



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor John Douglas, Councillors Hira Chopra, Rob Cole,
Wendy Kerr, Jack McLeman, Cindy Solda and Dan Washington

COUNCIL SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held July 14, 2014.
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■ PUBLIC INPUT

Denis Sauve brought up the issue of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer working flexible hours to reflect the seasonal hours of the City. He also talked about public safety issues at the beach suggesting signage advising of hazards.

Sarah Thomas requested Council contact Island Timberlands asking that they reconsider requests to hold off on logging McLaughlin Ridge in the China Creek Watershed.

Jacques Savard stated "morality must be the foundation of legislation".

Dan Cebuliak suggested a town hall meeting be held to discuss issues in our community including watershed, food, housing, unemployment.

■ DELEGATIONS

2016 U-18 Female National Hockey Championship

Miranda Vallee and Aaron Vissia representing the Alberni Valley Bid Committee summarized the proposal for their bid to co-host the 2016 Under 18 Female National Hockey Championship in Port Alberni. Council will provide a letter of support as well as \$500.00 which is 50% of the bid application. The Committee will be referred to the Community Investment Program for any additional funding requests.

BC Transit

Representatives of BC Transit were in attendance to present the Port Alberni Fare Structure Review and discussed transit survey results, revenue collection and holiday service proposals.

Council passed a resolution to proceed with statutory holiday service commencing Labour Day (September 1st) (Sunday Service). Council also approved fare increases to \$2 for cash fares; regular monthly pass \$48; discount monthly pass

\$25; tickets (10) \$15.75. Increases will be effective October 1st.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Fall Fair

Council has authorized the Alberni District Fall Fair Association to sell their car raffle tickets at the corner of Beaver Creek and River Roads during this year's Salmon Festival and approved the closure of City Streets on the Fall Fair Parade route (10th Avenue to Fair Grounds starting at 11 am on Saturday, September 6, 2014).

Hydraulic Fracking

Council received an e-mail from Bill Woollam providing a report from the City of Burnaby's Environment Committee regarding a request for a moratorium on hydraulic fracking.

Bear Smart BC

Staff will meet with the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce and Bear Smart representatives to consider erecting a welcoming sign designating the City as a "Bear Smart Community" at the entrance to Port Alberni.

BC Provincial Seniors' Curling Championship

Council encouraged the Alberni Valley Curling Club to attend the Community Investment Program Workshop in the Fall regarding support for hosting the "BC Provincial Seniors' Curling Championship" in February, 2015

Regatta Revival

Council agreed to provide snow fencing, posts and parking barricades for the Regatta Revival Event at Sproat Lake Provincial Park on July 19 and 20, 2014.

■ BYLAWS

Council finally adopted two Bylaws:

- "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 4849", and

- "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2014, Bylaw No. 4850".

Zoning Amendment Application, 3960 Johnston Road

Council rescinded readings of "Zoning Amendment No. 2 (3960 Johnston Road - Jaworski), Bylaw No. 4841", and "Zoning Amendment No. T1 (3960 Johnston Road - Jaworski), Bylaw No. 4842". The file will be closed.

■ **REPORTS**

Annual Report

Council received the 2013 Annual Report and advised it is available for public inspection and that public questions, comments and formal approval will be considered at the Annual Meeting on July 28, 2014 as part of the Regular Meeting of Council.

Active Transportation Plan

The Active Transportation Plan Final Report was provided for Council's review. It is available to the public for information and input with formal adoption to be considered at the July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Alberni Valley Curling Club - Lease Agreement

Council authorized renewal of the lease with the Alberni Valley Curling Club for the portion of the Old Arena, for a five year term at a rate of \$1.00 per year.

Community Forest Legacy Committee Establishment

Council received an informational report from the City Manager regarding the "Community Forest Legacy Committee". The first meeting of the Committee will be this week.

Name that Beach Contest Results

Council received a report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing the results of the "Name that Beach" contest. Lot C at the former plywood site was officially named "Canal Beach" and appropriate commemorative signage will be made accordingly.

Secondary Suites

Council has directed staff to implement recognition of existing secondary suites through an "Authorization" process.

Bainbridge Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Council awarded the tender for the Bainbridge Water Treatment Plant Construction to the low bidder, Windley Contracting (2010) Ltd. for \$3,458,700 inclusive of GST with \$2 million funds provided from borrowing and the remainder from the Water Reserve Account.

Keeping of Pot Bellied Pigs

Council received a report from the City Planner requesting direction regarding the keeping of

potbellied pigs as pets in the City of Port Alberni. No further action will be taken.

Urban Development Workshop

Council received a report from Mayor John Douglas along with the Summary of the Urban Development Workshop recently held with invited stakeholders to explore options for increasing urban development and business diversity.

■ **OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Staff was directed to arrange an open meeting with the community; uptown merchants; RCMP, bank managers or their representatives and Council to discuss safety concerns in the uptown area.

Staff was directed to provide a report outlining options for new public garbage bins for lower Johnston Road.

Staff was directed to undertake a range of outreach activities to encourage the public to mow the boulevard adjacent to their property in accordance with City Bylaws.

Staff was directed to provide a report regarding the status of bylaw enforcement files for the current year and past three years.

Council directed that lease payments received from the Port Alberni Port Authority for Lots A & B of the Plywood site be directed to a Parks and Recreation operating reserve for the next 5 years for the purpose of repairs and upgrades at Harbour Quay.

Councillor McLeman provided a notice of motion regarding disbursement of funds from the Community Forest.

Councillor Kerr provided a notice of motion requesting the AVICC organize an information session on hydraulic fracking.

Staff was directed to arrange a meeting with Council in late August/early September to plan and organize a public input exercise in the early Fall to gather feedback on the City's Vision and Corporate Strategic Plan.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wed. July 16

10:00 am - Advisory Traffic Committee
@ Committee Room

Thurs. July 17

Noon - Advisory Planning Commission
@ Committee Room

Mon. July 28

3:00 pm - Special Meeting of Council
Review of 2015 Utility Rates
@ Council Chambers

7:00 pm - Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers