

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 AT 2:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Minions, Councillors Corbeil, Haggard, Poon, Solda and Washington

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 12:30 pm and Regular Council Meeting held at 2:00 pm on September 3, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

The Chair of the Community Arts Council addressed City Council regarding the proposed changes to the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw and the impacts the changes will have on their annual revenue.

Brent Ronning, Portal Players president, addressed City Council regarding the proposed changes to the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw and expressed his feeling that the proposed changes unfairly target the arts and penalize creative fundraising efforts in the community.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Pam Craig

Presented information regarding the upcoming Mike Downie presentation entitled 'The Secret Path – On the Path to Reconciliation' on October 25th, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the ADSS Theatre.

2. **Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society (WVIHS)**
Members of the WVIHS provided a presentation regarding their organization and reviewed their initiatives and events.
3. **Alberni Valley Senior Citizens Homes Society**
Gay Allen and Sandra Rose attended to provide information in regards to Pioneer Towers and Pioneer Cottages and requested Council reconsider their permissive Tax Exemption application.

E. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** **NIL**

F. **STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Accounts**

It was moved and seconded:

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated September 16, 2019, be received and the cheques numbered 144479 to 144554 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$587,006.11, be approved.

CARRIED

2. **Manager of Planning – Development Variance Permit – 3978 8th Avenue**

It was moved and seconded:

That the report dated September 10, 2019 from the Manager of Planning regarding the proposed Development Variance Permit No. 96, be received and Council proceed with consideration of the Development Variance Permit at 3978 8th Avenue.

The Mayor provided introductory remarks.

The City CAO provided background information regarding the application by summarizing the report from the Manager of Planning dated August 26, 2019.

Email correspondence dated September 11, 2019, from Melissa Bartley expressing concern regarding the number of parking spaces being reduced from 10 spaces to six; and opposing a reduction in minimum setbacks, specifically at the rear.

There was no late correspondence.

The applicant did not make a presentation.

There was no public input.

There were no questions from Council.

It was moved and seconded:

That Development Variance Permit No.96 to vary the Zoning Bylaw regulations as it relates to front and rear yard setbacks, the maximum lot coverage and the parking requirements at 3978 8th Avenue be authorized by City Council on September 16, 2019.

CARRIED

3. Managers' Reports

Director of 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. City Clerk - Permissive Tax Exemption

Councillor Solda declared a perceived conflict of interest due to the nature of her involvement with Portal Players and the Arts and left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

It was moved and seconded:

That the report from the City Clerk dated September 6, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

“Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2020, Bylaw No. 4997”

It was moved and seconded:

That “Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2020, Bylaw No. 4997”, be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That “Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2020, Bylaw No. 4997”, be read a second time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That “Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2020, Bylaw No. 4997”, be read a third time.

CARRIED

Councillor Solda returned to the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

“Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw No. 4998”

It was moved and seconded:

That “Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw No. 4998”, be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That “Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw No. 4998”, be read a second time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That “Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw No. 4998”, be read a third time.

CARRIED

H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. **United Fishermen & Allied Workers' Union (UFAWU)**

It was moved and seconded:

That the email dated August 30, 2019 from Joy Thorkelson, President, UFAWU, requesting a letter of support to Federal and Provincial government officials to provide Climate Change Disaster Assistance in the form of income support and financial assistance to commercial fishermen and allied workers to allow vessel owners to keep their boats ship worthy over the winter, be received.

CARRIED

2. **Districts of Tofino and Squamish**

It was moved and seconded:

That the email dated September 3, 2019 from the Districts of Tofino and Squamish requesting Council join their response to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's call for submissions regarding proposed amendments to the Recycling Regulation of the Environmental Management Act to address plastic waste, be received.

CARRIED

3. **Kelly Foxcroft-Poirier – White Raven Consulting**

It was moved and seconded:

That the email received from Kelly Foxcroft-Poirier of White Raven Consulting inviting Council to participate in the Art of Hosting: Courageous Community taking place on October 4 to 6, 2019, be received and that Councillor Haggard attend on behalf of City Council.

CARRIED

I. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC

It was moved and seconded:

That the letter dated September 5, 2019 requesting that October 1, 2019 be proclaimed "International Day of Older Persons" in Port Alberni, be received and the day be proclaimed as requested.

CARRIED

J. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting.

2. BC Transit

Letter from BC Transit providing an update on the full driver door project to improve safety for transit operators.

3. ACRD Child Care Planning Team

Email dated September 9, 2019 providing an update on recent activities as well as announcing various Open Houses taking place in Port Alberni, Ucluelet and Tofino. (Note: Port Alberni Open House is on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at North Island College, Room S-108 from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm)

4. Copy of letters to WVIHS and Island Corridor Foundation (ICF)

- Letter from the City to the WVIHS requesting information regarding the subsidy level required in order to operate a safe and sustainable tourism rail service in each of the next five years
- Letter from the City to ICF requesting a meeting to discuss tourism rail in the Alberni Valley and opportunities to work together.

It was moved and seconded:

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 4 be received and filed.

CARRIED

K. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

NIL

L. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

1. **Council and Regional District Reports**

It was moved and seconded:

That the Council reports outlining recent meetings and events related to the City's business, be received.

CARRIED

M. **NEW BUSINESS** **NIL**

N. **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn at 3:35 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor

Dawn Hartwell

Clerk

