

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held April 25, 2022.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or email: twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca

■ DELEGATIONS

Housing Development | 3027-3037 2nd Avenue

Dion Whyte, Director at New Commons Development and Katrina Kiefer, Executive Director for Canadian Mental Health provided Council with an update for the proposed housing development on City-owned lands located at 3027-3037 2nd Avenue.

The project, first introduced to Council in 2020, has been amended to now include a mixture of both supportive and affordable housing units in partnership with BC Housing. Council provided their continued support and directed staff to work with the proponents in establishing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society

Members Angie Blake and Bonnie Ruttan of the Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society provided information related to the 2022 Canada Day Parade and associated activities. Members also inquired regarding additional City support and expressed the need for community volunteers to help make the event a success. To volunteer please call 250.724.1997 [Angie Blake].

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Private Members Bill C-216

Council supported Private Member's Bill C-216 submitted by MP Gord Johns [Courtenay-Alberni] to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act.

■ BYLAWS

"City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5053, 2022" was adopted. The Tax Rates bylaw will set the tax rates required to balance the municipalities taxing obligations as outlined in the Financial Plan.

■ CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 | National Day of Mourning

Council authorized that the National Day of Mourning flag be flown at City Hall at half-mast on April 28th and that the City of Port Alberni observe a moment of silence at 11:00 am in respect of those who have died on the job. The flag will continue to be flown at half-mast through to May 6, 2022.

BC Community Forest Association | Tabular Stumpage Rates

Council directed staff to prepare a resolution for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities for Council's consideration in advance of the June 30th submission deadline in support of the BC Community Forest Association's request that the Province of British Columbia maintain the tabular rate structure for community forest agreements.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed the week of May 9 – 13, 2022 as '**Economic Development Week**' in Port Alberni, creating awareness and celebrating the value that economic development professionals bring to the community.

Council proclaimed May 12, 2022 as '**Moose Hide Campaign Day**' in Port Alberni in support of ending violence against women and children.

Council proclaimed May 17, 2022 as '**International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia**' in Port Alberni and authorized flying the Pride flag at City Hall in support of this day.

Council proclaimed June 8, 2022 as '**World Ocean's Day**' in Port Alberni in support of efforts to protect 30 percent of the ocean by 2030.

Council proclaimed June 19, 2022 '**Longest Day of SMILES**' in Port Alberni raising awareness on behalf of Operation Smile Canada whom provides surgery to those born with cleft conditions.

Council proclaimed the week of May 1 to 7, 2022 as '**Hospice Palliative Care Week in the Alberni Valley**' in Port Alberni celebrating and sharing achievements of hospice care and raising awareness in support of palliative care programs and services.

■ **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- City of Fort St. John | 'Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers'
- Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation | Stronger BC: A Plan for Today, a Vision for Tomorrow
- District of Sicamous | Invasive Mussel Defense Program & Luxury Tax on Recreational Boats
- Community Action Team | In Support of Bill C-216 to Amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
- United Way BC | 2022 Period Promise Campaign
- Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | March 2, 2022 Minutes

■ **REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

Appointees to Community Investment Program Committee

The Director of Corporate Services informed the public of the appointment of Callan Noye and Joshua Dahling to the City's Community Investment Program Committee effective April 1, 2022 and concluding December 31, 2022.

■ **QUESTION PERIOD**

Neil Anderson

Inquired regarding:

- Submission of a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities in support of increased subsidies for seniors.
- Contractors hired for the Kingsway Hotel renovations.
- Establishment of a Council Code of Conduct.

Joseph Leskosek

Requested information on the City's communication process related to flag status and proclamations.

■ **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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■ **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday, May 4th

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
Rollin Art Centre

Monday, May 9th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers