

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held April 22, 2024.
These are not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Corporate Services department at 250.723.2146 or email: corp_serv@portalberni.ca.

■ DELEGATIONS

2023 City Audited Financial Statements

Cory Vanderhorst of MNP Chartered Accountants presented the City's Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 2023. In MNP's opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the City as at December 31, 2023.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Commission | Railway Operations Update

Council directed staff to enter into a one-year agreement with the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society to operate the Alberni Pacific Railway and amend the City's 2024-2028 Five Year Financial Plan to include \$113,935 in the capital budget and \$60,000 in the operating budget with funding from Reserves.

Welcome to Port Alberni Sign

Council approved a slightly modified Welcome to Port Alberni sign and its installation at John Street and Johnston Road to be completed within the allocated Financial Plan amount of \$23,194. Final design work is underway including working with the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations for inclusion of a land acknowledgement.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Broombusters Community Event

All are welcome to join a community-wide Broombusting event with Broombusters Invasive Plant Society on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Echo Centre. For more information visit www.broombusters.org/alberniavalley

■ BYLAWS

"City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5104, 2024" was adopted. The bylaw will set the tax rates required to balance the municipalities taxing obligations as outlined in the Financial Plan.

"Zoning Amendment (5350 Margaret Street) Bylaw No. 5101" was introduced and given three readings. The bylaw upon adoption will enable a subdivision to create three small residential lots.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Riders of Alberni Valley | Support for a Land Use Agreement

Council directed staff to write a letter to the Province on behalf of Riders of Alberni Valley in support of their land use request to maintain and possibly build multi-use trails on Crown Land throughout the Maquinna trail system.

The Rotary Club of Port Alberni | Colour Fest

Council authorized The Rotary Club of Port Alberni use of Blair Park/Kitsuksis Dyke Trail on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for the purpose of a "Colour Fest" fundraiser event of which proceeds will be used to support local youth groups.

ADSS 2024 Parent Prom Committee | Use of City Streets

Council authorized access to City streets from Burde St. to 10th Ave. to Roger St. ending at the Athletic Hall [3727 Roger St.] for the purpose of a prom parade on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure | Response to City Letter dated February 15th Re: Log Train Trail
- b. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | Response to City Letter dated March 13th Re: Amendment of the Air Discharge Permit for Catalyst Paper
- c. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | Public Interest Bonding Strategy
- d. Ministry of Housing | Bill 16 Pro-Active Zoning Framework
- e. Ministry of Housing | Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Legislation
- f. BC Ferries | Invitation to Charting the Course Workshop
- g. Office of the Ombudsperson | Quarterly Report: October 1 – December 31, 2023
- h. Ministry of Forests | Response to City Letter dated March 15, 2024 Re: Enhanced Provincial Support for Port Alberni Paper Mill
- i. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Highlights of the Board of Directors Meetings Feb/Mar 2024

- j. Aldred Restaurants | Invitation to McHappy Day® event on May 8th
- k. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | March 5, 2024 Minutes of the Accessibility Committee
- l. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Minutes | March 6, 2024
- m. Traffic Advisory Committee Minutes | July 19, 2023 & January 17, 2024

■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, Council proclaimed the week of June 3-9, 2024 as '**Island Good Days**' in Port Alberni.

On behalf of United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937, Council proclaimed April 28, 2024 as '**Day of Mourning**' in Port Alberni and authorized that the Mourning flag be flown at City Hall at half-mast April 28th through to May 5th in recognition.

On behalf of MS Canada, Council proclaimed the month of May 2024 as '**MS Awareness Month**' in Port Alberni and authorized that the MS flag be flown at City Hall the week of May 6th in recognition.

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Council released for public consumption the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia Order F24-23, and related redacted documents regarding an information request for records.

Council released for public consumption notice of termination for the contribution agreement between the City and the Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division | Community Action Initiative and that unspent funds be returned to same.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Policy | Release of In-Camera Resolutions

Council approved the Release of In-Camera Resolutions Policy 3002-6. The Policy serves to establish direction on the public disclosure of business conducted in closed Council meetings.

Official Community Plan Update

Council supported the Official Community Plan Growth and Climate Action 'What We Heard' report including the Alternative Growth Scenario and GHG Reduction Targets.

BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the BC Transit | 2024 – 2025 Annual Operating Agreement between the City of Port Alberni and British Columbia Transit in effect from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Council received the Asset Retirement Obligations for the period ending December 31, 2023. The Public Sector Accounting Standards are in place to support with decision making; PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations joins PS 3150 Tangible Capital Assets and PS 3260

Contaminated Sites in helping government entities consistently report the financial considerations of assets and their related liabilities within the financial statements.

Hole in the Wall | Safe Access

Council directed administration to write a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Mosaic Forest Management and the ACRD to follow up on the issue of establishing safe access for the popular 'Hole in the Wall' attraction.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

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Commented on Council's chosen location for the Welcome to Port Alberni sign.

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Port Alberni is now offering hybrid Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

We encourage you to remain informed on City business and community topics through the following options:

- 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

Regular Council meetings are held at 2:00 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. All meeting recordings are posted on the City website for viewing.

Complete Council agendas including all correspondence and reports are available at portalberni.ca. Generally, these are posted the Friday before each Regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

The Council Summary is prepared following each regular Council meeting and posted on the City's website. You can also visit the City website and sign up to receive summaries delivered directly to your inbox.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, May 1st

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

Monday, May 13th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers

Thursday, May 16th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 21st

6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers