



SUMMARY OF APRIL 10, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING

This is an information report regarding the most recent meeting of Port Alberni City Council. This is not the official minutes of the meeting. For more information please contact Russell Dyson, City Clerk 720-2810 (e-mail: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca)

► DELEGATIONS

Gareth Flostrand of the Community Arts Council was in attendance to invite Mayor and Council to participate in their **Mosaic Walk** on April 23, 2007 as part of Arts and Culture Week. There are three mosaics within the community located at North Island College, the upper lounge of the Multiplex and the Museum.

Karen Goldby provided a status report on the **branding exercise** undertaken by the AV Tourism and the Chamber of Commerce. She requested that Council delay implementation of the strategic sign plan in order to accommodate the Valley's brand. This was agreed by Council.

Bev Denning from the SOS (Save Our Services) Committee addressed Council regarding **issues relating to West Coast General Hospital**. Council agreed to provide a copy of her report to the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Mike Steves of Sunbird Disposal and Recycling addressed Council regarding the issue of **recycling and the contracting out of disposal services in the Alberni Valley**. The Regional District is preparing a Solid Waste Management Plan for the Valley which will propose expanded recycling. Council will be referred the plan for comment shortly.

Judith Sayers presented Council with a \$5,000 dividend cheque for their share in the **Upnit Power Project**.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed the month of April as "**Parkinson's Awareness Month**".

Council for the City of Port Alberni rescinded the motion proclaiming June 17 – 23, 2007 as "**Broombusting Week**" and, at the request of the Mount Klitsa Garden Club, declared **June 3 – 9, 2007** instead, approved that **citizens be permitted to drop off cut broom at a suitable site to be determined** and supports the request to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District that fees for **broom brought to the landfill site during that week be waived**.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council received a letter from the **Vancouver Island Economic Alliance** and accepted the invitation to become a member.

Council endorsed the UBCM's (Union of British Columbia Municipalities) resolution to petition the provincial government to reduce the ultimate limitation period from 30 years to 10 years and further that the provincial government require all **participants in the building system to have insurance**.

Council referred the letter from Shape Properties regarding **Post Office use zoning** to the Advisory Planning Commission for consideration.

Council supported the position of CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) regarding the **Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement**.

Council endorsed a letter from BC Hydro inviting the City of Port Alberni to participate in the "**Turn It Off Challenge**" between June 1st and August 31st, 2007.

Council authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the **Rail Track License Agreement** between the Island Corridor Foundation and City of Port Alberni for operation of the train to McLean Mill until December 31, 2007 for a license fee of \$5,000.

► UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council received an e-mail from **Tofino Bus Services Ltd.** explaining their **updated schedule**.

► BYLAWS

Council finally adopted "**5 Year Financial Plan 2007-2011, Bylaw No. 4657**".

Council introduced and gave three readings to "**Tax Rates 2007, Bylaw No. 4658**".

Council received the report from the **Public Hearing** held April 4, 2007 at Echo Centre and gave third reading and final adoption to "**Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 4602, 2005**".

► REPORTS

Monthly reports from the **Engineering and Public Works, Planning and Fire Department** were received.

Council approved the 2007/08 **Annual Operating Agreement for transit services** in Port Alberni. Council asked for an investigation into costs of providing Sunday bus service.

Council authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the amended lease with VIHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority) for the **medical clinic at 4711 Elizabeth Street** to include the upper floor space under the same terms and conditions as the original lease.

Council approved the issuance of a **Development Variance Permit** for 3596 Huff Drive.

Council supports the City of Nanaimo's resolution at the AVICC Conference to amend the **Gas Safety Regulation** to require the gas utility to locate their underground utility in the vicinity of excavation work.

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