

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held October 25, 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 concern over the impacts of inflation and tax rates on the Senior population.

Wendy Kerr

Requested Council advocate for the local healthcare workers whom are being negatively impacted by the provincial vaccine mandate.

Elliot Drew

Announced the re-opening of the Capital Theatre, following a closure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, set to take place on November 19th at 7:30 pm featuring *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*.

Monica Ahlroos

New resident of Port Alberni suggesting an expansion of the garbage/recycling program to improve waste reduction and support climate change.

■ DELEGATIONS

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation

Chairman, Jim Sears, Directors Bob Cole, Chris Duncan, Gary Swann and Manager Chris Law presented a dividend cheque from the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation in the amount of \$300,000. Council expressed their sincere thanks for the Corporations work, and continued support. These contributions have assisted in numerous City initiatives including the \$2 million contribution that was utilized in the recent purchase of the Somass lands.

Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

President, Bill Collette provided an overview of Chamber initiatives including a new website, the Better Buy Port Alberni gift card program and the Municipal Regional District Tax program. Business Consultant, Elliot Drew provided a review of the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Program and results of the associated Business Survey Program.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alberni Climate Action

Following a request from the Alberni Climate Action committee at the September 27th Regular meeting and further to a report requested from Council for staff to provide background

information related to the 'Together for Climate Project Report 2020', Council declared a state of Climate Emergency.

Council received a background report from the Director of Engineering and Public Works on the 'Together for Climate Project Report 2020' and directed that the report be placed on the City website and that staff include the report and its proposed "Actions" for consideration in the 2021 OCP review and future strategic plans.

Hammer Throw

The Director of Parks, Recreation & Heritage provided a verbal report in response to an inquiry regarding the installation of the hammer throw landing area at Bob Dailey Stadium.

Development Permit | 3123 3rd Avenue

Staff responded to a Council inquiry as to the timeline on the Development Permit for 3123 3rd Avenue [Port Alberni Squash and Billiards Club]. Staff reported that while a building permit application has been received, additional information has been requested from the applicant prior to the issuance of a permit. For clarity, Council had previously issued a Development Permit which is valid for a period of two years.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Revitalization Tax Exemption Update | Industry

Council received a report from the Director of Finance regarding Industrial Revitalization Tax Exemptions and elected not to pursue exemptions for Class 4 and 5 industrial properties.

Connect the Quays Pathway Advisory Working Group

Council appointed Mayor Minions and CAO Pley as City representatives to the Connect the Quays Pathway Advisory Working Group. The Group, which also includes two representatives each from the Tseshaht and Hupacasath Nation, will provide project input and assist in identifying opportunities to celebrate and educate with regards to First Nation language, culture and history.

■ BYLAWS

“Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2022, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4997-2” was finally adopted. The three readings given to **“Places of Public Worship Exemption, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4998-2”** were rescinded.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni Clayoquot Metis Society

Council authorized the request from the Alberni Clayoquot Metis Society to fly the Metis flag at City Hall on Monday, November 15, 2021 in recognition of Louis Riel Day.

Council also received the correspondence summary which included:

- Audit Committee Minutes
- Judy Vatamanuick | Cannabis odour from residential complexes
Council requested that the item be forwarded to the Alberni Air Quality Society for consideration.
- Alberni Valley Museum & Heritage Commission Minutes
- Ministry of Education | 2021 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education
- Office of the Premier | Stronger BC Youth Leaders Council
Council requested that this item be forwarded to School District 70 and shared on the City's social media platforms to increase awareness.
- Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities | 2022 AMG & Convention
- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development | Modernizing Forest Policy

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Neil Anderson

Q1: Is there non-permitted construction occurring at 3123 3rd Avenue?

A: Staff have received a building permit application for façade works and are currently processing the application. Staff are not aware of any construction occurring at this time.

Q2: Is there the ability to address question period submissions on the agenda in a manner that would permit the ability for rebuttal by the individual submitting the question?

A: Council meetings are guided by the 'Council Procedures Bylaw'. Council may wish to consider this during a formal review of the Bylaw.

■ 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

Wednesday, November 3rd

7:00 pm – AV Heritage Commission Meeting @ Alberni Valley Museum

Monday, November 8th

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting Council Chambers