

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held May 25, 2020.  
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### ■ DELEGATIONS

#### **Hwy 4 [Kennedy Hill] Project Update**

Representatives from the Ministry of Transportation provided Council with an update on the Highway 4 Kennedy Hill Project. Darren Englund, Senior Project Manager highlighted the scope of the project, progress to date, construction delays as a result of COVID-19 and anticipated total project completion date by winter 2020.

#### **Child Care Space Creation Project**

President, Nancy Blair and Arts Administrator, Melissa Martin of the Community Arts Council presented to Council their vision for the City's Child Care Space Creation Project, their excitement to be involved and the application of the Reggio Emilia approach when the Child Care Centre is complete and operational.

### ■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **Transit Service East Vancouver Island**

At Council's Regular meeting held May 11, 2020, Council introduced a notice of motion which would see the City explore providing bus service to East Vancouver Island. Council supported the motion, and recognizing that transit is a regional service, Council directed staff to communicate with the ACRD to solicit their interest in working with the City to explore next steps in establishing this service.

### ■ STAFF REPORTS

#### **Parks, Recreation & Heritage – Duplication of Services**

Council received a report from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage providing information about the services provided by the recreation department and its plan to ensure duplication and/or unfairly competing with local organizations does not occur.

#### **Early Approval for the Replacement of Engine #1**

Council gave early approval to allocate \$737,643 in the year 2021 for the replacement of fire engine #1.

### ■ BYLAWS

**"Official Community Plan Amendment No. T5 (Cannabis Cultivation - Development Permit Area Regulations), Bylaw No. 5012"** was given first and second reading.

**"Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. T25 (Cannabis Cultivation), Bylaw No. 5013"** was given first and second reading.

**"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 31 (2170 Mallory Drive - Mansett Family Holdings), Bylaw No. 5009"** was given first and second reading.

**"Zoning Bylaw Map Amendment No. 40 (2170 Mallory Drive - Mansett Family Holdings), Bylaw No. 5010"** was given first and second reading.

**“Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. T24 (Site Specific Use – P1 Institutional), Bylaw No. 5011”** was given first and second reading.

Next steps prior to Council considering additional readings to the above noted bylaws would be the scheduling of a Public Hearing. Due to COVID-19, City staff continue to research how a public hearing may be held while adhering to provincial guidelines/legislation and provincial health orders in response to COVID-19.

## ■ **CORRESPONDENCE**

**BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association [BCRFA], Alliance of Beverage Licensees, BC Craft Brewers Guild and BC Wine Institute**  
Council received a letter from the above noted organizations, requesting that the City consider amending its existing bylaws and policies to reflect flexibility in accommodating outdoor sales, including expedited permitting of applications and renewals in an effort to bolster the local economy as businesses reopen to the public and in response to COVID-19. Council directed staff to work with applicants to accommodate requests that will allow them to re-open to the public yet adhere to social distancing requirements and WorkSafeBC guidelines. Council also requested that staff reply to the BCRFA and the Attorney General, Honourable David Eby, advising of the City's support of this request.

## ■ **NEW BUSINESS**

Council commented on the availability of and changes to the Province's commercial rent relief program and encouraged Port Alberni landlords to apply and assist their tenants if and where possible. With this in mind, Council also requested that the Director of Finance review the program eligibility requirements to learn if City tenants would qualify for the program and advise Council at its next Regular meeting.

## ■ **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](mailto: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.

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

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## **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Wed. June 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission via Zoom

Mon. June 8<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm – Regular Council meeting via Zoom.