

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held October 15, 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

Introduction | Manager of Culture

Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture introduced the City's new Manager of Culture, Sheila Perry.

Introduction | Executive Assistant

Mike Fox, Chief Administrative Officer introduced the City's new Executive Assistant, Brianne Dempsey.

■ BYLAWS

"**Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 5115, 2024**" and "**Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 5091-1, 2024**" were introduced and given three readings. Upon adoption these bylaws will enable the applicants to receive permissive tax exemptions as per the *Community Charter* which provides Council the authority for both permissive and statutory tax exemptions for properties owned by a charitable, philanthropic or other not-for-profit corporation.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Huu-ay-aht First Nation | Oomiiqsu (Aboriginal Mother Centre)

Council graciously accepted a plaque from the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Oomiiqsu (Aboriginal Mother Centre) acknowledging the partnership between the City and the Huu-ay-aht First Nation.

Coastline Endurance Running | Trail Running Series

Council authorized Coastline Endurance Running access to City streets/trails on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for the purpose of a trail running event.

Community Action Team

Council directed staff to work with the Community Action Team to determine costing and implications related to hosting a Men's Mental Health Car Show in May 2025 on the Somass Lands to be brought forward to Council for consideration and approval.

R. Maczulat | Noise Bylaw Extension

Council authorized an exemption to the "Noise Control Bylaw 2009, No. 4718" to permit the Italian Hall Centre to host a Halloween Dance Event ending at 1:00 am on Saturday, October 26th.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities | 2024 Community Safety and Wellbeing Conference
Council authorized the participation of one member of Council or one member of staff to attend the 2024 Community and Safety Wellbeing Conference October 28-30, 2024 in Victoria, BC.
- b. City of Duncan | News Release - Homelessness Crisis Urgent Call to Action
- c. City of Merritt | Burden of Delinquent Property Taxes
- d. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | News Release Sort'n Go Compost Program
- e. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Alberni Valley Emergency Management Brochure
- f. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Accessibility Committee Meeting | March 5, 2024 & April 9, 2024 Minutes
- g. Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness | Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program
- h. United Against Hate Canada | Election Survey – Combatting Antisemitism
- i. Royal Canadian Mounted Police | BC RCMP Recruiting Update
- j. Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry | Draft Salmon Aquaculture Transition Plan for BC
- k. Various Ministry Letters | Follow up to the 2024 UBCM Convention Meeting
- l. North Island College | Future Student Guide - <https://www.nic.bc.ca/audience/future-students/future-student-resources/>
- m. Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society | 96th Parliamentary Session Open for Application

- n. PRIMECorp | 2023-24 Annual Report and Financial Statements
- o. Advisory Traffic Committee | January 17, 2024 Minutes
- p. Audit Committee | February 27, 2024 & May 28, 2024 Minutes
- q. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | September 4, 2024 Minutes

■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of the Ministry of Children and Family Development Council proclaimed the month of October 2024 as **'Foster Family Month'** in Port Alberni.

On behalf of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome/Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy [CRPS/RSD] Council proclaimed November 4, 2024 as **'Color the World Orange Day'** in Port Alberni.

■ NEW BUSINESS

West Coast Emergency Cultural Awareness and Safety Plan

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to enter into an agreement with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to collaborate on the establishment of a West Coast Emergency Cultural Awareness and Safety Plan, and directed staff to allocate the \$40,000 in funding received from the Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program [less administrative costs] to achieve this work.

Return of A.D.S.S. Graduation Ceremonies to the Multiplex

Council directed staff to prepare a report providing background information on the history of Multiplex hosted Alberni District Secondary School graduation ceremonies and further, provide options and a timeline for the return of ceremonies to this location to be presented at the January 20, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

■ 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, Oct 17th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Monday, Oct 21st

6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 28th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers