

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 2:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers – 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

PRESENT: Mayor S. Minions
Councillor R. Corbeil
Councillor D. Haggard
Councillor R. Paulson
Councillor C. Solda
Councillor D. Washington

ABSENT: Councillor H. Poon

A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the minutes of the Special meeting held at 9:30 am and Regular Council meeting held at 2:00 pm on November 8, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Kat Stolth

Commented on media censorship and COVID-19 mandates.

Marie Lacroix

Commented on COVID-19 mandates and the related affects on businesses and tax payers.

Fran Dol

Commented on Vaccine Passport requirements.

Cheryl McLean

Commented on COVID-19 mandates and presented a framed copy of the Charter of Rights.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc.

City consultants from PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc. provided Council with the outcomes of the Connect the Quays Pathway public engagement sessions.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct the Director of Engineering and Public Works to prepare a report outlining a timeline and next steps for the Connect the Quays Pathway project for Council's consideration.

CARRIED | Res. No. 21-266

2. Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce | McLean Mill

President, Bill Collette and Director of Operations, Anita Sutherland provided a summary of 2021 activities at McLean Mill including information on upcoming holiday events.

3. Twinning Society

Representatives Dave Grant and Laurie Money from the Twinning Society discussed the 35th Commemoration of Port Alberni and Abashiri Sister Cities and presented historical documents to Mayor and Council claiming the sistership back to the City. Council with continue to work with the Twinning Society on a number of proposals to commemorate this significant anniversary.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 22, 2021 be received and the cheques numbered 149469 to 149529 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$ 864,937.32, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage – Award of RFP #020-21 | Construction Manager: Train Station

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council for the City of Port Alberni award proposal #020-21 | Construction Manager: Port Alberni Train Station, to MKM Projects Ltd., in the amount of \$27,500 plus GST and 7% of the Construction Costs (estimated at \$23,000), with funds coming from the 2021|2022 Capital Plan – Train Station project.

CARRIED | Res. No. 21-267

3. Director of Finance – Three Stream Waste Collection Agreements | ACRD & Recycle BC

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to enter into a 'Three-Stream Waste Collection Service' agreement with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 for the purpose of collecting curbside recycling materials within the City.

CARRIED | Res. No. 21-268

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to enter into the Master Services Agreement with Recycle BC, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 for the purpose of collecting curbside recycling materials within the City.

CARRIED | Res. No. 21-269

4. Deputy City Clerk – BC Economic Summit | Authorize Councillor Registration

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize Mayor Minions and Councillors Haggard, Paulson and Poon to participate in the annual BC Economic Development Association's [BCEDA] '2022 BC Economic Summit: Reconciliation and Resiliency - A Future for BC.' taking place as a hybrid event April 3-5, 2022 with authorization to include reimbursement of expenses incurred as per City Policy No. P6 – Travel Expense Policy.

CARRIED | Res. No. 21-270

5. **Deputy City Clerk – Truck Loggers Convention | Authorize Council Registration**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize Mayor Minions and Councillors Corbeil and Haggard to attend the Truck Loggers Association Convention & Trade Show taking place on January 12, 13 & 14, 2022 in Vancouver, BC with authorization to include reimbursement of expenses incurred as per City Policy No. P6 – Travel Expense Policy.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-271

G. BYLAWS

1. **Director of Finance – City of Port Alberni Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5038, 2021**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT “City of Port Alberni Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5038, 2021”, be now introduced and read a first time.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-272
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT “City of Port Alberni Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5038, 2021”, be read a second time.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-273
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT “City of Port Alberni Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5038, 2021”, be read a third time.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-274
2. **Director of Finance – “City of Port Alberni Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 5023-1”**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize staff to amend “City of Port Alberni 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5023,” by allocating \$30,000 to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District’s Alberni Valley Aquatics Facility – Funding of Feasibility Study in 2021 with monies to be taken from the City’s Parks and Recreation Reserve Fund.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-275
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the “City of Port Alberni 2021-2025 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 5023-1” be introduced and read a first time.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-276
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the “City of Port Alberni 2021-2025 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 5023-1” be read a second time.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-277
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the “City of Port Alberni 2021-2025 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 5023-1” be read a third time.
CARRIED | Res. No. 21-278

H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

I. PROCLAMATIONS

J. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. *The Director of Corporate Services summarized correspondence to Council as follows:*
- a. BC Crisis Line Network | Save BC's Crisis Lines
 - b. Wendy Kerr | Support for Health Care Workers
 - c. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | Minutes from October 6, 2021
 - d. Kathryn Langmead | Burde Street Ponds
 - e. Ministry of Citizens' Services | 2021 Grant-in-Lieu of Property Tax Payment
 - f. Ernest Burnett | Council Direction and Decisions

K. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

L. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. *MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Council reports outlining recent meetings and events related to the City's business, be received.*
CARRIED

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. QUESTION PERIOD

Neil Anderson

Q1: Does Council feel that the concerns previously made [by Mr. Anderson] related to Kingsway Hotel renovations were relevant and justified?

A: Yes

Q2: Queried confirmation of the intent of a meeting held on February 28, 2021 with Mayor Minions and CAO Pley regarding concerns over the Kingsway Hotel renovations.

Gail Sheeler

Q: How can we stand by and watch children get vaccinations in our City?

Kat Stolth

Q: Can you tell me what is in COVID-19 injections and do you know the long-term effects?

A: *Council does not regulate vaccines or the content of vaccines.*

Fran Dol

Q: Will Council stand for individuals who have not received a vaccine but are considered immune by having recovered from COVID-19.

A: *Staff are inquiring regarding if there are provisions available for individuals who have been documented as having recovered from COVID-19 to receive Vaccine Passport status.*

Marie Lacroix

Q: How can Council impose the Vaccine Passport mandate when it is not in the best interest of Port Alberni businesses?

A: *Council for the City of Port Alberni follows Provincial Health Orders.*

Cheryl MacLean

Q: Is there an opportunity to not scan the vaccine passports?

A: *Staff will inquire.*

Additional Questions from Participants

Q1: Does Council recognize that these public health measures can be abused for reasons other than public health and safety?

Q2: If abuse occurs is Council prepared to explore its capacity to protect the residents of Port Alberni from that abuse.

A: *Council will not override a Provincial Health Order.*

Q: Will you reimburse/compensate people who are unable to be vaccinated due to health reasons?

A: *There is not a mechanism to reimburse a portion of taxation under the Community Charter.*

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council reconvene its Special In-Camera meeting at 4:14 PM.


CARRIED

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:15 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor



Corporate Officer