

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held September 9, 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

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation

Chairperson Jim Sears, along with board members C. Duncan and R. Corbeil, presented a dividend cheque of \$300,000 to the City on behalf of the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation.

Council conveyed their gratitude to the Corporation for their commitment and exceptional stewardship of the Community Forest. The Corporation's efforts have resulted in a wide range of benefits for the community, demonstrating their valuable contribution to the well-being of the City and its residents.

■ BYLAWS

"Zoning Amendment (4691 Gertrude Street), Bylaw No. 5112" was introduced, given first and second reading, and advanced to a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm in City Hall, Council Chambers. This bylaw, upon adoption, will enable expansion of the Beaver Creek Home Center building at 4691 Gertrude Street.

"Housing Agreement (5130 Argyle Street), Bylaw No. 5114" was introduced, and given three readings. This bylaw is a condition of a Development Variance Permit for a Housing Agreement in support of below-market rental apartments located at 5130 Argyle Street.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

M. Maczulat | Noise Bylaw Extension

Council considered the request received to provide a permanent extension to the Noise Control Bylaw from 11:00 pm to 1:00 am during special events held at the Italian Hall and directed staff to communicate that there is presently not a mechanism within the current Bylaw to grant this request.

Synergy Foundation | Support for a REDIP Application

Council directed staff to prepare a letter to the Province on behalf of Synergy Foundation in support of their application for a Rural Economic diversification and Infrastructure Program grant to establish a circular hub strategy for construction and demolition waste diversion in the Alberni Valley.

Wesco Food Society | Support for a Community Food Kitchen

Council directed staff to prepare a letter to Wesco Food Society in support of their community food kitchen.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs | Condolences for Councillor John Douglas
- UBCM | Provincial Response to 2023 Resolutions
- BC Games Society | 2024 BC Summer Games Participants and Medal Count by City
- Kidney Foundation | Supporting Living Organ Donation by Municipal Employees
- Village of Lumby | UBCM Elections
- UBCM | Canada Community-Building Fund: First Community Works Fund Payment for 2024/2025
- City of Campbell River | Copy of letter addressed to the Premier re: Urgent Request for Provincial Support in Addressing Homelessness in Campbell River
- ACRD | Submarine Watermain to West Bamfield Replacement in 2025
- Various Resolution Submissions from Local Governments to 2024 UBCM Convention

■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of Port Alberni Toy Run, Council proclaimed September 9-15, 2024 as **'Port Alberni Toy Run Week'** in Port Alberni.

On behalf of Port Alberni Association for Community Living, Council proclaimed October 2024 as **'Community Inclusion Month'** in Port Alberni.

On behalf of the Port Alberni Fire Department, Council proclaimed October 6-12, 2024 as **'Fire Prevention Week'** in Port Alberni.

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Audit Services

Council released for public consumption the acceptance of the quotation to extend the external audit services of MNP for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026 and appointments of MNP as external auditors for this period.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Yard | Roof Replacement

Council directed staff to amend the "City of Port Alberni 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5097, 2024" to proceed with replacing the entire roof of the Public Works Yard building as follows:

- allocate \$350,000 for the Public Works Yard Building roof to 2024 Capital Plan;
- allocate \$350,000 from the Water Reserve Fund, to be replenished (with interest) in 2025 with surplus, followed by taxation as required.

Burde Street Reconstruction Project

Council amended the "City of Port Alberni 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5097, 2024" by allocating \$2,481,700 towards reconstruction of Burde Street between 10th and 16th Avenue with funding from the Water Fund and Sewer Fund Capital Reserves in the amount of \$827,233.33 each, totaling a net increase of \$1,311,700.

Provision of Emergency Health Services | Cllr. Patola

Council deferred the proposed motion to "create a fire department response policy and where necessary, amendments to the Fire Control Bylaw and its schedules, to limit medical aid response to the category of "PURPLE" in order to permit staff to prepare a report [in 2024] outlining potential implications for consideration.

Rack and Rally Social Hub [3123 3rd Avenue] | Building Permit Update

Council requested an update on the building permit status related to 3123 3rd Avenue. Administration advised that the current building permit expires October 12, 2024.

Toy Run Association Annual Event

Council requested an update on the Toy Run Association annual event taking place September 14th and 15th. Administration is working with the association to ensure a successful event.

Special Events

Council requested an update on the recent City communication distributed to organizations, clubs and service groups related to conditions for special events. Administration has paused any further action and will be prepare a report to Council providing information and outlining implications in order to determine next steps.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

N. Anderson

Inquired regarding the building permit process for 3123 3rd Avenue.

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Port Alberni now offers 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.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, September 19th - CANCELLED

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Committee
Council Chambers

Monday, September 23rd

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 24th - RESCHEDULED

9:30 am – Audit Committee
Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 24th

Connect with your City Open House
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Echo 67' Centre