

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held June 28, 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

Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association

Vice President, Dave Beecroft presented to Council an overview of plans for the proposed 2021 Drag Racing event.

Gordon Dick – Riverfront Public Art Proposal

Master Carver, Gordon Dick along with Reanna Miller presented an initial concept for a Riverfront Public Art Proposal at the Victoria Quay. Council requested Mr. Dick provide a letter outlining specific support required from the City for future consideration of Council.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association

Further to the delegation from the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association and as per previous direction from Council in 2020, Council extended its support for the 2021 Thunder in the Valley Drag Racing event subject to receipt of a letter from AVDRA providing event details to be considered by Council at its July 12th Regular meeting.

Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Council received a letter from the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce requesting that Council consider a late submission for the Welcome Sign project. Council elected to continue exploring a previously chosen concept at this time.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Architectural Services for Childcare Centre

The Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO advised Council that the contract for professional services has been awarded to Waymark Architecture for the construction of a childcare centre at 3045 8th Avenue.

Construction is set to begin this Fall with a completion date of Fall 2022.

Award of New Excavation Truck Council awarded the Request for Quotations No. 002-21 to Kendrick Equipment for the purchase of a new Tandem Axle Combination | Flusher/Hydro Excavation Truck in the amount of \$379,835 plus taxes.

Award of Two New Freightliner Dump Trucks

Council authorized staff to amend the City's "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2021 – 2025, Bylaw No. 5023, by increasing the City's Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund in the amount of \$18,452 for the purpose of purchasing two new dump trucks.

Further, Council awarded the Request for Quotations No. 003-21 to P and R Truck Center for the purchase of two [2] new Freightliner Dump Trucks with Falcon Equipment Dump bodies in the amount of \$393,414.72 plus taxes.

Award of New Refuse Truck

Council authorized staff to amend the City's "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2021 – 2025, Bylaw No. 5023, by increasing the City's Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund in the amount of \$15,018 for the purpose of purchasing a new Refuse Truck.

Further, Council awarded the Request for Tender 004-21 to Rollins Machinery Limited for purchase of the new Refuse Truck C/W Dump Box in the amount of \$139,830 plus taxes.

Award of New Truck

Council authorized staff to amend the City's "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2021 – 2025, Bylaw No. 5023," by increasing the City's Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund in the amount of \$38,970 for the purpose of purchasing a new truck.

Further, Council awarded the Request for Tender 006-21 to Commercial Truck Equipment for purchase of the new truck with Service Body and Crane in the amount of \$120,532 plus taxes.

Fire Department | 2022 Aerial Apparatus

Council approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal for a new aerial apparatus to be delivered in 2022.

Uptown District Clean-Up

The Director of Corporate Services advised Council of the clean-up and maintenance scheduled to take place within the Uptown District over the summer and fall season.

The clean-up is a first step to achieving Council's strategic priority of revitalizing the Uptown District along with other future initiatives and those that are currently underway such as addressing nuisance properties in the area and renovations of the Public Safety Building.

2020 Annual Municipal Report

Council endorsed the 2020 Annual Municipal Report for the year 2020. The Report is available to the public on the City's website at <https://www.portalberni.ca/annual-reports>.

Hardcopies of the Report are available at City Hall.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Naming of Park | Uplands II

Council authorized that the Uplands II subdivision park [currently in development] be named "Griffin Park" in memory of Griffin Dolling.

Uptown Merchant's Association

Council authorized the temporary road closures of Third Avenue from Argyle Street to Angus Street as requested by the Uptown Merchant's Association for the purpose of holding a market every Wednesday evening from 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm starting July 7, 2021 to Aug 25, 2021 subject to:

- the notification of emergency services and BC transit
- consultation with all affected businesses/residents
- implementation of a Traffic Plan
- provision of standard liability insurance
- COVID-19 Safety Plan in accordance with Provincial Health orders guidelines
- capacity/attendees to align with 'BC Restart Plan' guidelines

Pink Buffalo Films

Council authorized Pink Buffalo Films to film at 2170 Mallory Drive in relation to the Topaz Cable Landing project currently underway at Plywood Drive [Canal Waterfront Park] from Friday, July 16 through to Sunday, July 18, 2021.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole – A.D.S.S.

Council directed staff to coordinate hosting a Committee of the Whole meeting at Alberni District Secondary School in October 2021.

Audit Committee Meeting Schedule

[Notice of Motion] for the July 12th Regular meeting for Council's consideration of amending the frequency of the Audit Committee meeting schedule.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Don Dunbar – Clock Tower Project

Don Dunbar inquired as to the status of the Clock Tower Project. Staff will provide a status report for Council's consideration at the July 12th Regular meeting.

Randy Fraser

Randy Fraser requested a status update with regards to questions he had submitted to Council on April 26, 2021.

■ PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

While Council meetings continue to be conducted electronically as per current provincial health orders, citizens are reminded to continue to engage with 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.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Monday, July 12, 2021

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

Thursday, July 15, 2021

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
[Zoom Platform]