

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 2:00 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers & Via Video-Conference
4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

Present: Councillor D. Dame
Councillor J. Douglas
Councillor D. Haggard
Councillor C. Mealey [Chair]
Councillor T. Patola
Councillor C. Solda

Absent: Mayor S. Minions

Staff: M. Fox, Chief Administrative Officer
A. McGifford, Director of Finance
S. Darling, Deputy Director of Corporate Services | Recording Secretary
J. Pelech, Manager of Information Services

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Introductory Remarks from Chair Mealey

Chair Mealey noted that the Special In-Camera meeting was in recess, due to resume following the adjournment of the Regular meeting.

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 amended to include items under 'New Business' L.3 | Update of Wālyaqit - Tiny Home Village, 5170 Argyle Street [The Port Pub], 3123 3rd Avenue [Rack and Rally Social Hub] and Echo Aquatic Centre. The agenda was then adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Minutes of the Special meeting held at 11:00 am and Regular Council meeting held at 2:00 pm on October 23, 2023 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 13, 2023, be received and the cheques numbered 153797 to 153917 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$2,812,434.84, be approved.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-315

F. BYLAWS

1. 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023 | Amendments

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council amend the “City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023” by allocating an additional \$35,000 from the Sewer Infrastructure Reserve Fund to the Sewer Crawler - 2023 Capital Plan.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-316

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council amend the “City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023” by allocating an additional \$550,000 from the Land Sale Reserve Fund in 2023 to complete remaining demolition at the Somass Mill site and secure the buildings required for the development partner as requested.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-317

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Land Sale Reserve Fund 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.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-318

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council amend the “City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023” by allocating \$140,000 to Echo Park Field Upgrades in the 2023 Capital Plan from funding allocated to Lon Miles and Recreation Park field upgrades.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-319

G. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Vancouver Island Regional Library

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT pursuant to the Library Act, Council appoints Councillor Patola as the City of Port Alberni’s representative to serve on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-320

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT pursuant to the Library Act, Council appoints Councillor Haggard as the City of Port Alberni’s alternate representative to serve on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-321

2. Alberni Clayoquot Métis | Louis Riel Day

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize the Alberni Clayoquot Métis request that City Hall fly the Métis flag on November 16th in recognition of Louis Riel Day through to November 20th.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-322

H. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Ministry of Children and Family Development

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council proclaim the month of November 2023 as ‘Adoption Awareness Month’ in Port Alberni.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-323

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The Deputy Director of Corporate Services summarized correspondence to Council as follows:

- 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

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council for the City of Port Alberni 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.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-324

- 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/2023HOUS0063-001737>
- 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

J. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

K. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council and Regional District Reports

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council receive reports outlining recent meetings and events related to the City's business.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-325

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct 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, Tseshah, and Hupacasath First Nations to participate.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-326

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Truck Loggers Association Convention & BC Economic Development Association Summit

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize Mayor Minions and Councillor Haggard to participate in the 79th annual Truck Loggers Association [TLA] Convention 'Solutions from our Forests', taking place January 17-19, 2024 in Vancouver, BC with authorization to include reimbursement of expenses incurred as per Travel Policy No. 3009-2.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-327

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize Councillors Haggard, Patola and Solda to participate in the annual BC Economic Development Association [BCEDA] '2024 BC Economic Summit: Transforming Industries, Empowering Communities', taking place May 6- 9, 2024 in Penticton, BC with authorization to include reimbursement of expenses incurred as per Travel Policy No. 3009-2.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-328

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to participate in the annual BC Economic Development Association [BCEDA] '2024 BC Economic Summit: Transforming Industries, Empowering Communities', taking place May 6- 9, 2024 in Penticton, BC with authorization to include reimbursement of expenses incurred as per Travel Policy No. 3009-2.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-329

2. BC Transit | Vendor Sales Agreement

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Vendor Sales Agreement between BC Transit and the City of Port Alberni to permit implementation of Umo Fare Technology for a five-year term.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-330

3. Request for Updates

a. 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.

b. 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.

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- c. **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.
- d. **Echo Aquatic Centre | Hours of Operation**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct staff to re-evaluate current Aquatic Centre hours of operation with consideration given to weekend (Sunday) operations to accommodate youth and families.
CARRIED | Res. No. 23-331
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council invite Aquatic Centre senior staff to a future meeting for further discussion surrounding Aquatic Centre operations.
CARRIED | Res. No. 23-332
4. **Notice of Motion | Canal Beach Pier**
THAT 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.

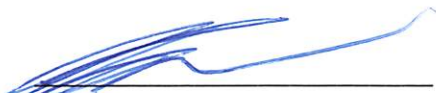
M. QUESTION PERIOD

N. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:03 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor



Corporate Officer