

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers & Via Video-Conference
4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

Present: Mayor S. Minions
Councillor D. Dame
Councillor J. Douglas
Councillor D. Haggard
Councillor C. Mealey
Councillor T. Patola
Councillor C. Solda

Staff: M. Fox, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Monteith, Director of Corporate Services
S. Smith, Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO
A. McGifford, Director of Finance
M.C. Massicotte, Manager of Community Safety and Social Development
D. Arsenault, Project Manager
J. MacDonald, Director of Infrastructure Services
J. Pelech, Manager of Information Services
S. Darling, Deputy Director of Corporate Services/Recording Secretary

Gallery: 23 & 7 Electronically

A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be amended to include an item under 'New Business' H.6 | Mosaic Logging. The agenda was then approved, as amended.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the minutes of the meeting held at 6:00 pm on February 5, 2024, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

B. Kanngiesser

Provided comments the Financial Plan proposed tax increase and as it relates to Quay to Quay Pathway project funding.

Gerald

Commented on Aquatic Centre operations particularly additional programming opportunities for youth and the need for increased road maintenance.

Charlaine

Commented on the Geographic Information Systems department future staffing requirement costs and funding of the Quay to Quay Pathway project.

J. Fold

Commented on the Quay to Quay Pathway project and the proposed tax increase.

C. Sole

Commented on the Quay to Quay Pathway project and the Somass Lands redevelopment.

T. Neufeld

Comment on Quay to Quay Pathway project and addiction treatment centres.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. **Union Locals 592 & 686**

S. Smith, President and T. Haggard, Vice President discussed Paper Excellence and the state of the local forestry industry.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council direct administration to write a letter of support to senior government for the continued provision of fibre supply for Catalyst Mill.

CARRIED

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Five Year Financial Plan Q&A Summary**

The Director of Finance presented the summary of questions and responses as it relates to the 2024-2028 Financial Planning process.

F. STAFF REPORTS

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions | Follow-up to UBMC Re: Information on Detox Services

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **2024-2028 Financial Plan**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the report '2024-2028 Financial Plan' dated February 13, 2024.

CARRIED

2. **Toxic Drug Strategies | Tseshaht First Nation and Community Action Team**

a) **Port Alberni CAT Blueprint Strategies**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council endorse the Port Alberni Community Action Team document entitled Blueprint of Transformative Strategies to the Toxic Drugs Catastrophe for the Alberni Valley and British Columbia dated February 20, 2024.

CARRIED

Councillor Mealey left the meeting at 7:26 pm and returned at 7:28 pm.

b) **Tseshaht First Nation | Alberni Valley Toxic Poisoned Drugs (Opioid) Crisis Strategy**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council support next steps with respect to implementation and advocacy for resourcing the Alberni Valley Toxic Poisoned Drugs (Opioid) Crisis Strategy through a smaller political working group/action team.

CARRIED

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council direct staff to prepare a letter of support and authorize the Mayor in signing the Declaration of Commitment with respect to the Alberni Valley Toxic Poisoned Drugs (Opioid) Crisis Strategy, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Update on Master Planning**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the report 'Update on Master Planning' dated February 9, 2024.

CARRIED

Council invited Unifor Local 592 President, S. Smith to speak to lobbying points to senior government related to wildfire prevention.

4. **Update on Geographic Information Systems Department**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the report 'Update on Geographic Information Systems [GIS] Department' dated February 20, 2024.

CARRIED

5. **Policy 3002-5 | Requests for Letters of Support**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve Policy 3002-5 'Requests for Letters of Support', as amended.

CARRIED

6. **Mosaic Forest Management Corporation | Invitation to Future Meeting**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to extend an invitation to Mosaic Forest Management Corporation to attend a future meeting as a delegation regarding the recent logging performed adjacent to Alberni Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery and to present an update on the Corporation's future plans.

I. **QUESTION PERIOD**

R. Smith

Inquired about opportunities to contribute to the community as a new resident.

J. Leskosek

Requested additional information as it relates to the Community Action Team *Blueprint of Transformative Strategies to the Toxic Drugs Catastrophe* document.

Charlaine

Inquired regarding City vehicle purchases, the Growing Communities Fund and Financial Plan projections for the Chief Administrative Department.

J. Leskosek

Inquired about drug awareness practices for students within the School District.

L. Hagen

Inquired regarding stipulations of the Growing Communities Fund, future housing for seniors and estimated costing of a new Aquatic Centre.

R. Smith

Inquired regarding gender specific addiction treatment facilities and the Master Plan process in relation to existing reports.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:10 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor



Corporate Officer