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# CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

# Heritage Commission Meeting May 1, 2024 Minutes

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## Attendees:

**ACRD** Mike Sparrow Community Arts Council Claudia Romaniuk Colin Schult Community at Large **Historical Society** Gareth Flostrand Richard Spencer Industrial Heritage Maritime Heritage Ken Watson McLean Mill Elliot Drew School District 70 Pam Craig Staff Willa Thorpe

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Mayor	Parks, Rec. & Heritage
CAO	☐ Development Services
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## Regrets:

Chamber of Commerce City Council Hupačasath First Nation ċišaa?atḥ (Tseshaht) First Nation

Called to Order: 7:02pm

- Moved by Colin, seconded by Ken, that the agenda of the May 1, 2024 meeting be approved as circulated.
- 2. Moved by Pam, seconded by Elliot that the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting be approved as amended.
- 3. Old Business
  - a. Rollin Art Centre
    - i. Delegation (Gareth and Pam) attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 15, 2024 to present on the future of the Rollin Art Centre.
- 4. Correspondence none
- 5. New Business
  - a. Deaccessioning Tank Cars
    - Moved by Ken, seconded by Colin, to approve the staff proposal to deaccession three fuel tank cars (accessioned artefacts 1995.21.1, 1995.21.2, 1995.21.3). Carried.
    - ii. Moved by Ken, seconded by Pam, to retain any or all of the trucks from the three fuel tank cars during the deaccession process for the future use by the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society if the total cost of the remediation and removal of the tank cars is within the budget approved by

Council. Carried.

## 6. Reports

- a. Historical Society
  - i. The joint public evening with the Maritime Heritage Society on April 17th was a success. We had a lovely evening- sun shining to learn all about the exhibits held in the "boat yard", the lighthouse & the Hutcheson Gallery. Geo Monrufet was a terrific "tour guide".
  - ii. A big Thank you to all our very dedicated volunteers for 186.75 volunteer hours in April.
  - iii. Request for research are still coming in. We are happy to be able to answer their enquiries.
  - iv. Our AGM is fast approaching Thursday, May 23rd, 7 pm at Echo Centre. Guest speaker is Frank Holm.
  - v. The Archives are open Tues-Thurs., 11am to 3 pm.

## b. Industrial Heritage Society



# Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society





# May 1st, 2024 Report to the Heritage Commission

- On April 13, some IHS members attended the celebration of life for Bob Dingsdale. Members brought the 1955 Mack Truck that Bob restored himself for the industrial collection.
- On April 22, Port Alberni City Council approved Alberni Pacific Railway Waterfront
  Operations for 2024. Crews have been hard at work getting our equipment and operation
  ready for the operating season.
- On April 28th, some IHS members attended the National Day of Mourning at the United Steelworkers Hall with the 1939 Ford Firetruck.
- 4. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Alberni Pacific Railway had our first volunteer meeting where we had 18 people join us to find out how they can help and support operations. From that meeting we've had a marketing committee formed, and now have proper crews for our maintenance Department and Cosmetic Department.
- Work continues at the Industrial Heritage Centre on the 1958 Hayes restoration and the M&B Bullmoose repairs. Volunteers are also planning some signage upgrades for the Industrial Heritage Centre to better promote our facility.
- We were successful in receiving a grant from Canda Summer Jobs for one summer student. We have also applied for the Community Gaming Grant once again.



## c. Maritime Heritage Society



# Port Alberni Maritime Heritage Society May 1, 2024 Report to the Heritage Commission

#### **Facilities Coordinator Position**

We are interviewing for this position this week and hope to have this position filled very soon. .

#### **Open Hours**

Currently, we do not have scheduled open hours for the public until we have a new Coordinator on deck. Groups can make bookings to view the Gallery and/or the Lighthouse by contacting us through the links shown below.

#### Art Exhibit and Fund Raiser

We are reaching out to artists to provide maritimed themed pieces of art which will be displayed and for sale in the Hutcheson Gallery in May. We have had quite a bit of interest from local artists. Thanks to Kirsten Smith at AV Museum for her help with this upcoming exhibit.

#### Lighthouse Upgrades

Thanks to a very generous donation by the Port Alberni "100+ Women Who Care" we have now raised sufficient funds to undertake the main portion of the Lighthouse Upgrade project. J. Kurucz Contracting will be undertaking the exterior siding installation starting in late May with completion by the end of June. Thanks again to the !00 + Women Who Care, the Alberni Valley Community Forest, Alberni Valley Community Foundation, the Alberni District, Co-op, Port Alberni Port Authority, Coulson Group, Cataylst Paper, Roc-Star Enterprises, and Western Canadian Marine Recovery for their support towards this project. Addition funds are still needed so if you would like to make a donation towards this project please contact us.

## **Historical Society Joint Meeting**

A joint meeting between the Alberni District Historical Society and the Port Alberni Maritime Heritage Society was held on April 17, 2024 at our Gallery. The meeting was well attended. Thanks to Board members Geo Monrufet and Pete Geddes for conducting the tours of our gallery and boatyard for the attendees.

## **Summer Programs and Employment**

We were very pleased to hear that our application to the Canada Summer Jobs program for summer students was once again successful. We will have three summer students working with our Coordinator to assist with delivery of our children and youth oriented summer programs. Thanks once again to our MP, Gord Johns, for supporting our application. We will be advertising for these positions shortly. Watch our Facebook page or the Alberni Valley Employment Centre page for details.

## **Contact Information**

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Facebook:

maritimediscoverycentre portalbernimhs@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Watson,

President PAMHS

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- d. Regional District
  - The Philippine Mars is heading to the Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona later in 2024
  - ii. The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) convention just celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- e. Community Arts Council

Community Arts Council Report Heritage Commission May 1, Alberni Museum

 Gallery coordinator position – We received about 5 applicants for this position. We have interviewed
 people.

 We did hire someone we thought was perfect for the position, but she had to withdraw. So we are reworking the application information and trying to think of other ways we can fill the position

- 2. Solstice Arts Festival we have 14 of the 28 tables confirmed and 2 bands confirmed.
- 3. Storage Unit Clean out. We removed all the remaining boxes and still have a fair number of photos to review. We decided to sell our popcorn machine.
- Our new administrator attended the ADSS Student hiring fair on April 25. She hopes to be able to hire from her discussions with students.
- 5. Fundraising- We sponsored the Greater Victoria Police Band, and we sold tickets for our basket there

as well as at the Barkley Sounds concert and Timbre. We have sold out of our basket tickets, and made a good profit at the Police Chorus.

We also did well at a recent workshop

- 6. 2024 workshops six paper/book binding with Trisha Klus. May 4, 5, 25, 26, June 8,9 June 8 painting with Susan Schaefer
- 7. Upcoming Events May 10, 11 Book Sale at the Athletic Hall. We are sharing the space with the Mount Klitsa Garden Club

June 15th – Solstice Arts Festival Teas at the Mill

- 8. Exhibits Had a very successful exhibit with an open call to artists. "When colour speaks to you"
  - Next exhibit Sarah Williams And Jim Sears April 30 to June 1
  - ADSS Students June 3 to June 22.
- 9. We have a call to artists for our gallery for 2025.
- 10 We are also hoping to participate in Port Day

## f. Chamber of Commerce

## Port Alberni Visitor Centre Report

Operated by the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

#### **Visitor Center Stats:**

	Q	1	April*		M	May		June	
	Visitors	Parties	Visitors	Parties	Visitors	Parties	Visitors	Parties	
2024	824	539	422	246	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
2023	671	422	367	185	685	383	1114	429	
2022	982	660	310	209	673	385	966	620	
2021	1012	873	361	272	354	265	702	428	

<sup>\*</sup>April statistics incomplete and unverified\*

#### Visitor Center Site Update:

April continues our trend of increased visitor traffic from last year (up almost 16% for 2023). However, we are still down about 7-10% YTD from previous years. Most of our visitors this month came from other BC communities with only a handful of American and International travelers stopping in. The most requested information was surrounding maps/directions with some attractions and adventure recreation.

#### Visitor Centre Gift Shop:

As we prepare for the summer season, we are inviting local artists and businesses to consign with us for local Port Alberni products. If anyone is interested, please contact the Chamber for more information and a consignment agreement.

## **Chamber Activities:**

Chamber Breakfast - Apr 5: Speaker Gord Johns.

Chamber Lunch – Apr 17: Speakers Suzanne Dubé and Adam Ballard from Edward Jones, along with Jeff Durrant, CPA, and Leanne Diewold, CPA from McIntosh Norton Williams.

On going Projects -First Nations Welcoming and Language Signage

- -Cameron Bluffs Wildfire West Coast Impact study
- -Canada Summer Students/ NETP Summer Student onboarding

## **Up Coming Events:**

May 15th- AGM at Chars Landing 12pm-2pm Guest Speaker 4VI (Tourism on Vancouver Island)

June 7th- Chamber Breakfast



#### McLean Mill



#### McLean Mill National Historic Site Update - April 2024

#### Prepared by Elliot Drew

Spring has sprung and we are springing with it. Our season has kicked off with hosting two community events. First the Ridgeview Health and Performance McLean Mill 10km returned on April 7th, as part of the Vancouver Island Race series. 457 runners took part this year with about 100 spectators cheering them on. Sasha Visona and her team did a great job and despite a little rain and a bit of a late start, the event was generally heralded as a success.

The Alberni Bowmen also returned for their annual 3 Day shoot Apr 19th-21th, Over 140 participants from all over the Island braved the wind and rain to take part and enjoy a flashlight lit dinner during a prolonged power outage.

Despite some staffing challenges we have finalized our season plans and we began staff hours 4 days a week Thursday - Sunday at the beginning of the month. The Mill will now be open 7 days a week from May 16th till Oct 11th. Camping and Guided Tour bookings are now open for the season, and we are excited to see the calendar starting to fill in. We continue to field requests for private events, though mostly looking at 2025 so we still have only 6 booked in for the 2024

Work continues on the site to prepare for July and August with stock starting to arrive for the Giftshop and shelving and plumbing going into Admin/Mill Store, so we can offer hot beverages though Alberni Premium Coffee Co. (Dog Mountain Brewing).

Better highlighting the heritage of the site is an ongoing focus and we were grateful to meet with Kirsten and Sylvia from the Alberni Valley Museum to discuss where we have come from, where we are and how we can move forward.

We are also fortunate to once again be able to take advantage of the Federal Canada Summer Jobs program and will soon begin to fill our four positions for the upcoming season.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

April 1, 2024	McLean Mill Open – Four Days A week
Thursday May 16, 2024	Site officially opens for season for seven days a week and camping
Saturday June 8, 2024	Wedding
Saturday June 15, 2024	Father's Day Event - Parks and Rec

As planning and booking for the season continues, we look forward to updating you on all the exciting developments coming to our National Heritage Site.





#### h. School District

- Pacific Rim Board of Education next Public Meeting is May 28, 2024 in Ucluelet.
- ii. Pacific Rim Board of Education confirmed the Annual Five-Year Major Capital Plan April 23, 2024. This is the time of year school districts are submitting such plans to provide the Ministry with input to initiate planning for the next budget cycle.
- iii. Pacific Rim Board of Education approved the Long-Range Facilities Plan April 23. 2024 Public Board meeting. The Facilities Plan is a Ministry requirement.
- iv. The Board also directed staff to hire a Healthy Schools Manager to coordinate and oversee
- the community schools' activities, food programs, school gardens, after school sports and arts initiatives as well as many other healthy school activities.
- vi. Hiring Fair Event April 25, 2024, at ADSS. This event was for students grades 8-12. The purpose was to give students an opportunity to visit several employer tables who were looking to hire part time or summer positions. Students also learned about suitable jobs for their age group. Over 100 resumes and applications were exchanged. Staff considered this event a 'win-win' for employers and students. The district will be looking forward to holding a similar event again. The district has over the years held career events to introduce students to the education requirements for different careers but a focus just on a 'hiring' event, was well received all around.

#### Community at Large

May Activities Around Town
FRIDAYS – 5-9pm Friday Night Market @ Spirit Square
SATURDAYS – 4/11 Annual Plant/Seedling Sale @ Harbour Quay 9-12
May 2nd – June 27 – Introduction to pickleball Tuesday and Thursdays 6-8pm,,
Saturdays 9-11am
4th

- Community Welcome Newcomers Event Echo Centre hosted by PA Neighbourhood Welcome and City of PA 10-4
- Mother's Day Market and Tea Grace Point Ministry 3031 4th Ave 5th
- Spring Market The Cabin at Shannon Farms 10-2 lots of vendors
- Paint Pour round 2 @ Smitty's 6pm \$40 to register paint 'pouring' night 7th Island Art Night hosted by Alberni Brewing 6pm no other details

8th – PA Town Hall, hosted by No Farmers No Food, 630-830 Italian Hall – discussion about new Bills in BC, with informational speakers. Bills 31, 36, 44&47, Lands and Water Act, etc

## 9/10/11

- Exhibit: 20th Anniversary Commemorative Solidarity Quilt @ AV Museum 108/10-5/10-430 In honour of Stephen Lewis Foundation's 20th Ann. A quilt is presented by Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.
- Plant, Bake and Book Sale 9-12 AV United Church 9th and 23rd Knit nights at the Museum 6-8 11th
- Canvas Connect: Exhibit and Artist Market Kinsmen Community Centre 4pm—lots of different pieces of Art, live music and refreshments (Twin City), live artists plus an opp. To actually sit and paint with them.
- Mt Klitsa Garden Club Community Plant Sale 9-3 @ Alberni Athletic Hall 12th Mother's Day Tea Party 1-3pm @ BC Hall Indoor/Outdoor photo sessions available by donation to Island Heart Photography
- 15th PA May Childcare month 630-830 hosted by PacificCARE CCRR Program free event, Community partners showing appreciation to all Childcare providers as well as ECEs
- 17th Barn Dance 7-10pm Coombs Rodeo Grounds learn to Square Dance \$15 pp 20th to 25th TheatreBC's North Island Zone Festival @ The Capitol , 5 nights of plays hosted by Portal Players Dramatic Society
- 21st Circle of Security hosted by PacificCARE CCRR Program 4 day workshop 6-8 22nd The Road Ahead a panel discussion of the future of AV Transportation 7pm designed to inform and parallel the City's OCP review.
- 23rd and June 4th BC Firesmart Drop-in discussion 5-7 @ Echo (Cedar) hosted by City, free Home Assessment and Rebate program. Learn how to build wildfire resilience into your property.

#### 25th

- Pride Car Wash Fundraiser 12-4 @ 7-11 Redford St \$\$ to AV Pride's Youth events
- Botanical Creations @ Gateway Church 6-8pm create 4 natural products, lip balm, sunscreen, bug bit, sun relief spray \$60
- 28th Why the Anti-Taxes have it Wrong Get the Facts hosted by AVTTS and Jim Wright 7pm @ Echo discussions around carbon tax myths and other policy tools to address energy transition
- 28/29/30 PA Blood Donation Event BW Barclay 130-630
- June 1 Black Ty Gala An evening in 24 karat gold Music and dinner catered by Starboard Grill, live and silent auctions, and more... @ Echo 6pm tix \$150

TEL (250) 723 2181 FAX (250) 723 1035



June 2nd - Butterfly Effect @ 11th Ave park 1130-130, release at 1230, \$25 for one Painted Lady butterfly in a box (Max 250 available) - AV Hospice Society. Remember a loved one

j. City Council

# 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 <a href="https://www.broombusters.org/albernivalley">www.broombusters.org/albernivalley</a>

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure |
   Response to City Letter dated February 15<sup>th</sup>
   Re: Log Train Trail
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | Response to City Letter dated March 13<sup>th</sup> 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
- Ministry of Housing | Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Legislation
- BC Ferries | Invitation to Charling the Course Workshop
- g. Office of the Ombudsperson | Quarterly Report: October 1 - December 31, 2023
   h. Ministry of Forests | Response to City Letter
- Ministry of Forests | Response to City Letter dated March 15, 2024 Re: Enhanced Provincial Support for Port Alberni Paper Mill
- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Highlights of the Board of Directors Meetings Feb/Mar 2024



- j. Aldred Restaurants | Invitation to McHappy Day® event on May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | March 5, 2024 Minutes of the Accessibility Committee
- 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  $\delta^{th}$  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 entitles 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.

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#### MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, May 1st 7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission Alberni Valley Museum

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm – Regular Council Council Chambers

Thursday, May 16th 12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 21# 6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole Council Chambers

# k. Museum

- i. The Manager of Culture job posting closes next week.
- ii. We are in the process of finalizing the update to our summer programs and birthday parties.
- iii. Our new part time Museum Assistant (with a focus on Education) starts this week and our job posting for the Young Canada Works summer student closes next week. We're excited to see the impact these two staff have on our program offerings this summer.
- iv. The biennial Art Show is well in hand; the opening event will be held on June 6.
- I. Hupačasath First Nation no report
- m. ċišaa?atḥ (Tseshaht) First Nation no report
- 7. Next Meeting
  - a. June 5, 7pm (Maritime Heritage)
- 8. Moved by Elliot to adjourn at 8:28pm.