

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

*An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held November 9, 2020.
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

Randy Brown addressed Council with regards to the City's homelessness situation.

Bill Collette of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce provided Council with an update on McLean Mill and plans to host a community-wide COVID friendly holiday heritage event at the Mill during the month of December. Mr. Collette also encouraged Council to support making an application to have the McLean Mill site removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

■ DELEGATIONS

Alberni Valley Community Foundation – Vital Signs 2020

Jean McIntosh and Hugh Grist of the Alberni Valley Community Foundation presented the 2020 Vital Signs report consisting of a community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada to measure the vitality of communities, identify significant trends and support action on issues that are critical to quality of life.

■ STAFF REPORTS

City Insurance

As a result of a shift in the liability insurance market and to seek best value for taxpayer's dollars, Council rescinded previous direction that staff issue a Request for Proposal for insurance coverage and authorized staff to obtain quotes for the City's annual insurance and liability coverage directly from the City's current broker AON, and the Municipal Insurance Association of BC [MIABC] for the City's 2021 insurance needs.

Investment Management Services

In response to staffing changes and the impact of COVID-19, Council authorized the collapse the Request for Proposal #029-19 – Investment Management Services and directed staff to

amend the RFP to reflect current investment needs of the City and reissue prior to March 31, 2021.

#ExplorePortAlberni Program

Council approved a six-month extension of the #ExplorePortAlberni program, an economic development and tourism initiative, while the City evaluates the program and looks for another possible approach to its delivery.

Summary of 2020 Council Resolutions

Council received a report from the Director of Corporate Services providing a status update of the 2020 Council resolutions [directives] to date.

In-Person Meetings of Council

Council received a report from the Director of Corporate Services providing information regarding additional resources and cost implications should Council decide to return to in-person meetings of Council. Due to both rising provincial COVID-19 cases and cost implications, Council resolved to continue to conduct meetings of Council electronically at this time. Council will review this direction in January 2021.

Release of Oil – McLean Mill

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update regarding a release of Bunker Oil at the McLean Mill National Historic Site. At present, the site is stable and contained and full remediation is expected. The incident is under investigation with the R.C.M.P.

Agricultural Land Commission-Non-Farm Use Permissions

Council received a report from the Chief Administrative Officer with regards to submitting an application to the Agricultural Land Commission to have the McLean Mill National Historic Site removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve. This exclusion would enable continuation of current commercial services and

activities at the site. Staff will bring forward a report outlining the associated costs involved with this process prior to submission.

■ **BYLAWS**

Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments – 2170 Mallory Drive

In response to a request from the new owners of the above-named property, all associated applications pertaining to the amendment of bylaws have been abandoned.

■ **CORRESPONDENCE**

Lisa George, Director of Operations, Phoenix 4 Enterprises Ltd.

Council received a letter from Lisa George, Director of Operations, Phoenix 4 Enterprises Ltd. regarding the need for a transitional action plan for the homeless community in Port Alberni.

■ **NEW BUSINESS**

Council requested staff prepare an update for the Regular meeting of Council November 23, 2020 with regards to the façade of the Port Alberni Squash and Billiards Club located at 3123 3rd Avenue.

Council also requested that staff prepare a report for the November 23, 2020 Regular meeting with regards to activities at 3629 4th Avenue, specifically legalities related to housing the homeless population in mobile trailers on-site.

■ **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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including all correspondence and reports are available at www.portalberni.ca Generally these are posted the Friday before each regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 19th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Committee Meeting
[Zoom Platform]

Monday, November 23rd

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

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