

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, January 19, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers & Via Video-Conference
4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

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

Staff: M. Fox, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Smith, Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO
S. Darling, Director of Corporate Services
A. McGifford, Director of Finance
L. Dauphin, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
S. Perry, Manager of Culture
K. Motiuk, Deputy Director of Corporate Services [Recording Secretary]
J. Pelech, Manager of Information Services

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A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the minutes of the meeting held at 6:00 pm on November 17, 2025, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

C. Zanette spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

M. Stabler spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

R. Doiron spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

M. Kristensen spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

K. Ambrose spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

P. Parkin spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council permit additional members of the public to speak during the Public Input period.

CARRIED

A. Schroeder spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

L. Toth spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

A. Perry spoke in opposition to adoption of the Development Application – OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the property at 3027 2nd Avenue.

J. King spoke regarding the incorporation of arts and culture in relation to new development in the City.

B. Ford spoke regarding the improvement of supports for the unhoused population in the City.

J. Dick, CEO of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke in regard to meeting the needs and demands of the public in relation to the future development permit of the proposed supportive housing development at 2nd Avenue.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Jolleen Dick, CEO and Elliot Drew, Director of Operations presented on McLean Mill operations.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Financial Plan Engagement Session Outcomes

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole receive “Financial Plan Engagement Session Outcomes” dated December 10, 2025, for information.

CARRIED | Res No. 26-01

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Solda gave notice of her intention to introduce a motion at the January 26, 2026 Regular meeting for the development of a city-led program for supporting businesses affected by social disorder.

2. 2026-2030 Financial Plan | Review Prior to 3rd Reading

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the report titled “2026-2030 Financial Plan | Review Prior to 3rd Reading” as information and recommend that Council provide 3rd reading of the Financial Plan Bylaw on January 26, 2026.

CARRIED | Res No. 26-02

F. STAFF REPORTS

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Investment Program | 2026 Recommendations

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend Council approve the 2026 Community Investment Program Committee recommendations as outlined in the staff report dated January 12, 2026 and further directs Administration to return with an updated Terms of Reference.

CARRIED | Res No. 26-03

2. Heart Program | 2026 Recommendations

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the report "Heart Program | 2026 Recommendations" dated January 12, 2026 as information.

CARRIED | Res No. 26-04

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Committee of the Whole postpone decision on the Heart Program Recommendations for three months [April 2026], and further direct Administration to apply to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Grant-In-Aid program to fund a regional portion of the HEART Program.

CARRIED | Res No. 26-05

I. QUESTION PERIOD

N. Anderson

Inquired about site selection of the proposed supportive housing development on 2nd Avenue, and the process of public hearings.

Councillor Haggard left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

K. Ambrose

Inquired about the tax base, the public consultation process, and health care services in the City.

J. Leskosek

Inquired about the process for reconsidering Council decisions.

J. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor



Corporate Officer