

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 2:00 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers & Via Video-Conference
4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

Present: Mayor S. Minions [Electronic Participation]
Councillor D. Dame
Councillor J. Douglas
Councillor D. Haggard [Chair]
Councillor C. Mealey
Councillor C. Solda
Councillor T. Patola

Staff: M. Fox, Chief Administrative Officer
A. McGifford, Director of Finance
K. Orchiston, Manager of Asset Management Initiatives
S. Darling, Director of Corporate Services | Recording Secretary
F. Guevarra, PC Support

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A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Minutes of the Special meeting held at 4:20 pm and Regular Council meeting held at 2:00 pm on March 25, 2024 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Introduction | Manager of Asset Management Initiatives

Andrew McGifford, Director of Finance introduced Keith Orchiston, Manager of Asset Management Initiatives.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Five Year Financial Plan Q&A Summary

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

E. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated April 8, 2024, be received and the cheques numbered 154641 to 154703 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$850,367.14, be approved.

CARRIED | Res. No. 24-160

F. BYLAWS

1. 2024-2028 Financial Plan | Adoption

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5097, 2024" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and numbered 5097.

CARRIED | Res. No. 24-161

2. Tax Rates Bylaw

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT consideration of "City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5104, 2024" be deferred to a Special meeting of Council April 15, 2024 in order to permit additional information to be presented to Council regarding historical allocation of tax rate shares across the classes.

CARRIED | Res. No. 24-162

G. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank Society | Support for Warehouse Project

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities on behalf of the Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank Society in support of their funding request to construct the new 25,000 sq.ft. warehouse in Nanaimo, BC.

CARRIED | Res. No. 24-163

H. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Fondation Émergence | International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council on behalf of Fondation Émergence, proclaim May 17, 2024 as 'International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia' in Port Alberni.

CARRIED | Res. No. 24-164

2. Walk for Values | Human Values Day

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council on behalf of Walk for Values, proclaim April 24, 2024 as 'Human Values Day' in Port Alberni.

CARRIED | Res. No. 24-165

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The Director of Corporate Services summarized correspondence to Council as follows:

- a. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Food Security Emergency Planning Grant Award & Emergency Support Services Grant Award
- b. The Alberni Project Society and HMCS Alberni Museum and Memorial | Invitation to the 80th Anniversary of the Sinking of HMCS Alberni Ceremony and Exhibit August 21, 2024
- c. Ministry of Agriculture and Food | Invitation to a Presentation on Land Use Planning for Agriculture
- d. Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities | United Way BC 2024-2025 Community Investment Grants

- e. Town of Osoyoos | Support for Legislative Changes - Personal and Defamatory Attacks on Municipal Leaders
- f. PRIMECorp | 2024-2025 Budget
- g. Municipal Pension Retirees' Association | Support for Council Seniors Advocacy Resolution

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council receive correspondence for information, as circulated.
CARRIED

J. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

K. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council offered condolences to the family on the recent passing of Jack Payne, former R.C.M.P Officer and City Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Island Health Community Wellness 2024 Grant Application

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize staff to apply for, receive, and manage grant funding for the April 12, 2024 intake of the Island Health 'Community Wellness Grant Program' for \$50,000 to develop a Community Well-Being and Safety Strategy for the Continuum of Care of safety, security and social services in Port Alberni; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorize staff to engage a consultant to develop the strategy upon the grant application being successful.

CARRIED | Res. No. 24-166

M. QUESTION PERIOD

N. Anderson

Inquired about the Walk for Values organization, the letter of support from Town of Osoyoos regarding personal and defamatory attacks on municipal leaders, and sought additional information on the resolution regarding Seniors Advocacy.

B. Kanngiesser

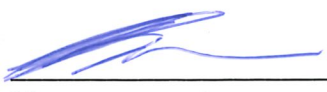
Inquired regarding the financial plan, taxation rates, service levels, and Council consideration to halt construction of the Quay to Quay Pathway.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:11 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor

Corporate Officer