

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held September 25, 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.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair

Acting Mayor, Chair Patola shared information regarding the 'Connect with your City' Open House taking place Wednesday, September 27th from 6-8 pm at Echo Centre, 4255 Wallace Street. We invite you to meet our dedicated staff and gain a deeper understanding of the vital role each department plays in making Port Alberni a better place to live.

■ DELEGATIONS

Introduction | Manager of Community Safety and Social Development

Donna Monteith, Director of Corporate Services introduced the City's new Manager of Community Safety and Social Development, Mary Clare Massicotte.

■ BYLAWS

"Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 5090, 2023" and "Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw No. 5091, 2023" were introduced and given three readings. Upon adoption 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.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Community Arts Council & Arrowsmith Rotary Club | Art Auction Fundraiser

Council authorized the Community Arts Council and Arrowsmith Rotary Club to host an Art Auction Fundraiser 'Cork & Canvas' on November 9th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Grove Art Gallery, #7-5440 Argyle Street, Harbour Quay.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- BC Nature Federation of BC Naturalists | Municipal Protected Areas Project Webinar, October 4, 2023
- BC Ombudsperson | Quarterly Report April 1 – June 30, 2023

- Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Industrial Business Sectors Impacted by Wildfires within British Columbia

■ PROCLAMATIONS

KidSport BC

Council proclaimed the week of October 1 - 7, 2023 as 'KidSport BC Powered by Sport BC Week'.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Council Leave Policy

Council approved Policy 3002-4 'Council Leave'. The Policy addresses the principles and eligibility of leave requests, along with the approval process, for Councillors seeking a leave beyond an illness or injury such as maternity, parental and bereavement leave or leave as it pertains to the care of an immediate family member.

Capitol Theatre | Liquor Primary License Structural Change

Council supported the Liquor Primary Structural Change [Capacity Increase] application for the Capitol Theatre operating at 4904 Argyle Street.

Notice of Motion | First Nation Representatives at Council Meetings

Notice of Motion to be brought forward to the October 10th Regular meeting for Council to consider directing staff to prepare a report outlining options for the inclusion of representatives from both Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nation at Council meetings.

■ 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, October 4th

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

Tuesday, October 10th

2:00 pm | Regular Council
Council Chambers

Monday, October 16th

6:00 pm | Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers