

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held October 28, 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

Office in Charge | R.C.M.P

Inspector K. Bruce provided introductions as the new Officer in Charge for the City of Port Alberni R.C.M.P. Detachment.

■ BYLAWS

Parks, Recreation and Culture Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5106, 2024 was referred back to a Committee of the Whole meeting to permit further discussion. Council directed staff to prepare a letter to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District requesting that the ACRD and City engage in a discussion regarding equitable regional contributions for recreation services.

"City of Port Alberni Revitalization Tax Exemption Program, Bylaw No. 4824" and **"City of Port Alberni Commercial Revitalization Tax Exemption Program, Bylaw No. 4898"** were repealed by Council.

"Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 5115, 2024" and **"Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 5091-1, 2024"** were adopted. 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.

"Animal Control and Pound Bylaw No. 5117, 2024" was introduced and given first, second and third reading. Upon adoption this amending bylaw will allow for a permanent dog tag that is renewed on an annual basis.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Pursuant to the *Library Act*, Council reappointed Councillor Patola as the City's representative and Councillor Haggard as the alternate representative to serve on the VIRL Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2025.

Stolen Child BC Productions Inc.

Council authorized an exemption to the 'Noise Control Bylaw 2009, No. 4718' to permit the filming of 'The Stolen Child' on Golden Street on October 28, November 1, 4, 8, 12 and 14, 2024 until 10:30 pm.

Alberni Valley Food Security Society

Council directed staff to prepare a letter of support to the Alberni Valley Food Security Society to accompany their grant application to the federal government "Local Food Infrastructure Fund" in order to purchase an AgriKit to be situated on City-owned lands known as the 'Community Garden' presently leased by the Society, subject to the City not incurring any associated financial costs and that the initiative meets zoning regulations.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Invites Public Input on Waste Reduction Plan
- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Keeping you Connected September 2024
- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Sarita River Washout
- Various Ministry Letters | Follow up to the 2024 UBCM Convention Meetings
- Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes | January 18 & June 20, 2024

■ NEW BUSINESS

Long Shot Events Inc.

Council directed staff to prepare a letter of support to Long Shot Events Inc. for their proposed Alberni Shores event.

Coastal Restoration Society

Council directed staff to prepare a letter of support to Coastal Restoration Society for construction of a vessel recycling facility subject to the Society receiving endorsement from the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations.

City Involvement in Local Events

Council directed staff to move the First Night and Polar Bear Swim events to the collaborative event category for 2024. Staff will engage with the appropriate organizations to begin planning.

Council further directed that staff bring forward recommendations to permit operational approvals of up to five years for local events and that staff prepare a report recommending potential changes to the Community Investment Program Terms of Reference including exploring multi-year approvals and a provision that for-profit or private organizations organizing local

fundraising events where proceeds will provide community benefit will have the same access as non-profit organizations to the Community Investment Program.

Interim Housing Needs Report 2024

Council received the Interim Housing Needs Report in accordance with section 585.31 of the *Local Government Act* and directed staff to develop the 2042 Official Community Plan in consideration of the Interim Housing Needs Report as required by section 473.1 (2) of the *Local Government Act*.

UBCM Grant | 2024 Asset Management Planning Program

Council provided support for an application to the UBCM 2024 Asset Management Planning program to enhance the integration of asset management planning with long-term financial planning and amended "City of Port Alberni 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5097, 2024" by allocating \$15,000 towards the UBCM Asset Management Planning program in 2024 from Other Common Services.

Grant Application | Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program

Council provided support for an application to the Economic Capacity stream of the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program [REDIP] and amended "City of Port Alberni 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5097, 2024" by allocating \$50,000 from Economic Development in 2025 and 2026 to be utilized as matching funds for the grant request of \$100,000.

BC Housing Central Conference

Council authorized Councillor Dame to participate in the BC Housing Central Conference taking place November 18 – 20, 2024 in Vancouver, BC.

■ **QUESTION PERIOD**

J. VanDusen | Echo Sunshine Club

Requested clarity regarding the proposed Parks, Recreation and Culture fees and charges bylaw as it pertains to the Echo Sunshine Club.

L. Johnson

Inquired regarding the proposed Parks, Recreation and Culture fees and charges bylaw as it relates to the Aquatic Centre and requested an update on Aquatic Centre staffing challenges.

D. Steinhauer

Inquired regarding the potential for re-opening the Aquatic Centre on Sundays.

M. Shelton

Inquired regarding the proposed Parks, Recreation and Culture fees and charges bylaw as it relates to the Aquatic Centre.

B. Randalls

Inquired regarding the reduction in Aquatic Centre operational hours.

J. Leskosek

Inquired regarding the Question Period process, Quay to Quay Pathway maintenance and crosswalk timing at the Tebo Avenue and Johnston Road intersection.

N. Anderson

Commented on the increase in public participation at Council meetings

■ **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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- Livestream @ www.portalberni.ca
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■ **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday, November 6th

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

Tuesday, November 12th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers