

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held October 23, 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.

■ BYLAWS

"Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 5090, 2023" and **"Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw No. 5091, 2023"** were adopted. These bylaws will enable the applicants to receive permissive tax exemptions as per the *Community Charter* which provides Council the authority for both permissive and statutory tax exemptions for properties owned by a charitable, philanthropic or other not-for-profit corporation.

"Official Community Plan Amendment (2780 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5084" and **"Zoning Amendment (2780 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5085"** were introduced, given first and second reading, and advanced to a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

The proposed bylaws upon adoption will enable the applicant to construct a single-detached dwelling.

"Official Community Plan Amendment (3690 Loewen Road and 2791 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5092" and **"Zoning Map Amendment (3690 Loewen Road and 2791 Burde Street) Bylaw No. 5093"** were introduced, given first and second reading, and advanced to a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

The proposed bylaws upon adoption will enable a lot boundary adjustment.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni Valley Makerspace

Council directed staff to prepare a letter of support for Alberni Valley Makerspace to accompany an application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program, Forest Impact Transition stream in advance of the October 30th deadline.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. Royal Canadian Legion Alberni Valley Branch 293 | Invitation to Mayor and Council to attend the Remembrance Day Service on November 11, 2023
- b. Ministry of Education and Child Care | Follow up letter Re: 2023 UBCM Convention Meeting
- c. FortisBC | Support for Emissions Reduction and Access to Low Carbon Energy
- d. Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness | Emergency Management Regulations Workshops and Engagement Opportunities
- e. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | September 6, 2023 Minutes

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Accessibility Committee

Council released for public consumption the following:

- a. Approval of the Terms of Reference | Accessibility Committee as provided by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
- b. Authorization for the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute an Accessibility Committee & Plan Funding Agreement between the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and the City of Port Alberni.
- c. Amendment to the "City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023" adding \$15,000 to line "021212 - Corporate Services" from line "29911- Contingency Funds" for 2023 to support creating an Accessibility Plan.
- d. Appointment of Councillor C. Solda, and Councillor D. Dame, as an alternate to represent the City of Port Alberni on the Accessibility Committee, a partnership with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Alberni Valley Community Forest Board

Council released for public consumption the appointment R. Corbeil and E. Badesso to the Board of Directors of the Alberni Valley Community Forest Board Corporation.

Departmental Reorganization

Council released for public consumption the approval of the reorganization of the Parks, Recreation and Heritage Department to Parks, Recreation and Culture Department including authorization to amend the "City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023" as follows:

- Adding \$13,777 to Line 27510 - Museum Services in 2023; and
- Ongoing funding in the amount of \$136,359 on Line 27510 - Museum Services in 2024 with CPI/Collective agreement increases onward.

■ NEW BUSINESS

UBCM Convention Meeting Follow-up

Council directed staff to prepare letters in follow-up to meetings held during the Union of BC Municipalities Convention held September 11-15, 2023 with the various ministries and agencies as follows:

- Premier David Eby
- Ministry of Education and Child Care
- Ministry of Forests
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Housing
- Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation
- Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
- Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
- BC Emergency Health Services
- Island Health

Tseshaht First Nation | October 20th Public Statement

In response to the public statement issued by Tseshaht First Nation regarding the Action4Canada organization and scheduled events in the City of Port Alberni, Council directed that staff prepare a report outlining options to keep City facilities free of hate and inclusive of all groups. Council further directed that plans to hold an event by Action4Canada [Tanya Gaw] in the community not be permitted to occur in City facilities.

Solid Waste Collection Service Update

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update regarding recent solid waste collection service delays noting that the two trucks experiencing mechanical issues have been repaired and normal operations have resumed.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Earl

Inquired regarding the United Nations and World Economic Forum and regarding proposed projects in the Argyle Street area.

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

We encourage you to remain informed on City business and community topics through the following options:

- 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.

The Council Summary is prepared following each regular Council meeting and posted on the City's website. You can also visit the City website and sign up to receive summaries delivered directly to your inbox.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, November 1st

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

Monday, November 13th

2:00 pm | Regular Council
Council Chambers

6:00 pm | Public Hearing
2780 Burde Street
3690 Loewen Road and 2791 Burde Street
Council Chambers

Monday, November 20th

6:00 pm | Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers