



SUMMARY OF JANUARY 8, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING

This is an information report regarding the most recent meeting of Port Alberni City Council. This is not the official minutes of the meeting.

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► DELEGATIONS

Kevin Drews of the "**Westcoaster**" online newspaper requested support of the inclusion of "recognized local online news services" to be part of municipal public notice requirements. Council for the City of Port Alberni will write a letter to the Association of Vancouver Island Communities (AVICC) and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) in support of a debate regarding legislative changes that will allow **online services to be part of municipal public notice requirements.**

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed February 2007 as "**Heart Month**" in Port Alberni.

Council proclaimed the week of January 29 – February 4, 2007 as "**Wrestling Week**" in Port Alberni.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council for the City of Port Alberni granted the request from **Literacy Alberni** for **three City computers** that have recently been replaced for their ESL (English as a Secondary Language) program and literacy training.

Council for the City of Port Alberni received a request from Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum), regarding **legislative changes that will allow online services** like the "Westcoaster" to be part of the municipal public notice requirements.

Council for the City of Port Alberni will enter into an **agreement with NEPTUNE Canada** for a Statutory Right-of-Way across the City property located at 2160 Plywood Drive (Lot C, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan VIP73079) for the purpose of connecting the NEPTUNE Canada Ocean Observatory Marine system to the Observatory Station located at 2180 Mallory Drive.

Council received a letter from the **Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society** requesting a resolution supporting their application to the Canada British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for the "**Transformation Centre**" to be built at the intersection of Johnston Road and Victoria Quay.

Mayor McRae will be sending a letter to **Mayor Oba of Abashiri, Japan**, to indicate the City will be curtailing its participation in twinning activities on account of budgetary constraints.

► UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NIL

► BYLAWS

NIL

► **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Monthly reports from **Planning, Fire Department, RCMP** and the **Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission** were received.

► **REPORTS**

Council for the City of Port Alberni appointed **Mr. Bill Lekich to the Heritage Commission** as a member at large for a two year term ending December 2008.

Council received a report from the City Manager providing information concerning the potential **impacts on municipalities of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Between British Columbia and Alberta.**

Council for the City of Port Alberni established the **2007 Arena Parcel Tax Court of Revision** to meet on April 2, 2007 in the Council Chambers at 4850 Argyle Street at 10:00 am.

► **OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Council agreed to provide the **Pacific Rim Health Services Cooperative** with a contribution of \$350.

*Should you have any questions or require any further information,
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