

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 AT 7:00 PM HELD
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded;

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

The Mayor acknowledged the gift of a painting to the City of Port Alberni from Mr. Feng Yang, international artist.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded;

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 5:30 pm and Regular Council Meeting held at 7:00 pm on January 9, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Maggie Paquet provided input and suggestions in regards to reconciliation and moving forward in a respectful way.

Ellen Frood, Executive Director, ACAWS provided information regarding the 'Coldest Night of the Year' fundraising event taking place on February 25th and encouraged the public to participate.

Gary Spencer-Smith requested changes to secondary suite regulations to attract more investors, create jobs and provide safe, quality, affordable housing.

Hi?hunkennis (Robert Watts) noted that AW Neill spent a large part of his life opposing people like himself as well as other races and suggested it would be a good move on behalf of the City to change the name of the street.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Rosemarie Buchanan

Summarized many of AW Neill's racist viewpoints and provided quotes directly from Hansard. She suggested a street with Neill's name is harmful and negative and requested Council remove the name from the street.

2. Cameron Stefiuk

Provided background information on AW Neill highlighting some positive initiatives. He commented we should not forget the past, but learn from it and not repeat the same mistakes going forward.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Proposed Renaming of Neill Street

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni, in the spirit of Reconciliation, work with the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nation Councils, the Community and any affected property owners to potentially rename Neill Street.

DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded:

That the Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to bring forward a report as soon as possible for Council's consideration proposing options to further the City's efforts and commitment towards reconciliation with First Nations in our community.

CARRIED

The Mayor called a recess at 8:33 pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:43 pm.

**2. Chief Administrative Officer – Response to Questions – Roland Smith
January 3, 2017**

It was moved and seconded:

That the report dated January 18, 2017 from the Chief Administrative Officer providing responses to Mr. Roland Smith regarding the McLean Mill, be received.

CARRIED

F. **STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Accounts**

It was moved and seconded:

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 23, 2017 be received and the cheques numbered 137753 to 137934 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$748,028.52, be approved.

CARRIED

2. **City Planner – Development Permit 16-05 (4410 Glenwood Drive)**

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve Development Permit No. 16-05 and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the permit.

CARRIED

3. **City Planner – Draft Request For Proposals – Westporte**

It was moved and seconded:

That the report from the City Planner dated January 17, 2017 be received.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to issue a Request of Proposals for the sale and development of a portion of City owned property off Russell Street adjacent to the Westporte neighbourhood.

CARRIED

4. **City Planner – Oil to Heat Pump Energy Rebate Program for the City of Port Alberni**

It was moved and seconded:

That the report from the City Planner dated January 18, 2017 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to implement Oil to Heat Pump Energy Rebate Program with a \$500 top-up incentive.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to work with City Green Solutions to move forward with the implementation of an 'Oil to Heat Pump Incentive' leveraging the Provincial 'Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program'.

CARRIED

5. City Clerk - Alberni Harbour Quay, Unit #6, All Mex'd Up Inc.

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 #6 at the Alberni Harbour Quay with "All Mex'd Up Inc." (Matt Dunk) for a five year term commencing February 1, 2017 at the current monthly rent of \$709.85 per month plus taxes.

CARRIED

6. Fire Chief – Application for Funding – FireSmart Planning Grant Program

It was moved and seconded:

That the report from the Fire Chief dated January 16, 2017 be received, and Council for the City of Port Alberni support activities proposed in the application for funding to the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative FireSmart Planning Grant Program and confirm its willingness to provide overall grant management.

CARRIED

7. Current Status Report

It was moved and seconded:

That the Current Status Report be received.

CARRIED

8. Managers' Monthly Reports

RCMP Department

It was moved and seconded:

That the quarterly report from the RCMP providing information about current departmental operations be received.

CARRIED

G. BYLAWS

- 1. “Official Community Plan Amendment No. 22 (2720 Burde Street – Evans), Bylaw No. 4923”**

It was moved and seconded:

That “Official Community Plan Amendment No. 22 (2720 Burde Street Evans), Bylaw No. 4923”, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4923.

CARRIED

“Zoning Amendment No. 17 (2720 Burde Street – Evans), Bylaw No. 4924”.

It was moved and seconded:

That “Zoning Amendment No. 17 (2720 Burde Street – Evans), Bylaw No. 4924”, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4924.

CARRIED

H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- 1. Golden Oldies Car Club**

It was moved and seconded:

That the email dated January 10, 2017 from Golden Oldies Car Club requesting use of City streets for a one day closure of Third Avenue from Argyle Street to Mar Street for the 43rd Annual Show n’ Shine event on July 8, 2017 from 7 am to 2 pm, be received and Council concur with the request subject to notification of emergency services, consultation with all affected businesses to minimize potential conflict and traffic concerns and provision of standard liability insurance.

CARRIED

I. PROCLAMATIONS

NIL

J. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Western Forest Products Inc. (WFP)

Letter dated January 9, 2017 advising that WFP is preparing a replacement Forest Stewardship Plan for its activities within the Port Alberni and Stillwater (Powell River) forest operations and inviting written comments by March 17, 2017. *(Note: Letter forwarded to Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation).*

2. Island Corridor Foundation

Community Round Table event in Parksville on February 3, 2017 - 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, cost \$30.

3. Employment and Social Development Canada

Email dated January 12, 2017 advising the call for nominations for Canada's Volunteer Awards is now open until February 3, 2017.

4. Industrial / Business Use of Electricity

Copy of a letter dated January 16, 2017 from eight municipalities to Premier Christy Clark and Minister de Jong requesting the provincial government to exempt the industrial and business use of electricity from Provincial Sales Tax.

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. 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 in accordance with Council Procedures Bylaw the meeting extend beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That the Councillors' verbal reports be received.

CARRIED

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee of the Whole

It was moved and seconded:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to investigate and provide a report regarding the potential for Committee of the Whole meetings for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

N. QUESTION PERIOD

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

Jolleen Dick, Argyle Street, posed a number of questions to Council related to reconciliation and Council's commitment to allocate monies towards developing a potential process for long term reconciliation.

Charlie Martens-Carpenter, Drinkwater Road, enquired as to whether a process for options to further the City's efforts towards reconciliation will allow for public input to which the Mayor responded it would.

Cameron Oscienny, Argyle Street, asked why Council would waste staff's time if they were unwilling to spend resources on a process of reconciliation.

Jeff Cook, Church Street, commented on the process undertaken by the Tseshahat to change a street name.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn at 10:29 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor

Dawn Hatten
Clerk