Location: McClean Mill



The Heritage Commission acknowledges and recognizes that we work, live and play in the Alberni Valley, which is situated on the unceded territories of cisaa?ath (Tseshaht) and the Hupaéasath First Nations.

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Heritage Commission Meeting May 7th, 2025 Minutes

Attendees:	
ACRD	Penny Cote
City Council	Charles Mealey
Chamber of Commerce	Jolleen Dick
Community Arts Council	Jane Victoria King
Community at Large	Colin Schult - REGRETS
Historical Society	Gareth Flostrand
Industrial Heritage	Leslie Walerius
Maritime Heritage	Ken Watson
McLean Mill	Elliot Drew
SD 70 - Pacific Rim	Pam Craig
Staff	Sheila Perry

Council	☐ Economic Development	
☐ Mayor	☐ Engineering/PW	
	Parks, Rec. & Heritage	
CAO	☐ Development Services	
☐ Finance	☐ Community Safety	
Corporate Services	Other	
Agenda Kcm Julia		
File# 054020 HUMITC		

Regrets:

Hupačasath First Nation

ćišaa?ath (Tseshaht) First Nation

Visitors: Richard Spencer, CoC Staff

Called to Order at 7:02 pm by Chair Gareth Flostrand:

Note: Member Organizations are to forward their alternate's contact information.

- 1. Moved by Pam Craig that the agenda of the May 7th, 2025 meeting be approved.
- 2. Moved by Jolleen Dick that the minutes of the April 2nd, 2025 meeting be approved as circulated.

Moved by Pam Craig to accept the consent agenda containing monthly reports for April be approved as circulated.

3. Old Business

Staff reminded that member organizations are to identify the person, event, program, accomplishment they wish to feature in the heritage recognition initiative and forward it to staff.

4. Correspondence

Staff announced that the AVM has received a request to facilitate an academic in residence to support post-doc research on Nuu-chah-nulth mythology.

5. New Business

Commissioners discussed various ways to incubate community engagement. Gareth Flostrand and Pam Craig volunteered to form a sub-committee to begin organizing an event for early fall.



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Heritage Commission Meeting May 7th, 2025 <u>Minutes</u>

6. REPORTS

A. Community Arts Council

Grove Gallery & CAC Updates:

Visitor Attendance:

Total quests in March: 714

Gallery/Gift Shop Updates:

- The Grove is now open 7 days a week.
 - Mon Sat 10 4
 - Sundays 10 3
- Spring Raffle Basket is completed, with notable donations from Flandangles, Bombers Cafe and Unilo Foods. The basket's value is over \$300! Raffle tickets are being sold at The Grove Gallery and at special events in the community, such as the Timbre! Choir.
- Book Sale update: we have invited a number of local authors, food vendors and bookstores to take part in the event.
- Working with the AV Museum in a collaborative children's art making workshop for the end of May. This event will be taught by Milo and offers a financial injection with the collaboration.
- Placed a job posting for the Teas at the Mill event coordinator, on indeed.

Workshops and Events:

- Watercolour Wednesdays classes hosted by Adrianna were well attended and are now being offered in May.
- Port Alberni Port Authority is working with us to promote and manage youth
 volunteers for the painting of their mural on the Dock+ building. This event
 engages the community, and offers a promotional opportunity for the PAPA
 and CAC, whereas news members will be invited to cover the event. The CAC
 also successfully negotiated a payment for the local muralist.
- Playhouse Paint Night was a big success, with 20 participants. We also invited two local musicians thanks to Kim Bothen, Xixi and the Bandit. V9Y Catering provided charcuterie, plus drink sales for Portal Players.



Upcoming Events & Exhibitions:

- May 1: Opening reception: "The Wednesday Collection" by the Alberni Valley Wednesday Painters, 6pm - 8pm
- May 3: Alberni Valley Wednesday Painters Meet & Greet, 1pm 3pm
- May 7: Watercolour Wednesday at the Grove Gallery
- May 9 & 10: Annual MASSIVE Book Sale at the Athletic Hall
 May 9th 6pm 8pm, & May 10th 9am 3pm
 Be sure to drop off your gently used books, puzzles, and CD's in the white bin
 outside of The Grove. Or call ahead at 250-724-3412. This year the book sale
 will also have the Mt. Klitsa Gardening Club with their plant sale, as well as
 local authors with a very special live reading by Evelyn Thompson-George
 from her book "The Defiant 511 of The Alberni Residential School".
- . May 14: CAC will be attending the ADSS Student Hiring Fair at the ADSS
- . May 17: Drop-In Kids Workshop at the Grove Gallery
- May 21: Watercolour Wednesday at the Grove Gallery
- May 24 and 25: Dock+ Mural Painting at the Dock+
- May 31: Kids Workshop in collaboration with the Museum
- . June 20: Summer Solstice Crafty Cruise, aboard the Frances Barkley



B. SD 70 - Pacific Rim

Heritage Commission Report May 7 2025:

- International Education and Newcomers planning and registration for the 2025/26
 International program is expecting students from Germany, Spain, Japan, Netherlands,
 Mexico, Italy, Austria, Czech Republic and Taiwan. We currently have 26 active home stay families hosting two students each.
 - One student's story highlight this year was of a student from Germany who embraced the experience by joining leadership class, volunteered at school events and eventually became the Sr. Girl's Basketball Team Manager at ADSS. She proudly looked after the Sr. Girls on their trip to the Provincials. She was the delight of the team and coaches when she proclaimed to everyone on the bus
 - " I LOVE MY LIFE, I LOVE MY LOVE HERE I don't want to go home ever!"
- 2. Networks of Inquiry and Indigenous Education The purpose of NOIIE is to create a just society where every learner crosses the stage with dignity, purpose and options. Eight school teams in Pacific Rim submitted case studies from Howitt Elemenary, Wickaninnish Community School, Bamfield Community School, ADSS, Maquinnq elementary, Tsuma-as Elementary and Ucluelet Elementary. Topics ranged from fostering connection of students to nature, to building confidence and resiliency in young students through the 'big buddies' program, to empower youth to overcome trauma, to engage grade 8 learners to be curious, to increase Nuu-chah-nulth language and culture, to creative problem solving and critical thinking and to more opportunities for imaginative play.
- Little Mermaid A Magical Musical Adventure at ADSS May 9, at 7:00pm and May 10, at 1:00pm and 7:00pm.
 - C. Chamber of Commerce NO REPORT



D. McLean Mill

McLean Mill National Historic Site Update, May 7th, 2025

Prepared by Elliot Drew

April saw a lot of activity out at the Mill. Amid the regular cleaning, planning and prep to get the 2025 season underway, we also hosted some very successful events. Job postings went out for our first round of hiring and we have filled those positions with returning staff. We are set to officially open Friday May 16th at which time our hours will be Wednesday thru Sunday 10 am to 4pm till July when we will add additional staff and be open 7days a week till Labour Day

This month we were please to welcome back both the McLean Mill 10km event and the Alberni Bowmen for their 3-day shoot. Each event saw some growth from last year but most importantly ran very smoothly as we become more experienced working with the organizers of these fantastic community groups. John Paul II Catholic School visited us on the 1st along with a contingent of students from Japan, to tour the Site and learn more about the history of our region, the logging industry and of course the Mill itself. We were also very please to host the SalmonFest AGM and the Chamber Breakfast with speaker Josie Osbourne.

Most importantly we met with management from the City to work through safety concerns for this upcoming season and to begin the conversation around the future of the Mill.

Our calendar of events continues to fill for 2025 through 2026 with both private and community events requesting information.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Chamber of Commerce AGM - May 14th

Opening Day of Regular Operations - May 16th

Grad Photo Day - Jun 21st

Wedding - Jun 28th

Start 7 days a Week Operation - June 30th

Wedding - July 12th

As always, we are proud to be the steward of this local treasure and deeply grateful to share its story with our quest.



E. Historical Society

ALBERNI DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

MAY 7, 2025

- The Alberni District Historical Society's AGM will be held Thursday, May 29th, 7 pm in the Museum. There will be no guest speaker that night. There will be speakers at our 60th Birthday Party on June 12th in Echo Centre.
- Volunteer hours last month were 199 1/2.
- New items are being entered in our In-Magic program. This program numbers all the "treasures" we have – just like the Dewey-Decimal system libraries use.
- The latest "A Look Back at the Early Days of The Alberni Valley" (our Facebook article by Diane Dobson) features Readin', Writin' and Rithmatic – Beaver Creek & Gill Schools. Read and forward it to someone you think might be interested in the History of the Alberni Valley.
- The Archives is open Tues-Thur. 11am to 3 pm.



F. Maritime Heritage Society

Port Alberni Maritime Heritage Society May 7, 2025 Report to the Heritage Commission

Current Hours

The Gallery and the Lighthouse have now reopened for regular public viewing with hours as follows:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 11am to 3pm

In addition, tours outside these hours may still be arranged by contacting Dale Gross the Facilities Coordinator at the below noted contact information.

Summer Progams

We will once again be offering summer programs geared towards children and youth at the Gallery and the Lighthouse this summer. Funding for two summer students has been approved through the Canada Summer jobs program. We are also seeking additional funding to hopefully have three summer programming positions again this year. We will begin recruiting for these positions soon. Watch our facebook page for job postings.

"Teak Lady" Restoration

Our volunteers are continuing the renovation of this little vessel. If you are interested in knowing more about this vessel's interesting local and international history check the blog on our website. If you are interested in getting involved with its restoration please give us a call.

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Respectfully Submitted

Ken Watson, PAMHS Rep



G. Industrial Heritage Society

May 7, 2025 Report to the Heritage Commission

1. General WVIIHS Information:

The Society will be participating in the upcoming "Welcome to Port Alberni" Event May 10th, at the Barclay Hotel hosted by Valley Vibe.

Alberni Pacific Railway – from Richard Spencer, APR Manager:

It has been a very busy month at the APR, and a busy few ahead.

- *APR Crews have finished work to the MBL#11 after work to the engines, brakes, and bell was undertaken over the winter.
- *An interior rebuild of the mark mosher coach is currently in progress.
- *74 switch ties have been replaced on the Shop Lead after years of no maintenance. This was our biggest project and was performed by a mix of contractors and APR Crew.
- *Council has vote in favour to enter a 5-Year Agreement with the IHS to operate the APR. We are currently awaiting the draft agreement for 2025-2029.
- *We have released our schedule for the 2025 operating season, as well as tickets are now available

APR has multiple charters and private events booked, one taking place on May 10, one on May 18 and one in June.

Industrial Heritage Centre – David Hooper, Bob East & Paul Blake April Events:

April 8 - hosted Retired Loggers' Social - more than 120 persons in attendance.

April 11 - with 3 trucks - took part in the first 'Vaisakhi Parade' in Port Alberni

April 24 - hosted a visit by the Van Is. Garden Railway Club

with guided tour of the APR Roundhouse and Ind. Heritage Centre

Upcoming Events:

- May 3 hosting "Model A" club from the Mainland , incl. members of "BC Vintage Trucks Museum" in Cloverdale.
- May 6 hosting Alberni Elementary Kindergarten Class
- May 25 'Horsepower for Healing" Show at Fall Fair grounds bringing a truck or two
- June hosting three School class visits

"Pop-Up" Souvenir Store

Continue to work on display and inventory for the "Pop-Up" Store.



Donations Received:

The Society received the Donation of a Photo and magazine articles Collection (18 albums) on the history of Logging trucks on the Coast, via Michael Dean of Ladysmith - a valuable resource of information.

Major Supporter:

"Kingsley Trucking' has been one of our major Supporters over the past seven years. With "Kingsley Trucking" being involved as one of the possible assets in the "SAN Group" Bankruptcy proceedings, this is adding to the Uncertainty Woes at the I.H.C. because "Kingsley' has been loaning us a 2000 "Volvo" highway tractor, with Insurance, to legally and safely transport vintage equipment to Shows and Events.

We have a usable Plan "B" truck but, we will have to pay Insurance and maintenance = an extra annual expense.

Industrial Heritage Centre - Shop:

This time of year, the mechanics are preparing the trucks for parades, local events and upcoming trips to Coombs Fire Dept (60th Anniversary), Lake Cowichan Days Parade and Duncan Truck Show. This involves: maintenance (oil to brakes), cleaning, polishing.

4. WVIIHS Memberships

* Memberships are now available for 2025.

Anyone wanting to renew a membership or become a member of the WVIIHS can do so by visiting the Industrial Heritage Center during open hours or going online to www.ihsportalberni.ca/membership.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Leslie Walerius Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society

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H. City Council

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held April 28, 2025.

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.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Council held a moment of silence in recognition of the National Day of Mourning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administration provided Council with an update on the status of the remediation work at 5170 Argyle Street [Port Pub].

STAFF REPORTS

Quarterly Departmental Reports

Council received Quarterly Reports from the Development Services, Economic Development, Finance, Human Resources, and Parks, Recreation and Culture departments for the period January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025.

Q1 Nuisance Abatement Working Group Report Council received the Nuisance Abatement Working Group Quarterly Report for the period January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025.

BYLAWS

"Animai Control and Pound Bylaw No. 5126, 2025" was adopted. This Bylaw provides for the regulation of the keeping of dogs and cats and other animals in the City of Port Alberni.

"Cemetery Management Bylaw No. 5127, 2025" was adopted. This Bylaw provides for the regulation and operation of the Greenwood Cemetery.

"Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5125, 2025" was adopted. This Bylaw establishes fees and charges for various services provided by the municipality, aiming to ensure cost recovery and efficient service delivery.

"City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5124, 2025" was adopted. This Bylaw sets the tax rates required to balance the municipalities taxing obligations as outlined in the Financial Plan.

"Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 5128, 2025" was introduced and given three readings. This Bylaw upon adoption will provide for the enforcement of bylaw offence notices.

CORRESPONDENCE

2025 ADSS Prom Committee | Use of City Streets Council authorized the 2025 ADSS Prom Committee access to City streets on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 5:15 to 6:45 pm for the purpose of a prom parade from Burde St. to 10th Ave. through to Roger St., ending at the Athletic Hall [3727 Roger St.].

Council received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. AVICC | 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention -Resolutions Disposition & Draft Minutes
- ACRD | Emergency Support Services
 Receive Provincial Funding
- Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
 118 | National Day of Mourning

PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of MS Canada, Council proclaimed the month of May 2025 as 'MS Awareness Month' in Port Alberni.

On behalf of Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA), Council proclaimed May 30, 2025 to June 6, 2025 as **'Island Good Days'** in Port Alberni.

On behalf of Pacific Salmon Foundation, Council proclaimed June 1, 2025 as 'Wild Salmon Day' in Port Alberni.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Council released for public consumption notice of its intent to extend the Railway Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society for a period of 5 years to include an annual City grant of \$60,000 + CPI for the duration of the agreement for the cost of operating insurance and miscellaneous operating expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation | Resolutions of Shareholder

Council endorsed the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation Resolutions of Shareholder in writing as presented.

Museum and Heritage Commission City of Port Alberni

4255 Wallace Street Port Alberni BC Canada V9Y3Y6



Multiplex Chiller Failure

Council directed staff to proceed with renting a plate and frame chiller and installing ice at the Multiplex for the period of June 2025 – May 2026 at the cost of \$285,000.

Council also directed staff to begin the process of replacing the current shell and tube chiller with a plate and frame chiller, with installation of the unit to occur in spring 2026 in time for summer 2026 ice operations.

BCCFA 2025 Conference & AGM | Authorize Council Registration

Council authorized Councillor Verbrugge to participate in the BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA) 2025 Conference and AGM, taking place May 26-28, 2025 in Nanaimo, BC, with authorization to include reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses incurred as per Travel Policy No. 3009-2.

Tseshaht Lightning Open Basketball Tournament 2025

Council authorized the contribution of a combination of \$5,000 in kind or in cash from the Reconciliation Fund to the 2025 Tseshaht Lightning Open Basketball Tournament taking place May 16 – 19, 2025, and directed Administration to work with Tseshaht Lightning representatives to determine the best use of funds.

Short Term Rental Requirements

Council directed Administration to prepare a report providing an overview of short-term rental requirements in the City.

Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw

Council directed Administration to research, draft and introduce a Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw.

Volunteer Policy and Handbook

Council approved Volunteer Policy No. 3002-8 and the associated Volunteer Handbook.

Cathedral Grove

Council directed Administration to extend an invitation to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit requesting their attendance at a Regular meeting to provide a delegation regarding traffic safety plans in Cathedral Grove.

Vancouver Filipino Community

Council directed Administration to send a letter to the City of Vancouver offering condolences on the recent tragedy in the Vancouver Filipino community.

QUESTION PERIOD

J. Leskosek

Inquired about the purchase of a chiller for the Multiplex ice production.

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.portalbemi.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 <u>portalberni.ca</u>. Generally, these are posted the Friday before each Regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

The Council Summary is prepared following each regular Council meeting and posted on the City's website. You can also visit the City website and sign up to receive summaries delivered directly to your inbox.

For more information related to Council meetings, including how to participate, please visit www.portalberni.ca/council. You may also contact the Corporate Services department at 250.723.2146 or email corp-serv@portalberni.ca.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, May 7th

7:00 pm | Heritage Commission Alberni Valley Museum

Monday, May 12th

2:00 pm | Regular Council Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 20th

6:00 p.m. | Committee of the Whole Council Chambers



- I. Regional District no report
- J. Community at Large NO REPORT FOR APRIL

Regular Community Events/Meetings

- 5kvsong Community Choir meets @ Char's every Tuesday from 6-8pm
- CCO Blind meets 10am first Wednesday of each month @ Abbeyfield
- TOPS meets @ RCL Tuesdays 8-10am
- Spirit Square Farmers Market Saturdays 9-12 at Harbour Quay
- AV Coin Club 3rd Thursday @ 7pm craft room A @ Echo Centre
- AV Rock and Gem Club meet 1st Sunday @ 2pm at the Clubhouse Tebo RD
- AV Grief Care Group Sundays 2-3pm @ Southside Comm Church of the Nazarene
- AV Museum Knit Nights Thursdays 6-8pm
- Golden Oldies Car Club 1st Thursday @ RCL 7pm
- AV Photography Club 2nd and 4th Wednesdays @ Abbeyfield House 7pm
- 5kysong Community Choir @ Char's every Tuesday 6-8pm
- Postpartum and Baby Group 1030-12 Meet and engage with other postpartum families, all pieces of the family are invited – Bi-weekly

NEW - Free healing Yoga, Wednesdays @ AV Hospice 11-12 Feb 12-March 5

May Activities Around Town

7 − 3rd Annual Pediatric Stroke Awareness walk @ Blair Park 10am

8 – Workshop: Hiring for Success @ AVCOC 1-3pm

- Sketch with Bob @ Harbour Quay 6-830 Free

9 - Dog and Cat teeth cleaning @ Bosleys 10-6

- Blues Night at the Legion 630pm tix \$15
- Poker at the Italian Hall 7pm \$65

9-10 - ADSS Theatre - Little Mermaid Tix 10/15 Fri 7pm - Sat 1&7pm

- Massive Book Sale @ The Grove 6pm 9th 3pm 10th
- 10-4th Annual Plant/Seedling sale Noon @ Harbour Quay
 - Meet your community welcome event 10-2pm @ Echo CC
 - Spring Fling Market @ BW Barclay 11-4
 - Mt Kjitsa Garden Club Annual Plant Sale @ PA Athletic Hall 9-2
- 11 Mother's Day Garage Sale 7310 BC Road 10-3
- 14 PA Lawn Bowling Open House Wallace St -learn how to play
 - Hospice Volunteer Training 2579 10th Ave 4-630
- 16− NTC Spring Event @ NTC Health Dept Redford St culture. Crafts, activities/surprises
- 16-19 Tseshaht Lightening basketball tournament @ Alberni Athletic Hall
- 22 John Howitt Mad Hatter CCC Hall330-7, games/prizes/concession/cake walk/petting farm
- 23 − Pottery: Garlic Grater and Herb Stripper @ DMB 7pm − City of PA course/program
- 24 Black Ty Gala @ Echo CC 6pm, dinner by Starboard Grill \$150, live and silent auctions, Music
- 25 Horsepower for Healing 10-2 @ fall Fairgrounds. Horsepower for Healing is a mental health and harm reduction-focused car show designed to bring people together through a shared love of classic and performance vehicles.
- 30 Ladies Night @ Leave her Wild 4-7pm
- 31 Battle of the Bands The Zattzoo Project @ KCC 6pm

June 6th - Friday Night Market @ Harbour Quay 5pm



K. Museum

AVM | APRIL AT A GLANCE

GENERAL ATTENDANCE: 1240
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 1668
PROGRAMS: 18
INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS
(STRUCTURED LEARNING): 130

HOURS OPEN TO PUBLIC: 133
OBJECT CARED FOR: ~5.400
REPOSITORY AGREEMENTS: 7

EXHIBITIONS |

Resist (18 March - 12 July, 2025)

Resist is an exhibition featuring artworks by members of the Fibre Art Network, a cooperative based in Western Canada dedicated to advancing fibre as an art form. In this context, the double entendre of Resist refers both to the techniques employed in fabric manipulation and to methods of social activism. Visitors are encouraged to explore the diverse techniques applied to fabric while also reflecting on contemporary issues concerning the human condition.



Still Standing By Sharon Alman



Grids and Strings and Other Things By Terry Aske



Fighting The Current By Diana Barrelines



Resisting Change

PROGRAMS | FAMILY/CHILDRENS PROGRAMS: 8 TOTAL

- Wonder Workshops (6-12 years)
- · Birthday Parties (Ages 5-10 years)
- Museum Minis Pre-K
- SD 70 School Tours

ADULT PROGRAMS: 10 TOTAL

- Kumihimo Workshop
- Cordage Workshop
- Spinners & Weavers | Knitters
- TIFF Film Series



- L. Hupačasath First Nation no report
- M. ćišaa?atḥ (Tseshaht) First Nation no report
 - 7. Next Meeting
 A. June 4th, 7pm (PAMHS)
 - 8. Moved by Pam Craig to adjourn at 8:30 pm.