



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held February 22, 2016.

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■ DELEGATIONS

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – 5 Year Plan

Russell Dyson, CAO, presented information regarding the ACRD's composition and services, highlighting significant projects planned for 2016. The draft Five Year Plan is on their website at www.acrd.bc.ca; public consultation will be March 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the ACRD and adoption expected March 23rd. The average property in Port Alberni (avg house price \$175,100) can expect an increase of approximately \$17.35 on this year's tax bill.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District - Organics

Russell also provided an update regarding AV Organics outlining the current challenges for organics collection in the valley. The current focus will be an organics reduction program to include enhanced education activities such as Compost coaching and Bear Smart programs.

Wes Hyde, Viridian Energy Co-operative

Provided information regarding solar energy and its benefits, noting the success of programs in other communities as well as communities currently developing solar projects.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Fire Dept. Tender 12 – Removal from Fleet

Staff was directed to dispose of Tender 12 to the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society for the price of \$1.

Wildfire Protection

Council authorized staff to negotiate in the best interests of the City with Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations BC Wildfire Service to provide standby coverage and initial attack response assistance during the 2016 wildfire season.

Lease of Property to North Island College

Council authorized a new lease agreement with North Island College for the property at 4751 Tebo Avenue for a two year period at

\$9,193.75 per month plus applicable taxes with annual CPI increases, effective April 1, 2016.

Sludge Agreement Award Funding

Council received a report from the Director of Finance requiring reconsideration of the funding source for award of the Lagoon Desludging Contract, and confirmed the award of the contract to Terrapure Environmental for \$1,878,073.00 from the \$11.2 million General Strategic Priorities grant funding received in December 2011.

Options for McLean Mill Management Board

Council received a report from the Director of Community Services providing options for consideration regarding the formation and structure of a Board to oversee the McLean Mill/train operation. Council endorsed resolutions around formation of a management board comprised of up to 7 volunteers reporting and answering to Council through the CAO and preparation of terms of reference for the Board. The Director of Community Services will prepare a report in response.

Commercial Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw

Council received a report from the Economic Development Manager identifying options for a Commercial Revitalization Tax Exemption bylaw and facade improvement program. Staff was directed to amend the schedule of the current Bylaw to incorporate Harbour Quay and City owned properties and bring forward a new Bylaw encompassing all other commercial areas of the City. Council also endorsed \$50,000 from this year's 5 Year Financial Plan to establish a facade improvement program specific to main streets (3rd Ave/lower Johnston/lower Argyle).

SPROUT Program

Council directed the Economic Development Manager to negotiate the scope and deliverables for a SPROUT Program and the contract for implementing it for an amount not exceeding \$20,000.

■ **CORRESPONDENCE**

Evergreen Exhibitions Spring Home Show

Council granted permission for Evergreen Exhibitions to suspend a banner across 10th Avenue near Echo Center from March 7 to 13, 2016 to promote the annual Spring Home Show at Glenwood Sports Centre.

Young Professionals of the Alberni Valley (YPAV)

A letter of support will be provided to YPAV to accompany their grant application to purchase and plant nut trees on the Dry Creek Community Garden site.

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District

Council will meet with the ACRD Board of Directors to discuss pursuing shared service agreements and regional services.

City of Port Coquitlam

Council will endorse the City of Port Coquitlam's resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to amend the Build Canada Grant funding program to increase funding contributions for significant projects from the federal and provincial governments.

Roland Smith

Council received a letter regarding the management structure review and the effect on the City's budget resulting from decisions made and those yet to be made.

The Solstice Arts Festival

Council approved in principle a temporary street closure for the Solstice Arts Festival on Argyle Street between 4th and 5th Avenues from Friday, June 17th through Monday, June 20th. A request for provision of tents and barriers has been referred to the Director of Community Services to review eligibility for the Community Investment Program.

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Council announced the acquisition of the former Esso fuel station property at 3000 Harbour Road effective March 23, 2016. A Certificate of Compliance from the Ministry of Environment has been received. The property is being purchased for \$209,000 with funding from the Land Sale Reserve. This property is adjacent to properties at Harbour Quay and the Port Authority's Harbour Quay Marina and is a strategic purchase for the City.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Tues. Feb 23

2:00 pm – Special Meeting of Council
Re: Five Year Financial Plan
@ Council Chambers

Thurs. Feb. 25

10:00 am-McLean Mill Advisory Committee
@ McLean Mill NHS

Wed. March 2

7:00 pm - Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
@ Alberni Valley Museum

Thurs. March 3

4:30 pm – Food Security and Climate Disruption
Committee Meeting @ Committee Room

Mon. March 14

7:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers