



SUMMARY OF MARCH 26, 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

The Mayor presented the **Canadian Award for Financial Reporting** to Ann Hopkins, Director of Finance.

Leslie Wright and Heather Washburn of the Mt Klitsa Garden Club discussed efforts to **eradicate scotch broom** in our area and Council for the City of Port Alberni declared June 17-23 as "**Broombusting Week**". Council will provide a location in the City for residents to drop off cut broom and will support the Garden Club's request to the Regional District for fees to be waived at the landfill for broom during that week.

Marta Williamson discussed updates to **Port Alberni's Heritage Registry** as well as new approaches to heritage.

Jochem Juurlink discussed the ongoing problems at the **Canada Post building on Argyle Street**.

Lynne Schroeder introduced herself to Council as the **new CUPE Local 118 President**.

► PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed June 12, 2007 as "**BC Paraplegic Association Day**" in Port Alberni.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council for the City of Port Alberni endorsed the two requests of the Uptown Merchants Association for participation in a **Community Clean Up** and the hosting of a **Sidewalk Sale and Street Fair** in June. Uptown Merchants Association to confirm dates of these events.

Council received an e-mail from Bill Lekich requesting that **funding for the Alberni Valley Museum** be kept at the level proposed by Jean McIntosh, Director of the Alberni Valley Museum.

Council received an e-mail from Alexandra Pazitch requesting that the **2008 Port Alberni Municipal Elections** provide two polling stations, one for the north side of Port Alberni and one for the south side of Port Alberni as well as providing free bus transportation to the polling stations.

Council for the City of Port Alberni agreed to the request of **Tsawaayuus (Rainbow Gardens)** that the Restrictive Covenant and Option to Purchase be released from title for the property at 6151 Russell Place at their expense.

Council for the City of Port Alberni endorsed the resolution from the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC regarding the **child care crisis** in British Columbia.

Council for the City of Port Alberni endorsed the request from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon for the **Big Bike Ride for Stroke event** on May 30, 2007.

Council received a letter from Lyle Price requesting that **eight residences on Franklin River Road** enter into an agreement for the City to provide **fire protection**. Staff will identify operational challenges and provide a report for Council's consideration.

Port Alberni Operation Trackshoes was granted a **Tag Day** on April 25, 2007 to fundraise for developmentally disabled athletes to attend this year's Operation Trackshoes event in Victoria.

► **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council provided a resolution regarding effective **revitalization programs** for forwarding to this year's annual **Union of British Columbia Municipalities'** conference.

► **BYLAWS**

Council gave three readings to "**5 Year Financial Plan 2007-2011, Bylaw No. 4657**".

► **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Monthly reports from the **Manager of Human Resources and Community Development, RCMP, Alberni Valley Museum** and the **Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission**.

► **REPORTS**

Council received a report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer/Business License Inspector advising that **voluntary compliance** is in process and is expected to continue until the work is completed to satisfaction at the **nuisance premises at 5165 Golden Street**.

Council received a report from the City Clerk regarding the **status of the Fisheries Legacy Trust**.

The minutes from the **Advisory Planning Commission** held March 19, 2007 were received and recommendations endorsed to proceed with issuance of a **Development Variance Permit** for property at 3596 Huff Drive.

Council for the City of Port Alberni received a report from the City Clerk regarding the **Boundary Study Committee** and minutes from the March 12, 2007; endorsed the prepared **letter to property owners** within and adjacent to the City watershed and directed the Committee to consult the owners and report back to Council.

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