



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held June 8, 2020.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Deputy City Clerk at
250-720-2823 or e-mail: twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca*

■ DELEGATIONS

Introduction of RCMP Office in Charge

Mayor Minions introduced Inspector Eric Rochette, the City's new Officer in Charge. Inspector Rochette comes to the City from the Comox Valley and looks forward to serving the Community. Welcome Eric!

Introduction of Development Planner

Katelyn McDougall, Manager of Planning introduced Brian McLoughlin, the City's new Development Planner. Mr. McLoughlin comes to the City from Campbell River. Welcome Brian!

Canadian Mental Health Association – PA

Todd Patola, President and Katrina Kiefer, Executive Director, CMHA-PA, and Dion Whyte, Director with New Commons Development [NCD] Small Communities Initiative presented to Council their proposal to develop property located at 3027 and 3037 2nd Avenue. Mr. Whyte provided a high-level overview of the project noting that it is a project in partnership with CMHA-PA. The project proposes to create a development of mixed uses [e.g., commercial/office space] including residential with a portion of the residential units being developed for the purpose of providing affordable community housing. The project is currently in the feasibility stage and NCD expects this work to continue for the next 8 to 10 weeks.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Development Permit No. 20-01 [5119 Athol St.]

Council approved Development Permit No. 20-01 which will permit the addition of one additional storey to an existing commercial

building located at 5119 Athol Street. The development permit speaks to form and character and the proposed addition will reflect a modern industrial appearance.

COVID-19: Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance [CECRA] for Small Business

Council received a report from the City's Director of Finance highlighting aspects of the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance [CECRA] for Small Business program. Following a review of the information provided, Council requested that staff write to Member of Parliament, Gord Johns, highlighting the limitations of the program and requesting that he pursue on behalf of local governments, that the Federal Government consider amending the program to allow local governments the ability to apply to the program on behalf of its tenants. Council also requested that staff include in the letter other identified funding gaps and limitations in the program.

Public Outdoor Playground Equipment and Spray Parks

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage, in collaboration with SD70 and the ACRD, advised of the planned reopening of play grounds and spray parks within the Alberni Valley which will take place on Wednesday, June 10th. Users will be required to adhere to social/physical distancing protocols and signage titled 'Keeping Healthy at Play' will be posted in prominent locations at the various play spaces.

Support for Local Business Owners/Operators

Council endorsed the City's Guidelines for Temporary Sidewalk Use as well as use of a License of Occupation Agreement in an effort to support local business owners/operators in reopening their businesses as the Province of BC enters Phase 2 of its Restart Plan. Local business owners who need to expand their operations in order to meet social/physical distancing requirements are encouraged to contact Shawn Bourgoin, Recreation Services Manager @ 250.720.2519 or email shawn_bourgoin@portalberni.ca to learn more on how the City can help.

Council Resolutions

Council received a report from the Deputy City Clerk providing information on the City's Council resolution tracking process and a summary of 2020 Council resolutions to date.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Jody Coulthart, ADSS Prom Parade Committee

2020 graduating committees have had to reconsider how they can recognize and celebrate graduating students in response to COVID-19. The Alberni District Secondary School Graduating Committee have requested support from Council to celebrate the class of 2020 by endorsing its Prom Parade scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 27th at 6:00 pm. Council resolved to support the request on the condition that all activities/events proposed meet Island Health requirements and/or recommendations.

■ PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

As City facilities remain closed to the public, public engagement continues to be a key priority of Council. While City Council continues to conduct their meetings electronically, residents are reminded and encouraged to continue to engage with City Council by submitting your comments/questions to the following email 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'.

Residents are asked to identify their submission as either Public Input or a Question and submissions will be presented in the order that they are received. [NOTE: Questions received and read out during the meeting will not be reflected in the Council Summary but will be noted in the meeting minutes.]

We wish to thank residents for their ongoing patience and cooperation as we continue to navigate through this difficult time.

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including all correspondence and reports are available at www.portalberni.ca Generally these are posted the Friday before each Regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, June 18th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Via Zoom

Monday, June 22nd

2:00 pm – Regular Meeting of Council
Via Zoom