

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held November 13, 2023.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Corporate Services department at 250.723.2146 or email: corp_serv@portalberni.ca.

■ BYLAWS

Financial Plan Amendments

Council authorized amendments to the "2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023" as follows:

- Allocating an additional \$35,000 from the Sewer Infrastructure Reserve Fund to the Sewer Crawler - 2023 Capital Plan.
- Allocating an additional \$550,000 from the Land Sale Reserve Fund in 2023 to complete the remaining demolition at the Somass Mill site and secure the buildings required for the development partner as requested.
- Land Sale Reserve Fund to borrow internally from the Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund (as required) until property sales replenish the Land Sale Reserve Fund with any interest forgone during the time of borrowing to be repaid from the Land Sale Reserve Fund.
- Allocating \$140,000 to Echo Park Field Upgrades in the 2023 Capital Plan from funding allocated to Lon Miles and Recreation Park field upgrades.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Pursuant to the *Library Act*, Council reappointed Councillor Patola as the City's representative and Councillor Haggard as the alternate representative to serve on the VIRL Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2024.

Alberni Clayoquot Métis | Louis Riel Day

Council authorized the request to fly the Metis flag at City Hall on November 16th in recognition of Louis Riel Day through to November 20th.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. British Columbia Lottery Corporation | 2022/23 Community Impact Report
- b. City of Surrey | Surrey Police Transition
- c. P. Short | 2023 Revisions to the Police Act
- d. R.F. Kanngiesser | First Nation representatives at Council Meetings
- e. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills | Grants-in-Lieu of Property Taxes

- f. British Columbia Ferry Services | Charting the Course Workshop: November 24th
- g. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills | StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan
- h. Nanaimo Regional Hospital District | Request for Support: Key Healthcare Priority Projects

Council directed staff to provide a letter of support directed to Health Minister Dix for the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District priority capital projects including the new patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab to be located at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

- i. PRIMECorp | 2022-23 Annual Report
- j. Ministry of Finance | Major Events Municipal and Regional District Tax Program
- k. Union of BC Municipalities | New Provincial Housing Legislation
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HOUS063-001737>
- l. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) | Request for Resolution Submissions
- m. Vancouver Island Regional Library | VIRL Budget 2024 Update
- n. Advisory Planning Commission Minutes | September 21, 2023
- o. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | October 4, 2023 Minutes

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Ministry of Children and Family Development

Council proclaimed the month of November 2023 as 'Adoption Awareness Month' in Port Alberni.

■ NEW BUSINESS

2024 Truck Loggers Association Convention & BC Economic Development Association Summit

Council authorized Mayor Minions and Councillor Haggard to participate in the 79th annual Truck Loggers Association Convention taking place January 17-19, 2024 in Vancouver, BC.

Council further authorized Councillors Haggard, Patola, Solda and the Chief Administrative Officer to participate in the annual BC Economic Development Association Summit taking place May 6-9, 2024 in Penticton, BC.

BC Transit | Vendor Sales Agreement

Council authorized the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to execute the Vendor Sales Agreement between BC Transit and the City to permit the implementation of Umo Fare Technology for a five-year term. The new electronic fare system will provide a convenient option for the public to purchase and use their fares. For more information visit www.bctransit.com/umo

Polar Bear Swim | January 1, 2024

Council directed staff to write a letter in support of the proposed Polar Bear Swim at Canal Beach on January 1, 2024 challenging the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, Tseshaht, and Hupacasath First Nations to participate.

Wālyaqit - Tiny Home Village

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update noting that 13 of the 19 pods have been occupied to date. The temporary pod housing facility, operated by the Friendship Centre, is a collaborative effort aimed at providing safe and alternative housing to individuals unable to access safe and affordable housing, particularly those currently living in unsafe conditions.

The Port Pub | 5170 Argyle Street

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the recent Fire Department response at 5170 Argyle Street related to water damage noting that the suite remains unoccupied further to required assessments deeming it fit for occupancy.

Rack and Rally Social Hub | 3123 3rd Avenue

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update related to ongoing façade improvements at 3123 3rd Avenue noting that the Development Services department continues to follow the permit process.

Echo Aquatic Centre Hours of Operations

Council directed staff to prepare a report based on a reevaluation of current Aquatic Centre hours of operation with consideration given to weekend (Sunday) operations to accommodate youth and families.

Council further directed the invitation of Aquatic Centre senior staff to the meeting where the report will be presented for further discussion surrounding Aquatic Centre operations.

Notice of Motion | Canal Beach Pier

Notice of Motion presented for the November 27th Regular meeting requesting Council direct staff to review previous assessments and plans related to resurfacing the existing Canal Beach Pier for the purpose of including funding to proceed with this project within the 2024 financial plan.

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Port Alberni is now offering hybrid Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. We encourage you to remain informed on City business and community topics through the following options:

- Attend in-person in City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 4850 Argyle Street
- Livestream @ www.portalberni.ca
- Join online or by phone using MS Teams

Regular Council meetings are held at 2:00 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. All meeting recordings are posted on the City website for viewing.

Complete Council agendas including all correspondence and reports are available at portalberni.ca. Generally, these are posted the Friday before each Regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

The Council Summary is prepared following each regular Council meeting and posted on the City's website. You can also visit the City website and sign up to receive summaries delivered directly to your inbox.

For more information related to Council meetings, including how to participate, please visit www.portalberni.ca/council. You may also contact the Corporate Services department at 250.723.2146 or email corp_serv@portalberni.ca.

■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 16th | CANCELLED

12:00 pm | Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Monday, November 20th

6:00 pm | Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers

Monday, November 27th

2:00 pm | Regular Council
Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 28th

9:30 am | Audit Committee
Council Chambers