

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2017-2021 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 AT 6:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Washington, Sauvé, Minions, Alemany, McLeman and Paulson

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded:

That the agenda be approved with the addition of late items D.1.1 – Budget Enquiries and Responses; D.1.2 – Johnston Road & Northport Charrette; and D.1.3 – Consultant Plan.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Special Meetings of Council held February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and February 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., be adopted.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT

Council received summary reports of the public Budget Survey and E-Town Hall Budget Meeting.

Budget correspondence was received from Sandy McRuer, Don Donbar, Roland Smith, Travis Cross, Gerry Walerius, David Phillips, Sarah Brook, Gail Horvath, Elizabeth Cloughton and the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce.

D. REPORTS

1. Budget Enquiries with Responses

Jake Martens, Deputy City Clerk//Communications Coordinator reviewed the information provided by staff in response to budget questions from Council.

1.1 Late Item - Outstanding Budget Enquiries with Responses

Council received the additional responses to budget questions, providing information regarding an increase to the fee for service agreement with the Chamber of Commerce, a comparison of governance models for museums throughout the province, response times for the Fire Department and the WorkSafeBC regulations with respect to entry into buildings for firefighters.

1.2 Late Item - Johnston Road and Northport Charrette

Council received a report from the Economic Development Manager and Director of Development Services regarding potential projects from the Johnston Road and Northport Charrette.

1.3 Late Item - Consultant Plan

The Deputy City Clerk/Communications Coordinator reviewed the 2017 Consultant Plan, detailing the City's proposed use of contractors for specific projects and services.

2. Updated Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan

Council received the updated draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan.

3. 2017 Supplementary Projects List

Council reviewed the items listed on the 2017 Supplementary Projects List.

Council requested additional information regarding the following:

- Comparison of overall costs and response times between the City's Fire Department and rural fire departments within the Alberni Valley.
- Itemized project budget for Millstone Park.
- Priorities for trail development and signage.
- Clarification regarding the E & N Railway Track Plan.
- Maintenance issues regarding the Bob Dailey Stadium athletics track.

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide early budget approval of \$30,000 for the Canada 150/50th Amalgamation Fund, comprised of \$10,000 from the 2017 Supplementary Projects List (Item 32) and \$20,000 from the draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

The Mayor invited Council to put forward any addition items to the 2017 Supplementary Projects List for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on March 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The following items were identified:

- Additional resources for Bylaw Enforcement
- \$5,000 for childcare expenses for elected officials.
- \$50,000 for additional marketing and consulting resources for Economic Development.
- \$30,000 for banners along Johnston Road and other major corridors.
- \$36,000 for insurance of the Alberni Pacific Railway/McLean Mill.
- \$10,000 for undetermined project(s) of the City's Seniors Advisory Committee.
- An amount to be determined for a solar project proposed by the City's Food Security and Climate Disruption Committee.

E. COUNCIL REVIEW

An opportunity was provided for any further direction or informational requests.

F. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Pam Craig stressed the value and importance of the Alberni Valley Museum to the community and encouraged Council to continue the operation as a municipally-operated service.

Travis Cross, President of the Port Alberni Professional Fire Fighters Association, cautioned Council on the use of community comparisons for fire service staffing models and outlined the value of maintaining the current level of service.

Penny Cote expressed her support for the Alberni Valley Museum as a municipal operation and for maintaining the current level of service for the Port Alberni Fire Department.

G. ADJOURNMENT

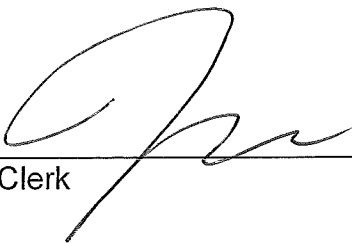
It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor



Clerk