

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held May 23, 2023.
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■ PUBLIC INPUT

N. Anderson

Spoke to safety improvements proposed for Council Chambers.

M. Ahlroos

Spoke to recent provincial funding announcement in support of development.

Dr. Lambiotte

Provided information on recruitment and retention of healthcare staff within the City.

W. Kerr

Spoke to the healthcare shortages as it relates to employee vaccination requirements.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Intersection Safety Improvement Options | 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street Project Update

Council received a project update for the improvements at the intersection of 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street. Phase one of construction is set to begin in June and will include curb work, line painting, signage and a pedestrian activated flasher.

■ BYLAWS

Building Bylaw No. 5077, 2023 was introduced and given three readings. The bylaw upon adoption will include a fee update and align with BC Building Code updates, Ministerial orders and the B.C. Energy Step Code.

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 40 (2601 Burde Street – Irg), Bylaw No. 5070" and **"Zoning Map Amendment No. 58 (2601 Burde Street – Irg), Bylaw No. 5071"** were read a third time and given final adoption. The bylaws will enable a subdivision application that will create five (5) low-density residential lots.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Council received their correspondence summary which included minutes from:

- Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Minutes | April 5, 2023

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Tseshah First Nation | Addition to Reserve Land

Council released for public consumption its intent to provide a letter of support to the Tseshah First Nation to add properties to their reserve land.

Harbour Quay Leases

Council released for public consumption Notice of its Intent to lease Unit 11 to C. Cootes for the operation of Harbour Scoop and Unit 12 to J. Wang for the operation of Turtle Island Fish and Chips shop at the Alberni Harbour Quay for a five-year term.

■ NEW BUSINESS

2022 Surplus Funds

Council deferred the notice of motion to allocate the 2022 surplus between the R.C.M.P. and Parks, Recreation and Heritage Reserves for consideration at the June 26, 2023 Regular meeting.

2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Amendments

Council directed staff to amend the "City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023" Capital Plan, to increase the funding allocation for "Replace 2018 Freightliner Garbage Truck #401" to \$523,940 coming from the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund.

Council further directed staff to amend the "City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023" by adding the funding allocation for "2023 Water Meter Renewal", as previously approved, to \$300,000 coming from the Water Fund Reserve.

Manufacturer Licence New Outdoor Patio

Application | Alberni Brewing Company

Council supported the Manufacturer Licence New Outdoor Patio application for Alberni Brewing Company operating at 4630 Adelaide Street. The patio addition would connect to the establishment's existing outdoor patio.

Complete Communities 2023/24 Grant

Application

Council authorized staff to prepare and submit an application for funding to the June 16, 2023 intake of the Complete Communities Program for \$150,000 to prepare and assess a core area of

the City for infrastructure improvements, including a development and implementation plan for those improvements and hiring of an individual for up to a one-year term to complete the work.

Purchase Card Policy 3009-3

Council rescinded the existing Credit Card Policy approved October 14, 2014 and approved Purchase Card Policy 3009-3. The updated policy will provide authorized City employees the ability to secure resources needed to provide services to the residents of the community.

Travel Policy 3009-2

Council rescinded the existing Travel Expense Policy approved March 9, 2015 and approved Travel Policy 3009-2. The updated policy provides a reimbursement structure in alignment with the Provincial rates.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

N. Anderson

Requested clarity regarding comments made by Council in reference to proposed safety improvements in Council Chambers.

R. Fraser

Requested updates on the Train Station, Expression of Interest, Connect the Quays Pathway, Invitation to Tender and maintenance of trails and pathways.

Chylene

Inquired regarding fluoride in City water and requested clarity on the different Council meeting structures.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, June 6th

9:30 am – Audit Committee Meeting
Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 7th

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
Sproat Lake Hall

Monday, June 12th

2:00 pm | Regular Council
Council Chambers