

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held November 8, 2021.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or e-mail: twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca

■ PUBLIC INPUT

Neil Anderson

Expressed the need for greater transparency and accountability in answering public inquiries related to City business.

Wendy Kerr

Concerned over COVID-19 vaccine mandates and the associated negative impact on public well-being.

Mike Butler | Optimus Group

Introduced himself as the public relations representative to the San Group for the proposed Burde Street development.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks, Recreation and Heritage – Provincial Health Orders

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage provided an update as it relates to vaccine passports within City recreation facilities commenting that as regulations vary based on a number of factors, that individuals with questions should contact City staff or event organizers directly.

Clock Tower Project Update

The Director of Engineering and Public Works informed Council that contractors will begin the Story Tower Project on November 15th. This project represents an important upgrade to the iconic structure at the Harbour Quay as well as provides an opportunity to showcase Indigenous art.

■ STAFF REPORTS

RCMP Department

Officer in Charge, Inspector Eric Rochette introduced the new Operations Supervisor, Sergeant Mike Thompson before presenting policing activities undertaken during the months of July to September 2021, noting that overall, criminal offences are up by 4% compared to this same timeframe last year.

Port Alberni Port Authority | PILT Payment

Council directed staff to collect the annual payments as per the *Payment in Lieu of Taxes* Act from the Port Alberni Port Authority for 2021 and assigned the Port Alberni Port Authority 2020 Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the amount of \$191,516.41 to the City's Dock+ project.

Council will continue to work with the Port Alberni Port Authority on mutually beneficial projects and initiatives that align with the City's *Corporate Strategic Plan*.

Uptown District Revitalization Strategy

The Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO provided Council with the Uptown District Revitalization Strategy report. The UDRS identifies a high-level vision to support Council's strategic priority of revitalizing the Uptown District.

The UDRS will also be used to inform goals and objectives in the Official Community Plan, and to provide guidance on future updates to the Zoning Bylaw and other policies.

Intersection Network Screening Report

Following the presentation of the intersection 'Network Screening' report from the Director of Engineering and Public Works, Council directed staff to include an annual 'Intersection Improvement Program' in the City's 5-year Financial Plan to address safety concerns throughout the City based on the priority intersections presented in the report.

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation | Resolutions of Shareholder

Council endorsed the Resolutions of Shareholder in Writing for the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation in accordance with the Articles of the Company and in order that the Annual Report may be filed.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed November as 'Adoption Awareness Month' and as 'Accessible Parking Awareness Month'.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Pursuant to the *Library Act*, Council appointed Councillor Haggard as the City's representative and Councillor Paulson as the alternate representative to serve on the VIRL Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Council also received the correspondence summary which included:

- Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia | Climate Change Heroes
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs | Proposed Legislative Amendments for Bill 26
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs | CleanBC Roadmap to 2030
- Bonita Greening | Burde Street Ponds
- Mike Jones | Secondary Suites and discrepancy between the City's OCP & Zoning Bylaws
- Randy Fraser | Questions regarding the Hammer Throw Landing Area

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Results & Award | RFPs No. 015, 016, 017 & 018-21

Report from the Director of Corporate Services informing the public of the City's award of four Request for Proposals to deliver on a portion of the grant funds received through the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Fund to provide services in support of unsheltered homeless.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Provincial Announcement | Old Growth Deferral

Council directed staff to prepare a letter to the province requesting that the City be provided the opportunity to partner and provide input into the Old Growth Deferral strategy process and further, that staff contact local related agencies that may be impacted by this decision.

Harbourview Apartments | Status Report

Council directed staff to prepare a status report for the Harbourview Apartments [3118 Argyle St.].

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Wendy Kerr

Questions relating to local long-term care homes, break and enter statistics, street lighting and emergency services calls.

Mike Butler | Optimus Group

Requested Council's input as public relations representative for the San Group's proposed Burde Street development.

Cheryl McLean

Questions pertaining to the provincial vaccine mandate.

Lisa Hagan

Questions related to the allocation of COVID-19 recovery funds received from senior government and vaccine mandates.

■ RETURN TO IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Following the return to in-person Council meetings, the City continues to be committed to following the direction of the Provincial Health Officer and the Province of BC to ensure the health and safety of members of Council, staff and the public.

Members of the public who wish to attend meetings of Council are required to wear a mask.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

CANCELLED | Monday, November 15th

4:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers

Thursday, November 18th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Committee Room

Monday, November 22nd

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers