

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
held Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 2 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers – 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Minions
Acting Mayor C. Solda
Councillor R. Corbeil
Councillor D. Haggard via telephone
Councillor R. Paulson
Councillor H. Poon
Councillor D. Washington

Gallery: Approx. 15

A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor Corbeil read a prepared statement regarding the COVID-19 issue noting that the City will continue to monitor information provided by Federal and Provincial agencies and will keep citizens informed about any changes to the delivery of City services as the COVID-19 issue evolves.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at 2:00 pm on February 24, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Hinatinyis Johnson, on behalf of the Friendship Centre and the Portal Players Dramatic Society invited Council and public to attend the upcoming anti-casual racism play – Divided We Fall, taking place on March 20 & 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Jenny Fortin, Manager and Educational Curator, speaking on behalf of the Alberni Aquarium & Stewardship Centre advised Council that recently they had been advised by the WestCoast Aquatic Board that they would be closing the Aquarium due to financial challenges. In light of the Boards decision, staff of the Aquarium have launched a 'save the aquarium campaign' which includes holding a number of fundraising initiatives including a Family Fun Day taking place on March 22nd from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

D. DELEGATIONS

Introduction of Director of Finance

Tim Pley, Chief Administrative Officer introduced Andrew McGifford, the City's new Director of Finance.

R20-55 *MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Andrew McGifford be appointed as Director of Finance for the City of Port Alberni effective March 2, 2020.*

CARRIED

Introduction of Manager of Community Policing

Gaylene Thorogood, Manager of Community Safety introduced Dave Cusson, the City's new Manager of Community Policing.

Introduction of Utilities Superintendent

Wilf Taekema, Director of Engineering and Public Works introduced Clinton Wright, the City's new Utilities Superintendent.

1. 2020 Point in Time Homelessness Count

Marcie DeWitt and Maggie Hodge Kwan provided information to Council regarding the 2020 Point in Time Homelessness Count which will take place on April 7, 2020.

2. Alberni Clayoquot Regional District [ACRD] Protective Services Manager

Heather Zenner, ACRD Protective Services Manager requested that the City of Port Alberni partner with the ACRD on two grant opportunities that will support Alberni Valley emergency preparedness.

R20-056 *MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Council for the City of Port Alberni agrees to partner with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and therefore, authorizes the ACRD to apply for, receive and manage grant funding on behalf of the City of Port Alberni as it relates to the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Emergency Preparedness Program Fund to improve EOC operations and to enhance EOC capacity through training and exercises.*

CARRIED

R20-057 *MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Council for the City of Port Alberni agrees to partner with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and therefore, authorizes the ACRD to apply for, receive and manage grant funding on behalf of the City of Port Alberni as it relates to the Community Emergency Preparedness Program Fund for the purpose of developing an Alberni Valley Evacuation Route Plan.*

CARRIED

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated March 9, 2020, be received and the cheques numbered 145750 to 145822 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$ 1,260,153.10, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Chief Administrative Officer – Clock Tower Refurbishment Project

R20-058

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the CAO's report dated March 2, 2020 and direct that funding for the Clock Tower Project remain in place as set out in the draft 2020 – 2024 Five Year Financial Plan. Further, that staff also be directed to seek grant funding and explore options to reduce the scope of work and/or utilize City forces to complete the project.

CARRIED

3. City Clerk – Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation

R20-059

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Council endorse the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation Resolutions of Shareholder in Writing as presented.

CARRIED

4. Development Application: Development Variance Permit – 5473 Greenard Street

R20-060

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Development Variance Permit [DVP] No. 99 for 5473 Greenard Street be issued to the property owners to vary Zoning Bylaw 4832 as follows: Vary Section 5.12.2 R2 - One and Two Family Residential Minimum Setbacks, Rear Yard, from 9.0 m to 4.57 m, a variance of 4.43 m.

CARRIED

G. BYLAWS NIL

H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. BC Association of Farmers' Markets

R20-061

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the letter dated February 19, 2020 sharing results of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program be received and that Council write to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health expressing thanks for making this program available and request that the program continue.

CARRIED

2. Alberni Aquarium & Stewardship Centre

R20-062 *MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the letter dated March 2, 2020 from the Alberni Aquarium & Stewardship Centre requesting a short-term reduction in rental fees at #7-4550 Argyle Street, be received and that Council of the City of Port Alberni waive the rent payable by the Alberni Aquarium & Stewardship Centre to the City for its leased space located at #7-4550 Argyle Street for a period of three [3] months.*

R20-063 *MOVED and SECONDED, THAT Council of the City of Port Alberni amend the main motion by adding the words 'subject to the receipt and review of an adequate business plan which supports the Aquarium moving forward in a successful manner'.*
CARRIED

The question was then called on the main motion as amended.
CARRIED

I. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

J. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC)

Letter from WCMRC providing details of an Open House regarding the new spill response base taking place on Tuesday, March 10th from 5-8pm at the Best Western Barclay Hotel.

K. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA NIL

L. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council and Regional District Reports

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the Council reports outlining recent meetings and events related to the City's business, be received.
CARRIED

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Manager of Communications - E-Town Hall

Manager of Communications discussed the format of the City's E-Town Hall/Committee of the Whole meeting [Financial Plan discussions] taking place on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 7:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

N. QUESTION PERIOD

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:35 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor


Clerk