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PORT ALBERNI

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held February 9, 2026.
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 | Business Development and Property Advisor & Deputy Director of Finance

The Manager of Economic Development introduced the City's new Business Development and Property Advisor, Dave Osborne, and the Chief Administrative Officer introduced the new Deputy Director of Finance, Tamara Nelson.

STAFF REPORTS

Quarterly Departmental Reports

Council received Quarterly Reports from the Development Services, Finance, Fire, Infrastructure Services, and Parks, Recreation & Culture departments for the period of October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

BYLAWS

"City of Port Alberni 2026-2030 Financial Plan

Bylaw No. 5138 was adopted. The Financial Plan requires adoption annually prior to May 15th in order to set tax rates, complete all filing and distribute tax notices.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridge View Health & Performance | McLean Mill 10K

Council authorized Ridge View Health & Performance access to McLean Mill National Historic Site on Sunday, March 29, 2026 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for the purpose of a 10K running event.

Conseil scolaire francophone de la Columbie-Britannique | Francophonie Flag Request

Council authorized the request from the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Columbie-Britannique to raise the Francophonie flag at City Hall from March 1-31, 2026 in support of the francophone community in Port Alberni.

Council received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. UBCM President | Forestry Industry and Sustainable Fibre Resolution Endorsement
- b. BC Ferries | Response to City letter re: BC Ferries Booking Changes
- c. Central Vancouver Island Crime Stoppers | 2025 Summary Report

- d. Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport | Follow up to the 2025 UBCM Convention Meeting
- e. City of Kamloops | Copy of 2026 Resolution regarding review of the Heritage Conservation Act

PROCLAMATIONS

March 26, 2026 was proclaimed as '**International Purple Day**' in Port Alberni on behalf of the BC Epilepsy Society.

March 21, 2026 was proclaimed as '**World Down Syndrome Day**' in Port Alberni on behalf of the Vancouver Island Down Syndrome Society.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Council released the following motions previously passed during a Closed meeting, pursuant to Section 117 of the Community Charter:

August 11, 2025

- Authorization to execute a lease agreement between the City of Port Alberni and the Canadian Mental Health Association – Port Alberni, for a six-year term for City parks caretaker residences located at Roger Creek Park, Russell Park, Williamson Park, Blair Park, Klitsa Park and Paper Mill Dam Park; to include decommissioning of the Papermill Dam Park caretaker house once vacant.

January 26, 2026

- Direction for Administration to prepare a response to the Town of View Royal's December 4, 2025 letter, expressing Council's potential interest in joining a coalition of British Columbia municipalities and regional districts to evaluate and potentially pursue a coordinated Judicial Review of provincial housing legislation, including Bills 44, 47, 13, 15, and M216, subject to additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

January 26, 2026 Notice of Motion | Cllr. Haggard

Council directed Administration to coordinate Council site visits to supportive housing locations.

QUESTION PERIOD

N. Anderson

Inquired about annual increases in staffing, the selection of comparable supportive housing operations chosen for Council to tour, and lease negotiations with BC Housing for supportive housing.

R. Doiron

Inquired about supportive housing lease options and models including low barrier housing.

B. Kanneisser

Inquired about trail counter statistics referenced in the Parks quarterly report, projected staff increases, and building bylaw licensing fines.

L. Walerius

Inquired about the process and renewal of the Caretaker residence agreements between the City and the Canadian Mental Health Association – Port Alberni.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, February 17th

6:00 pm | Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers

Monday, February 23rd

2:00 pm | Regular Council
Council Chambers