

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held March 11, 2019.

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■ PUBLIC INPUT

Pete Geddes requested Council consider funding for train and track maintenance as well as support for any potential grant funding opportunities.

■ DELEGATIONS

Rotary Club of Port Alberni Arrowsmith

Larry McGifford presented information regarding the proposed canopy roof project at Victoria Quay and the Rotary Club's sponsorship.

Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer

Introduced himself to Council and provided information on his role as the Medical Health Officer and the role of Council in regard to the health of the community. He identified areas for local public health attention: housing; substance use (stigma and empathy), municipal alcohol plan, cannabis; youth development; cleaner air; climate change adaptation.

Joan Miller, North Island Film Commission

Outlined the work undertaken by the Commission as well as provided an update on current initiatives.

Darien Edgeler

Requested Council allocate the minimum funding necessary to run a single train in 2019 focused on weddings and events as well as other selected tourism related dates.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Audit Committee

The minutes of the February 25, 2019 Audit Committee, were received.

The Future of Harbourview Lands – Consultation Program Results

Council received a synopsis of the comments and feedback received from the public in regards to the potential development of the Harbourview lands and directed that an RFP for all or a portion of the site be prepared for Council's review.

Alberni Harbour Quay Unit #6 – Patio Installation

Council approved in principle the creation of patio space to the front and rear of AHQ Unit #6 (All Mex'd Up).

Parks Canada Grant Update – McLean Mill

The Director of Parks, Recreation & Heritage advised the City has received preliminary notice of a successful grant application to Parks Canada for \$60,000 for McLean Mill.

Remedial Action Requirement (2808 – 10th Avenue)

Council authorized the request from the Manager of Bylaw Services to impose remedial action requirement on the property at 2808 – 10th Avenue:

- To fully restore the damaged building and bring the property into compliance by April 19, 2019.

Remedial Action Requirement (4781 Margaret Street)

Council authorized the request from the Manager of Bylaw Services to impose remedial action requirement on the property at 4781 Margaret Street:

- To demolish the damaged building
- To remove all debris from the demolition to an appropriate disposal site; and
- Level the site

The property is to be brought into compliance by April 12, 2019.

Development Permit No. 18-08 (3508 – 4th Avenue)

Council approved Development Permit No. 18-08 to facilitate the use of a new steel frame storage building at 3508 – 4th Avenue.

■ BYLAWS

“Alberni Valley Community Forest Reserve Fund, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4854-1” was introduced and read three times.

“Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2019 – 2023, Bylaw No. 4984” was introduced and read three times.

“City of Port Alberni Building Standards, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4975-1, 2019” was introduced and read three times.

“Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 4929-4, 2019” was introduced and read three times.

“Business Licence Regulation Bylaw, City of Port Alberni, Bylaw No. 4951-1” was introduced and read three times.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni Valley Hospice Society

Council received a request from the Alberni Valley Hospice Society and agreed to waive the Building Permit fees of \$924 for their new location at 2579 10th Avenue.

Leslie Walerius

Council received a letter requesting Council to better clarify the financial benefit that the 2019 operating budget as proposed by MMS would provide to the community.

Roland Smith

Council received letters from Mr. Smith acknowledging Council’s decision to curtail rail operations in 2019 and urging Council to stay the course.

Daniel Savard

Council received a letter from Mr. Savard supporting Council’s decision to not operate the train in 2019.

Sandy McRuer

Council received a letter from Mr. McRuer requesting Council consider the issue of Alberni Paving and their occupation of City owned lands adjacent to the Fall Fair

grounds. Staff will provide background information for Council.

Martin von Holst – RCMP Day – Vernon Committee Chair

Council will provide a letter of support to the RCMP Day Committee for their efforts to move forward with a petition to provincial and federal governments to acknowledge February 1st as ‘Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day’

Kevin Forsythe

Council referred a proposal to staff to initiate contact and review options and opportunities with Port Alberni Watersports to operate a windsurfing, kiteboarding and stand-up paddle boarding at the Alberni Harbour Quay.

District of Highlands – Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge

Council received an invitation to participate in the Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge; a competition between municipal councils challenging them to decrease their ecological footprint over the course of one year.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thurs. March 21

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
@ Committee Room

Mon. Mar 25

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers