

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held November 27, 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.

■ DELEGATIONS

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation

Chairman, Jim Sears, board member R. Corbeil and Manager, Chris Law presented a dividend cheque in the amount of \$300,000 to the City from the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation.

Council expressed their sincere appreciation to the Corporation for their dedication and impeccable management of the Community Forest which continues to provide numerous benefits to the community.

■ BYLAWS

City of Port Alberni 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 5075-1, 2023

was introduced and given three readings. The amendment is provided to consolidate all changes made through Council resolution in 2023 within the 2023 – 2027 Five Year Financial Plan. Council will consider adoption at their December 11th Regular meeting.

Official Community Plan Amendment (2780 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5084 and Zoning Amendment (2780 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5085 were read a third time. Prior to adoption of the bylaws, a covenant must be registered on title requiring the property be connected to municipal sanitary sewer upon future extension of the service.

Official Community Plan Amendment (3690 Loewen Road and 2791 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5092 and Zoning Amendment (3690 Loewen Road and 2791 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5093 were read a third time and adopted. The bylaws will enable a lot boundary adjustment.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society

Council directed staff to prepare a letter of support, in principle, of the Society's continued efforts in the restoration, maintenance, display, and operation of the Alberni Pacific Railway.

Council further deferred the letter dated November 10, 2023 from the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society to the January

2024 Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion and consideration.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Grant Opportunities

Council provided approval for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) to apply for grant opportunities for Emergency Support Services and the Emergency Operation Centre through the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund including authorization for the ACRD to apply for, receive, and manage grant funding on behalf of the City of Port Alberni.

Wholesome Meals on Wheels Association

Council directed staff to prepare a letter of support for the Wholesome Meals on Wheels Association to accompany their grant application to BC Gaming. The Association provides hot, nourishing meals to seniors and others living with disabilities in support of maintaining their independence in their own homes.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Ministry of Housing | New Legislation to Support Housing Initiatives
- Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness | Emergency and Disaster Management Act
- BC United Official Opposition | Bill 45, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*
- R.C.M.P. | Commissioner Mike Duheme's Visit to BC and Recruitment Actions
- Ministry of Citizen's Services | Grant-in-Lieu of Property Tax Payment and Report

■ PROCLAMATIONS

All Nations Outreach | Indigenous Survivors' Day

Council proclaimed June 30, 2024 as Indigenous Survivors' Day, dedicated to raise awareness and recognize and honor the enduring resilience of Indigenous communities.

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Alberni Harbour Quay | Unit 13

Council released for public consumption Notice of its Intent to lease Unit 13 to A. Findlay for the operation of 'good/kind' for a three-year term, at the Alberni Harbour Quay.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Public Use of Municipal Venues

Council directed staff to prepare an administrative policy regarding appropriate conduct at municipal venues that includes the following language:

- We understand that this venue includes children, youth, adults and seniors of all races, all religions, all cultures, all abilities, all economic levels, all gender identities and all sexual orientations, and we will conduct ourselves in a manner that is respectful of this diverse community.
- We will comply with all applicable City of Port Alberni bylaws and federal and provincial legislation, including the British Columbia Human Rights Code and Canadian Human Rights Act, which prohibit discriminatory conduct including conduct that would expose persons or groups to hatred or contempt.
- We understand that City staff and their representatives have the authority to ask an individual or group to leave a City-owned or City-managed venue when that person or group is displaying inappropriate, disruptive, or aggressive behavior that threatens the security and safety of staff, guests, residents, themselves and/or property. Depending on the seriousness of the circumstances and behaviour, the City representative may choose to suspend, ban, or issue a Trespass Notice to the corresponding individual or group.

Firefighter Resource Planning and Succession

Council authorized early budget approval in the 2024-2028 Financial Plan in the amount of \$37,854 [Line 24421] to hire a probationary firefighter for a period of three months to facilitate orientation and training.

Canal Beach Pier Resurfacing

Council directed staff to review previous assessments and plans related to resurfacing the existing Canal Beach Pier in order to gather information and costing for inclusion in the 2024-2028 Financial Plan process and Parks Master Plan.

Port Alberni Skate Park

Council directed staff to include in the Parks, Recreation and Culture master plan, the redevelopment of the Skate Park / multi-use adventure facility including:

- Potential locations including the current location, expansion of the current location and alternate locations;
- The individualized costs of different levels of skate parks and associated features such as pump tracks, jump tracks and any other relevant adventure activity features;
- Identifying potential sources of grant funding available for the construction of such a facility;
- Identifying the level of interest of, and potential contribution from, local and superior intergovernmental partnerships;
- Identifying the level of interest of, and potential contribution from, community partners including but not limited to corporate sponsors, service groups and interest groups; and
- Effects on the ongoing 5 year operating and capital plans.

Crosswalks | Pedestrian Safety

Council directed staff to investigate costs and cost sharing opportunities to improve safety at existing crosswalks including:

- Redford Street and Wood/16th Avenue
- Redford Street and 15th Avenue
- Redford Street and 14th Avenue
- Redford Street and Anderson Avenue
- Johnston Road and Adelaide Street
- Johnston Road and Elizabeth Street
- Johnston Road and Margaret Street

Council further directed staff to coordinate a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss pedestrian safety as it relates to roadways within the municipality under the Ministry's jurisdiction.

Christmas Lights on Johnston Road

The Chief Administrative Officer provided information regarding a change in the practice of Christmas light installation on Johnston Road [Hwy 4], noting that the Ministry of Transportation informed the City that the lights are in contravention of their policies. Plans for an alternate location will be undertaken in advance of the 2024 season.

Commercial Cost Recovery

Council inquired regarding cost recovery measures for small businesses that experience challenges related to mischief or social issues.

Stamp Avenue | Traffic Safety

Council requested the installation of speed limit signage on Stamp Avenue and requested that solutions for improved safety measures be brought forward to a future Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

R. Smith

Inquired regarding the operator certificate and permit holder for the Alberni Pacific Railway.

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Port Alberni is now offering hybrid Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

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- 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.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, December 6th

7:00 pm | Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
Alberni Valley Museum

Monday, December 11th

2:00 pm | Annual Organizational Meeting
Council Chambers

Thursday, December 21st

12:00 pm | Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers