

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held November 23, 2020.
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■ DELEGATIONS

BC Housing

Heidi Hartman, Regional Director of BC Housing discussed current shelter options in Port Alberni, particularly with respect to low-barrier emergency lodging.

Cascadia Seaweed

Erin Bremner-Mitchell, Manager of Communications and Engagement presented the story of Cascadia Seaweed and expressed their appreciation to the City of Port Alberni for recognizing the opportunity and welcoming Cascadia as an anchor tenant of the Port Alberni Food Hub.

Amira Strain on behalf of the Alberni Aquarium Association requested Council's financial support in the way of rent reduction due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on operations. Council encouraged the Aquarium to apply for the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy.

■ STAFF REPORTS

5170 Argyle Street [Port Pub]

The Manager of Community Safety provided an update regarding the property at 5170 Argyle Street in response to Council's Remedial Action Order. Following ongoing inspections, a few items remain outstanding, however the property owner continues to make substantial improvements in bringing the property into compliance. To ensure ongoing compliance, Council requested that staff provide another property update in six months' time.

3118 3rd Avenue [Harbourview Apartments]

The Manager of Community Safety provided an update regarding the property at 3118 3rd Avenue [Harbourview Apartments] in response to Council's Remedial Action Order. To date, little progress has been made to address the Remedial Action Requirements. Council will meet in-camera to consider next steps.

Remedial Action

Council imposed Remedial Action Requirements for the properties located at 3629, 3633, and 3655 4th Avenue. The remedial actions are to be carried out within 30 days.

Development Application-3483 3rd Avenue

Council approved Development Permit No. 20-08 with regards to the form and character of a commercial building at 3483 3rd Avenue.

On a related note and in an effort to streamline the application process, Council directed staff to provide a report summarizing the Development Permit Area guidelines as well as information about how to simplify the Development Permit process for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

■ BYLAWS

Development Application-4305 Kendall Ave.

Council received a report from the Manager of Planning regarding a Development Application to amend the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw to facilitate the construction of a 2-storey

building for the proposed Port Alberni Mother's Centre which will provide safe, inclusive housing for Indigenous mothers and children.

"Official Community Plan Amendment No.32 (4305 Kendall Avenue - BCHousing Oomiiqsu), Bylaw No. 5015", "Zoning Map Amendment No. 42 (4305 Kendall Avenue- BC Housing Oomiiqsu), Bylaw No. 5016" and "Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment No. T26 (Site Specific Use – P1 Institutional), Bylaw No. 5017" were introduced and read a first time.

Relocation of Recycled Homes

Council directed staff to proceed with amendments to the City's Building Bylaw No. 4577 as it relates to the relocation of recycled homes. The proposed changes will introduce refined wording for the benefit of staff and the public and reflect wording used by the City of Campbell River and the Regional District of Nanaimo. Further, that prior to Council considering final adoption of the Bylaw, that staff consult with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and local building and development stakeholders on the proposed changes.

■ **CORRESPONDENCE**

Vancouver Island Regional Library Board

Council appointed Councillor Haggard to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board for a one-year term commencing January 1 to December 31, 2021, with Mayor Minions appointed as alternate.

Mayor Minions also took this opportunity to provide an update regarding upcoming upgrades and renovations to our local branch, funded by the Vancouver Island Regional Library, which were postponed as a result of COVID-19.

Alberni Community & Women's Services – Coldest Night of the Year 2021

Council received a letter from Ellen Frood, Executive Director for Alberni Community & Women's Services providing information regarding the annual Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser event and challenging the City to enter a team.

■ **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

While City facilities remain closed to the public, public engagement continues to be a key priority of Council and while City Council continues to conduct their meetings electronically, residents are reminded to continue to engage with City Council by submitting your comments/questions to council@portalberni.ca. Submissions received in advance of, or during a council meeting will be read out by City staff during 'Public Input' or during the 'Question Period'. Please identify your submission as either Public Input or a Question and submissions will be presented in the order that they are received.

Individuals wishing to provide public input and/or questions of Council in real time [during Council's virtual meeting] we ask that you contact the Corporate Services department [250.723.2146] **no later than 9:00 am on the day of the meeting** in order to register and to discuss details on virtual participation. Please note that we will accommodate up to a maximum of four [4] individuals each re: public input/question period.

We thank residents for their ongoing patience and cooperation as we continue to navigate through this difficult time.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
[Zoom Platform]

Monday, December 14th

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
[Zoom Platform]

Thursday, December 17th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
[Zoom Platform]