

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held March 25, 2024.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Corporate Services department at 250.723.2146 or email: corp_serv@portalberni.ca.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society (WVIIHS) | Railway Operations Update

Council referred the WVIIHS railway operations update to the April 15, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion and directed that staff work with the Society in the interim to move forward with the Request for Proposals for works needed.

2024-2028 Financial Plan | Tax Rates

Council directed staff to continue to de-link major industry Class 4 and light industry Class 5 and set an effective tax rate for light industry that is approximately 20 per thousand lower than major industry to rebalance the tax share and lower the effective tax rate of Class 1.

■ BYLAWS

"Development Cost Charges Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 5102" was adopted. The bylaw establishes the following reserves:

- Water Development Cost Charges Reserve
- Sewer Development Cost Charges Reserve
- Storm Drainage Development Cost Charges Reserve
- Highway Facilities Development Cost Charges Reserve
- Parkland Development Cost Charges Reserve

"Zoning Amendment (3045, 3053, 3063 Kingsway Avenue) Bylaw No. 5096" was adopted. The bylaw enables a 25-unit multi-residential development at 3045, 3053 and 3063 Kingsway Avenue.

"City of Port Alberni 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5097, 2024" was read a third time. Please visit <https://portalberni.ca/budget> to view the financial plan and to find opportunities on how to participate in the process. Council will consider final adoption of the Plan at its April 8th Regular meeting.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Port Alberni Port Authority

Council authorized Port Alberni Port Authority the use of the parking area at the Harbour Quay for the purpose of a community event 'Port Days' on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Centennial Pier.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Grant Application Request

Council provided approval for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) to apply for a grant opportunity for the Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Program through the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund including authorization for the ACRD to apply for, receive, and manage grant funding on behalf of the City of Port Alberni.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. District of Hudson's Hope | Support for Bill-34
- b. Copy of City of Port Alberni Letter to Ministry of Forests | Support for Port Alberni Mill dated March 15, 2024
- c. City of Duncan | 2024 AVICC Resolution: Fail to Appear Charges in Policing Statistics
Council directed staff to write a letter to the City of Duncan in support of the resolution and proposing an amendment to include statistics related to probation-initiated charges for failure to report to probation supervisors and bail supervisors.
- d. B. Kanngiesser | Johnston Road Utility Improvements

■ NEW BUSINESS

Seniors Advocacy

Council directed staff to send a late resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities requesting provincial support of the recommendations outlined in the Office of the Seniors Advocate report titled 'Resourceful and Resilient: Challenges Facing BC's Rural Seniors' dated February 2024 and further, to request the creation of a rural seniors caucus within the UBCM membership.

Canada Day Family Event

Council directed staff to coordinate a 2024 Canada Day family event in conjunction with local groups/organizations and further, that staff seek grant funding opportunities.

Budget Presentations

Council directed staff to request managers make department presentations prior to commencing the 2025 Financial Plan process.

Three-Stream Waste Collections Service | Contract Renewal

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to renew the "3-Stream Waste Collection Service Agreement" with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for the handling and shipping of recyclable materials, related to the City's curbside collecting of recyclable materials within the City until December 31, 2026.

Appointment of Corporate Officer

Council appointed Sara Darling, Deputy Director of Corporate Services, as Corporate Officer and assigned the responsibility of corporate administration for the City of Port Alberni to Ms. Darling in accordance with s.148 of the *Community Charter* effective April 5, 2024.

Outdoor Burning and Trail Signage

Council inquired regarding outdoor burning regulations which can be found on the City website at [Outdoor Burning | City of Port Alberni](#). Creation of trail signage was also discussed noting that the City and Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Parks and Trails Signage Strategy is in progress pending First Nations input. Further information will be brought to Council for consideration, including opportunities for assistance from volunteer organizations such as the Alberni Valley Outdoor Club.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Gail

Inquired regarding traffic/pedestrian safety at the intersection of Johnston Road and Elizabeth Street.

N. Anderson

Inquired regarding meeting process, plans for current and future traffic congestion, and the resolution regarding Seniors Advocacy.

R. Smith

Inquired regarding the railway crossing repairs as it relates to required standards and regulations and ownership of track occupied lands.

Charlaine

Inquired regarding climate change, previous vaccine passport requirements, and the Financial Plan as it relates to the AV Multiplex and Bylaw Enforcement budgets.

J. Leskosek

Inquired regarding EV charging locations for the multi-family housing development on Kingsway Avenue.

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

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- Attend in-person in City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 4850 Argyle Street
- Livestream @ www.portalberni.ca
- Join online or by phone using MS Teams

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
Alberni Valley Museum

Monday, April 8th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers

Monday, April 15th

6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers