

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held September 27, 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

■ DELEGATIONS

Provincial Homeless Count 2020/21

Marcie DeWitt provided an overview of the 2020/21 Provincial Homeless Count. The count, which takes place over a 24-hour period, assists in understanding the scope and scale of homelessness and creates public awareness and knowledge of people experiencing homelessness. The results can be found at www.bchousing.org.

Alberni Climate Action

David Morton of Alberni Climate Action presented Council with an overview of the organization's work and requested that Council declare a state of Climate Emergency and further, that the ICLEI Port Alberni 2020 Report be included as a reference in the upcoming Official Community Plan review. Council will review the report in advance of considering the associated requests at a future meeting.

■ STAFF REPORTS

UBCM Strengthening Community Services Grant Project | Youth Programming

Council authorized staff to allocate \$44,500 from the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services grant project to bolster youth programming with the intent of providing local youth with supports and resources that assist in building individual skills and capacity in the prevention of homelessness.

Extend Licences to Occupy | Temporary Sidewalk Patios

Council extended its endorsement of the City's Guidelines for Temporary Sidewalk Patios and use of the Licence to Occupy agreement until June 1, 2022 and in the interim directed staff to establish criteria that commercial operators would be required to meet in order to be considered permanent.

WVIIHS Business Plan

Council authorized that the \$10,000 allocated in the 2020 Financial Plan for a Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society [WVIIHS] business plan be redirected to allow for WVIIHS to first undertake internal organizational changes and external relationship building.

Authorize Councillor Conference Registrations

Council authorized Councillor Haggard's virtual participation in the 15th Annual Vancouver Island Economic Summit taking place October 27 and 28, 2021 and Councillor Corbeil's participation in the Island Wood Industries Forum taking place October 12, 2021 in Port Alberni.

Parks, Recreation and Heritage Department

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage provided a quarterly overview of departmental operations and projects for the period of June to August 2021 noting that though the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Parks, Recreation and Heritage offerings, staff have been successful in adapting how they work to complete operational work, capital projects, and Council's strategic plan initiatives.

■ BYLAWS

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 34 (4905 Cherry Creek Road – Evans), Bylaw No. 5031", "Zoning Map Amendment No. 45 (4905 Cherry Creek Road – Evans), Bylaw No. 5032" and "Zoning Text Amendment No. T28 (Definition – Micro-Brewery/Micro-Distillery), Bylaw No. 5033" were read a third time. The proposed amendments would provide the ability to expand the commercial potential on the site and facilitate the operation of a micro-distillery.

"Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2022, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, Bylaw No. 4997-2" & "Places of Public Worship Exemption, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, Bylaw No. 4998-2" were given three readings by Council. The proposed amendments provide for modifications related to the City's annual review of organizational eligibility and consideration of new applicants.

■ CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

ACRD | Community Resiliency Investment Program

Council authorized the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to apply to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Program, to receive and manage grant funding on behalf of the City of Port Alberni as it relates to increasing our community's resiliency by undertaking community based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk of wildfire.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed the month of October 2021 as 'Community Inclusion Month' and 'Foster Family Month' in Port Alberni.

■ RETURN TO IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council for the City of Port Alberni is looking forward to the return of in-person Council meetings, and barring any change in provincial guidelines, in-person meetings are scheduled to resume at 2:00 pm on October 12, 2021 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The City is 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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City Council and staff wish to thank the community for their patience, understanding and ability to adapt to virtual Council meetings in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We look forward to welcoming the public back to in-person City Council meetings."

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, September 29th [Rescheduled from September 16th]

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

Wednesday, October 6th

4:30 pm – Audit Committee Meeting
Committee Room

Wednesday, October 6th

7:00 pm – AV Heritage Commission Meeting
[Zoom Platform]

Tuesday, October 12th

2:00 pm – Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers