



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held December 9, 2019.
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■ PUBLIC INPUT

Jeff Cook and Kim McDonald invited members of Council to join them at the Community Christmas Dinner taking place on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 at the Port Alberni Athletic Hall from 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm. Hosted by “Uu a thluk” which means ‘taking care of, and including the support of Pizza Factory and Benjamin Moore Paints, the invitation also extends to anyone who find themselves alone this Christmas. Interested in donating and/or volunteering – please reach out to Uu a thluk via their Facebook page.

■ DELEGATIONS

Uptown Merchants Association - Barb
Barb Mellaart and Chris Washington presented Council with a cheque in the amount of \$520 raised by the Uptown Merchants Association. These monies will contribute towards the cost of installing and illuminating white lights in eight (8) trees along 3rd Avenue outside of the holiday season. The Uptown Merchants Association plan on continuing their efforts in support of this program, including partnering with the City, in an effort to see additional trees added to its white-light campaign.

Sean Rorison, Development Manager, BC Housing Corporation, Fraser Dow, Range Architecture Inc., and Ellen Frood, Executive Director, ACAWS provided Council with an overview of the proposed new second stage housing project which, subject to a variety of approvals, would facilitate the construction of a 20-unit building for housing women and their children who have left violent relationships. Preliminary plans

identify a two-storey structure with green space. Prior to moving forward, BC Housing requested that Council consider, and execute a Letter of Intent [LOI – a non-binding agreement] which speaks to the potential redevelopment of the City owned property at the corner of Rosewood and Vimy to accommodate the housing proposal. While representatives of ACAWS have reached out to some residents in the neighbourhood, a formal community engagement process will be held in the New Year.

Marcie DeWitt, Consulting Services

Ms. DeWitt and Ms. Smith presented to Council the 2019 Child Care Action Plan – A Child Care Needs Assessment for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. The development of this plan was a result of funding made available through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities [UBCM] and City Council supported the ACRD being the primary applicant and authorized to apply for, receive, and manage grant funding on the City's behalf. City Council will continue supporting the ACRD in this initiative in addition to reviewing the City's bylaws and policies for any improvements that could be made to ease the burden on those wishing to provide child care supporting services.

■ STAFF REPORTS

2020 Tag Days

Each year, City Council considers requests from organizations to conduct tag days within City boundaries for the purpose of various fund-raising initiatives. This year Council received and approved requests

from 35 organizations to conduct tag days within the City at various locations throughout the 2020 calendar year.

3123 – 3rd Avenue Façade

Council received a report from the City Clerk in response to a letter from 33 residents expressing concerns regarding the façade of a building located at 3123 – 3rd Avenue. Through the Business Façade Improvement Program and in partnership with Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot the property owner applied for and received funding to carry out façade improvements. Community Futures has granted an extension to the property owner to complete façade improvements by March 20, 2020. Should the property owner fail to carry out improvements by the extended deadline, Council will revisit this item and determine next steps at its next Regular Meeting following the deadline.

Rain Coast Cannabis Inc. – Council endorsed its support for the approval and authorization of Rain Coast Cannabis Inc., to be located at 4102 Redford Street. While Council has expressed its support, the applicant continues to work with the provincial Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch for final approval.

Development Variance Permit – 4279 Ravenhill Avenue

Council authorized a Development Variance Permit [DVP No. 97] which results in a variance to the total floor area of all accessory buildings from 85 m² (915 ft²) to 97.8 m² (1052.7 ft²) for property located at 4279 Ravenhill Avenue.

Community Investment Program - 2020 Recommendations

Council approved the 2020 Community Investment Program recommendations of the Community Investment Program Committee to various organizations in the amount of \$39,800.00.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Wesley Bloxham

Council received correspondence from Wesley Bloxham requesting that Council support and initiate a public engagement process to develop a phased approach when the City moves forward with improvements to Argyle Street and 3rd Avenue.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Planning Function

Council will be forwarding a request to the Board of Directors of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District indicating that the City is interested in initiating discussions regarding the City's participation in the regional planning function.

Fibre Optics Network

Council has requested that staff prepare a report [to be considered at a future meeting of Council] outlining the opportunities, benefits and costs associated with the installation of fibre optics within City boundaries. This report will also speak to the City's ability to own and operate the utility and the economic development opportunities and benefits the City may experience should a fibre optics network be made available to the private sector and the community in general.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Tues. December 10

6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole Meeting
@ Council Chambers – Council will receive presentations from BC Transit, SPCA and the WVVIHS

Thurs. December 19

12:00 pm - Advisory Planning Commission
@ Committee Room

Mon. January 13

2:00 pm - Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers

**On behalf of Mayor, Council, and
City Staff – Happy Holidays**

