



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held February 22, 2021.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or e-mail: twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca

■ DELEGATIONS

BC Summer Games Bid Committee

Committee Members, Suzanne Dube and Gavin Purewal presented the BC Summer Games bid application to host the games in Port Alberni July 23-26, 2026.

Proposed Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Centre

Denise Young of Tigers Eye Advisory Group and Joel Mariot and Mary Mason of Owls Path Foundation presented their proposal to build a Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Centre including their top three potential locations. The group requested support from Council as it relates to the lease of City-owned land and/or a funding donation.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AVICC Resolution Submission

Council endorsed resolutions for submission and consideration by delegates at the 2021 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Annual General Meeting and Convention taking place virtually May 28, 2021 relating to 'Improved Access to Detox and Treatment Centres' and 'Extending the Life of Fire Apparatus'.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Development Permit | 3800 Burde Street

Council authorized the issuance of Development Permit 20-04 for a proposed multifamily residential development at 3800 Burde Street. This development will facilitate the construction of a series of duplex and fourplex buildings for a total of 52 residential dwelling units.

Development Permit | 5546 Swallow Drive

Council authorized the issuance of Development Permit 20-09 for a proposed low-density multifamily development at 5546 Swallow Drive. This development allows for the construction of two buildings, each with three dwelling units.

Housing Needs Report 2021

Council adopted the City's 2021 Housing Needs Report for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities. The report stems from legislative requirements that require local governments to collect data, analyze trends and present reports that describe current and anticipated housing needs in their communities by April 16, 2022.

2021 General Municipal Tax Rate Adjustment

Council authorized staff to reduce General Municipal Taxation in the amount of \$790,419 within the City's Tax Rate Bylaw for the 2021 calendar year. This adjustment will rectify the City's collection of excess revenues in 2020.

Industrial Land Inventory and Action Plan

The Economic Development Manager provided Council with the 'Industrial Land Inventory and Action Plan' recently conducted in partnership with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. Project consultants Paul Blais and Jordan Tidey of MBD Insight were in attendance to speak to the report. Council was encouraged to consider adding to the Actions and Tactics recommended in the document for business retention and attraction initiatives.

■ BYLAWS

"Zoning Map Amendment No. 44 (14th Avenue and Anderson Avenue – City Residential), Bylaw No. 5024" was given third reading and final adoption. The adoption of the bylaw rezones the eight parcels from 'Future Development' to 'Single Family Residential'.

"Housing Agreement (6151 Russell Place – Rainbow Gardens), Bylaw No. 5021" was adopted by Council. The agreement will secure affordable rental units within the proposed development.

"City of Port Alberni 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5023" approved amendments to the bylaw as outlined in the report from the Director of Finance and provided second reading.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed March 6, 2021 **Lymphedema Awareness Day** to encourage all citizens to work together to promote and increase awareness so that the health and well-being of those living with Lymphedema is improved.

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

The Director of Corporate Services provided a verbal report in follow-up to the advertisement inviting individuals to serve on the Advisory Planning Commission and confirmed the appointment of Joe McQuaid for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2022.

The Director of Corporate Services spoke to Council's authorization for the release of a letter received by M. Ruttan representing the 'Alberni Waterfront Employers Association' as it relates to Council's consideration of an Industrial Revitalization Accord [Taxation Strategy].

■ NEW BUSINESS

Echo Aquatic Centre

[Notice of Motion] that Council direct staff to amend the "City of Port Alberni 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5023" to establish a contingency fund for the purpose of reserving monies for the future replacement of Echo Aquatic Centre [pool]. Council will consider this motion at its Regular Council meeting on March 8, 2021.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Randy Fraser requested information regarding the allocation of the Alberni Valley Community Forest 2-million-dollar dividend fund. The City has yet to identify how these dividend funds will be spent.

■ PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

While City facilities remain closed to the public, citizens are reminded to continue to engage with City Council by submitting comments/questions to council@portalberni.ca. Submissions received in advance of, or during a Council meeting will be read out by City staff during 'Public Input' or during the 'Question Period'. Please identify your submission as either Public Input or a Question and submissions will be presented in the order that they are received. **Individuals wishing to provide public input and/or questions of Council in real time [during Council's virtual meeting] we**

ask that you contact the Corporate Services department [250.723.2146] no later than 9:00 am on the day of the meeting in order to register and to discuss details on virtual participation. Please note that we will accommodate up to a maximum of four [4] individuals each re: public input/question period. We thank residents for their ongoing patience and cooperation as we continue to navigate through these challenging times.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 1st

7:00 pm – Financial Plan E-Town Hall
[Zoom Webinar]
To register as a webinar participant, visit portalberni.ca and click the registration link.

Wednesday, March 3rd

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
[Zoom Platform]

Monday, March 8th

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
[Zoom Platform]

Tuesday, March 9th

6:00 pm – Public Hearing
[Zoom Webinar]
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