

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Minions

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded:

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 4:00 pm and Regular Council Meeting held at 7:00 pm on May 14, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Sarah Thomas advised today (May 28th) is the first day of Bike to Work Week. She noted the various events and celebrations taking place throughout the week culminating in a BBQ at Harbour Quay on Saturday and thanked the many sponsors.

Rev. Brenda Nestergaard Paul commented on the synergy happening in South Port as the residents/ businesses come together noting a thriving Port Alberni includes a thriving South Port with space for all.

John Douglas representing the CMHA gave a shout out to Dr. Lund and Dr. O'Dwyer and invited the community to participate in the 'Walk with your Doc' event taking place June 19th from 5-7 p.m. inside the Multiplex.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Uptown Merchants - Vision

Uptown Merchants presented their vision for the core blocks between Argyle and Mar on 3rd Avenue stating they want the area to become a gathering place/social place for locals. They have identified a 'hipster' theme for the uptown and will be fundraising towards their vision which includes a traffic circle, boulevards, welcome sign and art program. A block party is in the works for July 12th between 4-9 p.m.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. BC Hydro – Net Metering Policy

It was moved and seconded:

That the City of Port Alberni send a letter expressing concern in proposed changes to BC Hydro's Net Metering policy in light of the City's efforts to promote the installation of solar technology on city, residential, and commercial buildings.

CARRIED

2. Director of Finance – Employer Health Tax Impact on City Budget

It was moved and seconded:

That the report from the Director of Finance dated May 22, 2018 providing information regarding the new Employer Health Tax implications on the City's budget, be received.

CARRIED

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts

It was moved and seconded:

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated May 28, 2018 be received and the cheques numbered 141564 to 141619 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$359,361.90, be approved.

CARRIED

2. City Clerk - Alberni Harbour Quay, Unit #14, Main Artery

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a lease for Unit #14 at the Alberni Harbour Quay with Dave and Gwynne Hunt for the Main Artery for a one year term commencing July 1, 2018 at the current monthly rent of \$290.53 per month plus GST.

CARRIED

3. City Clerk - Harbour Quay Lease – Spirit Square

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a lease for Spirit Square at the Alberni Harbour Quay with Gwen Lowe and Beth Larsen for conducting a Crafters' Market for a five month term commencing May 1, 2018 at the current monthly rent of \$75.00 per month plus GST (\$393.75 for the term).

CARRIED

4. City Clerk - Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the resignation of Les Strachan from the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation and appoint Bob Cole as a Director effective May 29, 2018, representing the Sproat Lake Electoral Area as nominated by Penny Cote, ACRD Director, Area 'D'.

CARRIED

5. Current Status Report

It was moved and seconded:

That item 16 (report recommending alternate truck route options) be moved to a high priority.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That the current Status Report be received.

CARRIED

6. Managers' Monthly Reports

Parks, Recreation and Heritage

It was moved and seconded:

That the monthly report from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

CARRIED

G. BYLAWS

1. “Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 4963”

It was moved and seconded:

That “Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 4963” be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4963.

CARRIED

2. “Election and Assent Voting, 2018, Bylaw No. 4964”

It was moved and seconded:

That “Election and Assent Voting, 2018, Bylaw No. 4964” be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4964.

CARRIED

3. Director of Development Services - Advisory Planning Commission

It was moved and seconded:

That the summary report of the May 17, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission, be received and all recommendations accepted.

CARRIED

**Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. T14 (4742 Bute Street - L. George),
Bylaw No. 4965**

It was moved and seconded:

That Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. T14 (4742 Bute Street - L. George), Bylaw No. 4965, be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. T14 (4742 Bute Street - L. George), Bylaw No. 4965, be read a second time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. T14 (4742 Bute Street - L. George), Bylaw No. 4965, be advanced to a Public Hearing on June 25, 2018 at 6:15 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

CARRIED

H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Citizens for Safe Technology

It was moved and seconded:

That the letter requesting Council to review all permits, antenna siting policies, and agreements currently in place with telecommunication companies, be received.

CARRIED

2. Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society (WVIIHS)

It was moved and seconded:

That the letter dated May 22, 2018 from the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the closure of Dunbar Street from the corner of 7th Avenue, and 9th Avenue from 7:00 am on Saturday, September 1st until 5 pm on Sunday, September 2nd for the Antique Truck and Steam Show.

CARRIED

3. **City of Langley**

It was moved and seconded:

That the letter from the City of Langley to BC Municipalities dated May 17, 2018 urging each municipality to write to the provincial government requesting the elimination or reduction of the newly implemented Employer Health Tax, be received.

CARRIED

I. **PROCLAMATIONS**

J. **INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **City of Langford**

Copy of a letter to Finance Minister Carole James dated May 8, 2018 regarding concerns with the proposed British Columbia speculation tax and encouraging the government's support of a smart tax policy to allow for an increased supply of affordable housing.

2. **SPARC BC**

Letter received May 14, 2018 advising that Access Awareness week is May 27 – June 2, 2018.

3. **Ministry of Health**

Letter dated May 14, 2018 acknowledging the positive results of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program and advising the province is expanding the program and increasing it from \$240 per participant household to \$336.

It was moved and seconded:

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 3 be received and filed.

CARRIED

K. **REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

L. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Mayor's Report

It was moved and seconded:

That the Mayor's verbal report be received.

CARRIED

2. Regional District Report (Mayor Ruttan/Councillor McLeman)

It was moved and seconded:

That the Regional District verbal report be received.

CARRIED

3. Councillors' Reports

It was moved and seconded:

That the Councillors' verbal reports be received.

CARRIED

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. QUESTION PERIOD

The public and press were afforded an opportunity to ask questions of the Mayor and Council.

Mike, AV News Reporter enquired when Council would be revisiting their budget based on the new Employer Health Tax costs. Mayor Ruttan advised that it will be a consideration during next year's budget discussions.

Chris Washington thanked City staff for their assistance to the Uptown Merchants.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn at 8:21 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor



Clerk