

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**  
**In the City Hall Council Chambers & Via Video-Conference**  
**4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC**

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Present: Mayor S. Minions  
Councillor D. Dame  
Councillor D. Haggard  
Councillor C. Mealey  
Councillor T. Patola  
Councillor C. Solda

Staff: M. Fox, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Darling, Director of Corporate Services  
B. McLoughlin, Manager of Planning  
J. Pelech, Information Services Manager

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**A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be adopted, as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the minutes of the meeting held at 6:00 pm on November 18, 2024 be adopted, as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

**C. Alemany**

Presented a series of questions on behalf of members of Alberni Valley Transition Town Society, Dry Creek Restoration Group and the community at large stemming from a community discussion regarding the possibilities, challenges and opportunities to "Free Owatchet," [a full restoration of the Dry Creek estuary]

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council prepare a written response to questions [as answers become available] presented on behalf of members of Alberni Valley Transition Town Society, Dry Creek Restoration Group and the community at large stemming from a community discussion regarding the possibilities, challenges and opportunities to "Free Owatchet," [a full restoration of the Dry Creek estuary].*

**CARRIED**

**D. DELEGATIONS**

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**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Interim Housing Needs Report 2024**

The Manager of Planning presented an overview of the Interim Housing Needs Report.

Councillor Dame left the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and returned at 7:06 p.m.

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**I. QUESTION PERIOD**

**C. Alemany**

Inquired regarding opportunities to shrink the wage gap as a means to the housing solution and whether there is a set ratio of population to recreation spaces.

**J. Leskosek**

Inquired regarding the Interim Housing Needs report as it pertains to the Official Community Plan, whether the province contributed to the Housing Needs Report process and questioned recent zoning bylaw changes as it relates to impacts on the housing market.

**L. Hagen**

Inquired regarding recent housing legislation amendments and regarding efforts to get new industry into the community.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:37 p.m.*

**CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor



Corporate Officer