

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held December 12, 2022.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or email: twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca

■ PUBLIC INPUT

Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society [WVIIHS]

Leslie Walerius of WVIIHS extended an invitation for Council to tour the various sites where Society members restore, maintain and operate vintage vehicles, trains and equipment including the Industrial Heritage Centre and the Alberni Pacific Railway.

Shanny Nadudvary

Inquired as to the status of the City amending zoning to permit opportunities for property owners to establish 'backyard rentals'.

■ DELEGATIONS

United Way BC

Julie Rushton, Community Impact Manager presented on the amalgamation of six United Ways serving the province to combat similar challenges of inflation, housing, social community services and emergency response, noting a number of local partners the United Way was able to provide funding assistance to in 2022.

Alberni District Secondary School [A.D.S.S.] | Students for Change

Council provided support for the presentation by students Faith Sutton, Riley Evans and Sabella Senft of A.D.S.S. Students for Change proposing the establishment of a Student City Council that will liaise with City Council on matters of community importance from a youth perspective.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

November 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes | Correction

Council approved corrections made to the November 14, 2022 Regular Council meeting minutes.

Official Community Plan Update

Council approved the updated Official Community Plan 'Vision and Touchstones' reflecting community feedback received during the period of August 31 to October 28, 2022. The 'Vision and Touchstones' will shape the content of Phase 4, Policy Development scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2023.

■ STAFF REPORTS

RCMP Department

Officer in Charge, Inspector Eric Rochette presented policing activities undertaken during the months of July to September 2022 and a status update of recent investigations, noting that overall, criminal offences are down by 7% compared to this same timeframe last year.

■ BYLAWS

Zoning Bylaw Amendments

Council received an overview from the Manager of Planning of proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. Topics include secondary suites, accessory dwelling units, day cares, fencing, density calculations, density bonusing and height measurements. Staff will bring forward the draft bylaw to a Committee of the Whole meeting in January 2023.

"City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 5045-1, 2022"

was adopted. The amendment is provided to consolidate all changes made through Council resolution in 2022 within the 2022 – 2026 Five Year Financial Plan.

"City of Port Alberni, Canada Community-Building Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 5073, 2022"

was adopted. The bylaw serves to establish a Canada Community-Building Reserve Fund separate from the current Capital Works Reserve providing for simplified administration and management of the reserved funds to assist Council in capital decision making.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Council authorized the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to apply to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to receive and manage grant funding on behalf of the City of Port Alberni as it relates to Emergency Support Services and Emergency Operations Centres & Training.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Alberni Valley Minor Softball Association | Maintenance, Echo Minor Softball Fields
Council directed that staff prepare a report providing a status of City owned ball fields.
- British Columbia Lottery Corporation | Various Reports for 2021/22
- Ministry and Senate | Election Congratulations
- Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation | Response to City of Port Alberni Letter of Support of Provincial Funding for Island Coastal Economic Trust
- R. Terepocki | Panhandling
Council directed staff to prepare a report outlining the City's response to panhandling.
- Shaw Communications Inc. | Election Congratulations
- G. and L. Walerius | Rainbow Gardens Development
- BC SPCA | Local Government Action on Animal Welfare
- Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Minutes | November 2, 2022

■ **NEW BUSINESS**

Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program

Council approved the City as an applicant to the Economic Diversification Implementation Grant of the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for remediation and demolition works at the Somas Lands.

Council further authorized staff to allocate \$200,000 in 2023 related to the project for which the grant funds would be sought.

Community Investment Program

Council authorized the 2023 Community Investment Program Committee recommendations distributing \$30,607.00 of in-kind and cash funding across 21 local non-profit organizations.

Development Application | 3008 2nd Avenue

Council authorized the issuance of Development Permit No. 22-04 for the Port Alberni Association for Community Living building at 3008 2nd Avenue permitting the enclosure of current deck space to construct a meeting room and eight to ten office work stations.

Development Application | 4467 Wallace Street

Council authorized the issuance of Development Permit No. 22-06 for a building envelope remediation of Pioneer Towers at 4467 Wallace Street which will serve to improve energy efficiency.

Commission and Committee Appointments

Council released the appointment of two new members, Daniel Holder and Sandy McRuer to the Advisory Planning Commission for a two-year term of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024.

Council further reappointed Joe McQuaid to the Advisory Planning Commission for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024.

Council also reappointed Joshua Dahling, Callan Noye, Colin Schult and Craig Summers to the Community Investment Program Committee for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

Award of RFP 019-22 | Hyperconverged Infrastructure Solution

Council authorized staff to allocate \$154,646.30 to the 2023 Capital Plan Server Replacement Fund in alignment with the five-year replacement cycle and in order to meet the costs of inflation. Council awarded RFP 019-22 for the purchase of hyperconverged infrastructure equipment [HCI] in the amount of \$324,646.30 to Myra Systems Corporation. HCI equipment will provide server, storage, processing and networking capacities to meet the City's growing data management needs.

■ **QUESTION PERIOD**

Joseph Leskosek

Inquired as to the clearing of snow from City sidewalks particularly on the Johnston Road corridor and business fronts.

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■ **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Thursday, December 15th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 4th

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
Alberni Valley Museum

Monday, January 9th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers