



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held February 10, 2020.

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■ PUBLIC INPUT

Lavall Aarons addressed Council and suggested that Council consider introducing a local currency to Port Alberni as part of Port Alberni's Economic Revitalization Plan.

■ DELEGATIONS

Introduction of Manager of Recreation

Services - Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation & Heritage introduced Shawn Bourgoin, the City's new Manager of Recreation Services. Shawn formally joined the City on January 20, 2020. Welcome Shawn!

Heart and Stroke Foundation - Mr. Rory Warnock informed Council on the return of the Heart & Stroke Big Bike event to Port Alberni taking place on May 25, 2020. Mr. Warnock extended an invitation to Council and staff to participate in the event and it is hoped that this will once again become an annual event in the City.

Joanne Sales, Executive Director,

Broombusters – Ms. Sales provided Council with an update as to the work accomplished by volunteers in 2019 and requested Council's support as they continue their efforts to remove 'broom in bloom' throughout 2020. Broombusters is always looking for volunteers to tackle broom removal [late April/early May]. Interested in volunteering, please visit the following website
<http://www.broombusters.org/port-alberni/>

Jim Connelly & Cassidy vander Ros, Manager Communications & Marketing, Nickel Bros., provided Council with an

overview of their expertise in relocating recycled homes to various communities. Their efforts result in providing affordable housing for families and diverting waste from landfills. Mr. Connelly encouraged the City to consider amending the City's bylaw to incorporate regulations similar to the City of Campbell River and the Regional District of Nanaimo which may lend itself to be more affordable to an individual who is interested in relocating a recycled home within the City's boundaries. Council has requested a follow-up report from staff which will be considered at a future meeting of Council.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thunder in the Valley 2020 & 2021

Council granted permission for a temporary street closure of a portion of Stamp Avenue [from Roger Street to Redford Street] for use by the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association [AVDRA] to host Thunder in the Valley from 2 pm., Thursday, August 6 until 10 pm., Sunday, August 9, 2020.

Council further granted permission for a temporary street closure under similar terms and conditions in the year 2021, however, Council retains the right to withdraw its permission in the event that AVDRA defaults on any terms and conditions as outlined by the City.

■ STAFF REPORTS

UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2020 ESS Grant

Council authorized staff to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 through the UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services for the purpose of purchasing a

mobile trailer which will be equipped with reception centre equipment.

Award of Proposal #27-19 for McLean Mill Visitor Services

Council received a report from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage regarding proposals received in response to the City's request for proposals for the provision of McLean Mill Visitor Services.

Business Licence Renewals

Council received a report from the Economic Development Manager providing an update on measures the City has taken to allow business owners ample notice and additional time to comply with the City's Business Licence Bylaw in light of the prolonged forestry dispute and its economic impact to businesses in the City.

Cancellation of Tax Sale 18-4837 Roger Street

Council approved the cancellation of a sale of a mobile home that was sold, in error, at the City's 2019 Tax Sale.

Early Budget Approval – 2020 – 2024 Five Year Financial Plan

Council provided early budget approval for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus in the amount of \$264,655.00, which will replace the self-contained breathing apparatus currently in use by the Port Alberni Fire Department.

■ BYLAWS

“Official Community Plan Amendment No. 29 (4450 Maitland St. – Alberni Low Energy Housing), Bylaw No. 5000” and “Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 37 (4450 Maitland St. – Alberni Low Energy Housing) Bylaw No. 5001” were given first and second readings and advanced to a **Public Hearing** which will take place on **Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 6:00 pm** in the City Hall Council Chambers.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Evergreen Exhibitions

Council granted permission for Evergreen Exhibition to suspend a banner across 10th Avenue [near Echo Center] March 2 to 9, 2020 to promote the annual Spring Home Show taking place at the Glenwood Sports Centre, March 7 & 8, 2020.

Transport Canada

Correspondence from Transport Canada looking to engage communities and groups in their Places of Refuge [PoR] initiative. An initiative working to identify suitable PoR on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Avalon Kujala

Council received an email from Avalon Kujala expressing concern regarding truck traffic, garbage collection and residential parking. Staff have been requested to prepare a report identifying the City's current parking practices/process for Council's review at a future meeting.

Gary Lajeunesse

Council received a request from Gary Lajeunesse asking that Council fly the Colony of Vancouver Island flag at City Hall, the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce and the McLean Mill site.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Council ratified the following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 3, 2020. As a result, staff will be preparing reports and making changes to the City's draft financial plan as follows:

- staff will be exploring the City's options in obtaining insurance from the Municipal Insurance Association [MIA].
- staff will remove the cost of the City Works Facility Relocation Plan from the City's Five-Year Financial Plan 2020 - 2024 in the amount of \$50,000 from the year 2020 and reallocate to the 2021 calendar year.
- staff will be preparing a report that outlines the City's total debt from borrowing and to which project the debt was incurred and when the debt is scheduled to mature.

Council also took this opportunity to readdress the 3rd Avenue Revitalization Project and requested that staff prepare a report which speaks to the option of retaining angled parking vs. parallel parking.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thurs. Feb 20

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
@ *Committee Room*

Mon. Feb 24

11:00 am – Audit Committee Meeting
@ *Committee Room*

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
@ *Council Chambers*