Alberni Bowmen Archery Club –
Camping/Lunches/Pig Roast
22nd – Downtown Mischief in PA – Kinsmen Club 8pm
22nd – Bloomin' Tea @ trinity Hall – Don your prettiest Spring Hat 1-3pm \$15,
entertainment, prizes, etc.
23rd – Come try Ringette – AV Multiplex free for ages 4 and up 10-12
23rd – Barkley Sounds Community Choir celebrate 20 years with a Spring Medley –
AV United Church 2pm
27th – Work BC Annual Career Fair – PA Athletic Hall 9am-3pm – Event by BC RCMP
27th – Alberni District Co-Op AGM @ BW Barclay 630pm
28th – Pet Teeth Cleaning -- @ Animal Ark 10am-5pm
29th – Space Cowboy – Steve Miller Tribute Band – Kinsmen Club 7-10pm

i. School District

- i. Superintendent Tim Davie and Trustees Craig, Ransom, Washington and Zanette attended a two-day Alberni Valley Opioid Crisis Forum at Tseshaht Maht Mahs Gym March 27 & 28. The purpose of the gathering of First Nations, Hereditary Chiefs, many community groups, Health representatives, RCMP, First Responders. Education and more, developed strategies to address the Opioid Crisis in the Alberni Valley. The group is pursuing avenues of government support for a local 'Healing Centre'. The Community Action Team presented a report "Humans- Hear Their Voices" <https://youtu.be/dCqXwtK3DDw>
- ii. The Board of Education spent two days on the west coast Mar 30 & 31 meeting with Ucluelet Council and Tofino Council, Trustees Toured all three schools on the coast and attended the
- iii. Tla-o-qui-aht presentation of "naa?uu" a depiction of the history of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation.
- iv. The official opening of the newly seismic upgraded Ucluelet Secondary School has been slated for June 21, 2023 on the National Indigenous Peoples Day.
- v. The Board of Education is now amid conducting consultation with partner groups to develop a new 'Strategic Plan'. There is an opportunity for



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parents and community to contribute to the Strat Plan on the School District website – check it out until April 28th.

- vi. Budget discussions are ongoing – the deadline for submission to the Ministry is in June.
- vii. Spectacular “High School Musical” performed at ADSS Mar 31 & April 1. Students, directors, teachers & ADSS Admin, stage crew and ADSS musicians all put on an amazing show. A huge cast of many had an experience to last them a lifetime.



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j. City Council



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held March 27, 2023.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or email: danielle.leurebourg@portalberni.ca

Introductory Remarks from Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions introduced the City's new Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Fox.

■ PUBLIC INPUT

M. Youd

Spoke to a petition submitted to Council by residents of 6th Avenue (Melrose Street to Bruce Street) requesting that capital infrastructure funding previously allocated for the area not be deferred.

J. Leskosek

Corrected an item of public input provided by himself during a previous Council meeting.

■ DELEGATIONS

Rotary Club | Community Clean Up Day

Council provided support for the Rotary Club community wide clean-up day scheduled Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am - 2 pm in conjunction with Earth Day and authorized staff to provide a donation of gloves, trash bags, and litter grabbers from the Public Works department. For more information or to volunteer, please call 250.731.6555.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Five Year Financial Plan 2023 – 2027, Bylaw No. 5075

Council approved a number of amendments to the Five Year Financial Plan bylaw and provided second reading. For information on the Financial Planning process including ways to participate, visit www.portalberni.ca/budget.

Financial Plan Q&A Summary

Council received the summary of questions and responses as it relates to the 2023 – 2027 Financial Planning process.

March 6th CoW Recommendations

Council endorsed recommendations from the March 6th Committee of the Whole meeting directing staff to prepare reports as it relates to the establishment of reserves and increases to Development Cost Charges.

March 20th CoW Recommendations

Council endorsed recommendations from the March 20th Committee of the Whole meeting directing staff to prepare a report related to the feasibility of additional funding for softball field repair and maintenance in the 2023-2027 Financial Plan.

Council further endorsed the recommendation that Growing Communities Fund requests be brought forward with provincial criteria as staff are made aware of them.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Quarterly Reports

Council received 1st Quarter Reports from the Corporate Services Department, Finance and Information Technology Department and Parks, Recreation & Heritage Department.

■ BYLAWS

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 40 (2601 Burde Street – Irg), Bylaw No. 5070" and "Zoning Map Amendment No. 58 (2601 Burde Street – Irg) Bylaw No. 5071" were introduced, given first and second reading, and advanced to a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

The proposed bylaws upon adoption will enable a subdivision application that would create five (5) low-density residential lots.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of the Guillain-Barré Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Foundation of Canada, Council proclaimed the month of May 2023 as 'GBS and CIDP Awareness Month' in Port Alberni.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

BC Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon Program
Council directed staff to prepare a letter of thanks to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, in support of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program.



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Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Union of BC Municipalities | Response to Council Resolution Re: Safe and Clean Affordable Housing
 - C. & B. Yeo | Rex Road City Boulevard
 - O. Brown | Echo Pool Closures
 - D. Isbister | Pool Facility Closures
 - Alberni Valley Ringette Association | Ice Time Bookings
 - Ministry of Forests | Spangy Moth Eradication Pesticide Use Permit Issued for Aerial Spraying
 - Ministry of Forests | Interfor Corporation's Tenure Dispositions in Coastal BC
 - Union of BC Municipalities | Strategic Priorities Fund Application for Integrated Asset Management and GIS Strategy (22-0912-SPF)
 - Union of BC Municipalities | Strategic Priorities Fund Application for Sustainable Environmental Infrastructure Upgrade – Phase 1 (Argyle – 1st to 3rd) (22-0571-SPF)
 - R. Brandon, D. Platka, D. & L. Brown, and M. Forcier | Falls Street Hedge Enforcement Complaints
- Council deferred enforcement of the respective provisions of Zoning Bylaw 4832 pending the May 15th Committee of the Whole meeting at which time a report will be brought forward for consideration outlining alternatives on the matter.
- Mosaic Forest Management | Watershed Fact Sheets
 - R. Toso | Commercial Parking Enforcement
 - M. Youd | 6th Avenue Capital Funding Petition

■ **REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

Rail Trail Agreement

Council released execution of a Rail Trail Agreement between the City and the Island Corridor Foundation, for the purpose of enabling construction of a public use pathway within the Island Corridor Foundation's rail corridor.

Alberni Harbour Quay

Council released Notice of its Intent to lease the following units at the Alberni Harbour Quay for a five-year term:

- Unit 9 to M. Clark and D. Jones | Ideal Me
- Unit 13 to K. Smith | Sea Dragon Studios
- Unit 16 to L. Gover | Sassy Woodpecker

2023 – 2027 Five Year Financial Plan, Bylaw No. 5075

Council released an amendment to the Five Year Financial Plan to include \$35,000 in 2023 for the purpose of implementing the structural recommendations of the City Hall Violence Risk Assessment Final Report and to consider including additional budget to undertake similar work at other City facilities.

■ **NEW BUSINESS**

ALC Non-Farm Use Permit on ALR Land

Council supported Tseshaht First Nation's application for non-farm use for a proposed campground noting that an application for a Zoning and Official Community Plan amendment may be required if the ALC approves the non-farm use along with an easement for the City to access utilities.

Temporary Expanded Service Area

Council extended the Temporary Expanded Service Area to December 31, 2024 to permit patios to continue operating on City owned land and authorized an application fee of \$300.

Council further directed staff to establish a Bylaw outlining the process for which approval of permanent or seasonal patios on City owned land is undertaken.

Shaw Cablesystems Limited | Municipal Access Agreement

Council authorized execution of a Municipal Access Agreement between Shaw Cable and the City of Port Alberni.

■ **QUESTION PERIOD**

R. Fraser

Inquired regarding financial plan amendments and other budget related items.

J. Leskosek

Inquired regarding public access and safety guidelines as it would relate to sidewalk patios.

■ **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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■ **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday, April 5th

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
McLean Mill

Tuesday, April 11th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers



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k. Museum

i. Exhibits:

1. The George Clutesi exhibit opened on March 18; the official gala opening is Saturday April 22, at 2pm. The exhibit is amazing and has already been well received and lots of interest. We are working with family elders and contractors to plan the opening, special events and school programs during the run of the exhibit. School programs are in development now as is a Pro-D workshop for teachers. Other events in process include a book club event and two summer art event/lecture programs Kirsten and Shelley have devoted a lot of time in the design, research, planning and installation as well as facilitating communication between the research team in Victoria and the Clutesi family.
 2. Eyes on the Skies: Managing Air Traffic in Canada (September to January) from the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum. Eyes on the Skies examines the rapid evolution of air traffic management, exploring the systems, people, and technologies that keep these busy skies safe.
- ii. Work is beginning on the planning for the 2024 biannual Art Invitational exhibit.
 - iii. Film Fest – The winter series has been successful with one film remaining in the series for April 23 – it is sold out.
 - iv. Museum Shop – We have some special sales on right now and will be gearing up for spring and summer seasons. The Easter line from Peace by Chocolate is selling well.
 - v. School and Public programs – Birthday parties continue to book up fast, we are preparing school and public programming for the Clutesi exhibit, and working on some public spring programs: A Mother's Day Tea, Father's Day event at the IHC, International Museum Day program. We just ran two successful Spring Break Camps and are working on planning summer camps.
 - vi. Research work is still underway with members of the Hu-Ay-Aht and their contract curator regarding repatriation of artefacts.

l. Hupačasath First Nation – no report

m. Tseshah First Nation – no report

7. Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday, May 3 → 7pm (Maritime Heritage)



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8. Adjourn
 - a. Moved by Colin to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm