



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held May 24, 2016.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at
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■ PUBLIC INPUT

David Campbell attended to advise that he is planning a skateboard event in August to promote safe skills for youth.

Ernie Luchka suggested Gertrude/Stamp/3rd Ave be renamed 'MacMillan Bloedel Blvd' in acknowledgement of their history in the community.

■ DELEGATIONS

Mike Hadley/Jason Ferguson, Kinsmen Club
Provided information on their proposed soap box derby on July 30th. Council authorised a closure of Argyle Street between 7th Avenue and 4th Avenue from 11 am to 5 pm to accommodate the event.

Steven Brown, Principal, EJ Dunn Elementary School

Invited Mayor and Council to their potlatch on June 10, 2016 focussed on new beginnings for the school.

Sandy McRuer

Presented the Valley of Trails website developed with Chris Fenton, dedicated to outdoor adventure in the Alberni Valley.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Museum Stakeholder Working Group – Clarification

The City Manager provided clarification regarding the structure and purpose of a stakeholder working group identified in a report to Council on April 11, 2016 with regard to an alternate delivery model for the museum and heritage services.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Vacant Property Maintenance Concerns

Council directed staff to review enabling legislation and bring forward a report based on the City Engineer's report recommending amendments to the City's property maintenance bylaw for Council's consideration.

Licence to Occupy – 5020 Dunbar Street

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Licence to Occupy with Imperial Oil Limited for property at 5020 Dunbar Street.

TFN Service Connection Request – South of Cameron Heights

Council approved the request from the Tseshaht First Nation for provision of water and sewer services to a single family home south of Cameron Heights on Polly's Point Reserve at an estimated cost of \$15,000, and that a paved driveway approach be required as part of the access permit.

Request to Purchase City Owned Property - 4th Avenue

Council authorized the sale of 3062 – 4th Avenue (LT 5 BLK 55 DL 1 ALD PL VIP197B) to Little Bavaria Restaurant Ltd. for \$28,000 plus applicable taxes and proceed with public notice of the City's intent to dispose of the lands in accordance with Community Charter legislation.

Waiving of Development Cost Charges

Council received a request from Red Sky Developments to waive all or a portion of Development Cost Charges and/or provide a 5 year taxation exemption for their proposed development at 4305 Kendall Avenue.

BC Rural Dividend Fund

Council authorized the submission of an application to the BC Rural Dividend Program for the Alberni Valley Tourism Training Program and will support the project through its duration.

Street Re-Naming

Council directed staff to prepare a report providing an estimate of internal costs involved with the proposed re-naming of Gertrude/Stamp/3rd Ave.

■ CORRESPONDENCE**ADSS Class of 2016, Parent Grad Committee**

Council approved the request to use City streets for this year's Grad Parade on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm subject to insurance provisions and notification of emergency services. (Parade route - Anderson Avenue to the Athletic Hall via 10th Avenue and Roger Street.

District of North Saanich

Council received a letter from the District of North Saanich requesting financial support in their legal action against NavCanada. Staff was directed to find out more information and whether there are implications for Port Alberni.

Victor Woods

Council received a copy of a letter to the BCSPCA outlining his recent experience with the Port Alberni SPCA.

Port Alberni Lawn Bowling Club

Council referred a letter to the Manager of Operations for review regarding vehicles attending events at adjacent sports fields blocking access to the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse.

Fire Preparedness

Council received a letter from David Peterson providing suggestions for the City's fire preparedness plan.

Sally Anderson

Council received a letter expressing concern regarding the Gertrude Street bridge sidewalk.

Port Alberni Refugee Sponsorship Committee

Council will provide two one month adult bus passes for use by the Syrian refugee family who have recently arrived in the community.

■ PROCLAMATIONS**SPARC BC**

Council proclaimed June 4, 2016 as "**Access Awareness Day**" in Port Alberni.

Cycle Alberni

Council proclaimed the week of May 29 – June 4, 2016 as "**Bike to Work and School Week**" in Port Alberni.

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Lots A&B Former Plywood Site

Council has authorized the sale of Lots A&B of the former Plywood Mill site to 1075565 BC Ltd – a company wholly owned by Canadian Maritime Engineering. The property is being sold for \$250,000 with the purchaser assuming responsibility for contamination on the lands. Other terms include:

- Development Covenant requiring the owner to commence industrial use activities on the land within 36 months
- Buy back provision should construction on the lands not take place at the original price
- City has right of first refusal should the owner receive an outside offer
- Statutory Right of Way allowing the City to maintain the existing fence line on Lot A, and to permit the area to the south of the fence to continue to be used for recreational purposes.

The City is now proceeding with the statutory notices prior to signing the purchase and sale agreements.

Westporte Park

Council has agreed to the sale of Westporte Park for a proposed seniors housing and related park development to Westcoast Native Healthcare Society. The land will be sold for \$163,000 and will not be subject to rezoning until such time as development on the land is being considered at which time the formal rezoning process will be required, including the requirement for a public hearing.

The City will lease back the property for ongoing use as park space until such time as development begins. The agreement also includes a buy-back provision in which the City can purchase the property back at the original sale price if development does not begin within five years.

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■ NEW BUSINESS

Notices of Motion:

To direct staff to work with the BC Wildfire Service, ACRD and other stakeholders to create a wildfire management plan for the City of Port Alberni.

To include acknowledgement of local First Nation traditional territories at the beginning of all Council meetings.

To begin the process of advertising for three additional members of the public to serve on the McLean Mill Board of Management.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Mon. May 30

5:00 pm – Public Hearing
Re: Bylaws 4907, 4908 and 4909
@ Committee Room

Wed. Jun 1

7:00 pm - Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
@ Alberni Valley Museum

Thurs. Jun 2

4:30 pm - Food Security & Climate Disruption
Committee Meeting
@ Committee Room

Thurs. Jun 9

4:30 pm – Seniors Advisory Committee
@ Committee Room

Mon. Jun 13

7:00 pm - Regular Council Meeting
@ Council Chambers