

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held August 8, 2022.  
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### ■ PUBLIC INPUT

#### Neil Anderson

Spoke to outstanding inquiries related to the Kingsway Hotel renovations.

#### Keith Ambrose

Expressed the importance of ensuring ample opportunity and inclusivity for those members of the public wishing to communicate with Council.

### ■ DELEGATIONS

#### Friends of Burde Street Beaver Ponds

Karen St. Pierre, Chair and Sandy McRuer provided a presentation on the ecological and social value of the Burde Street Beaver Ponds as well as the importance of establishing municipal riparian area protection regulations.

### ■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Committee of the Whole meeting | Official Community Plan Update [OCP]

Following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 25, 2022, Council approved revisions to Touchstones within the draft OCP Vision and Guiding Principles document and directed staff to proceed with seeking community feedback.

Council further directed staff to implement the OCP Engagement and Communications Strategy as prepared by FRANK planning collaborative.

For more information on the OCP review and update and to find out how you can participate in the process, we invite you to visit [www.letsconnectpa.ca/ocp](http://www.letsconnectpa.ca/ocp).

### ■ STAFF REPORTS

#### RCMP Department

Officer in Charge, Inspector Eric Rochette presented policing activities undertaken during the months of April to June 2022, noting that overall, criminal offences are up by 18% compared to this same timeframe last year.

#### Old Wastewater Lagoon Desludging

Council awarded a portion of the contract for the Municipal Wastewater Lagoon Desludging (RFP 007-22) project to American Process Group (Canada) Ltd., in the amount of \$450,000 excluding GST. This is the first phase in the decommissioning process of the old lagoon.

#### Financial Plan Amendments

Council directed that "City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022" be amended as follows:

- i. Add \$500,000 in 2023 from General Revenue [taxation] for the purpose of increasing the project contingency budget for the Child Care Center Project;
- ii. Amend the overall budget for Project 21024 | Child Care Centre Project from \$2,900,000 to \$4,644,989 to reflect a \$1,244,989 increase in grant funding [total grant funding \$4,144,989];
- iii. Borrow \$210,000 from the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund [ERRF] in 2022 for the purpose of completing project 21020 - Train Station Seismic Upgrades;
- iv. Transfer \$60,000 in 2022 from Line 29911 - Contingency Funds for the purpose of completing project 21020 - Train Station Seismic Upgrades;
- v. Amend the overall budget for the capital project 21020 – Train Station Seismic Upgrades to \$860,000; and
- vi. Assign \$140,000 from Line 29911 – Contingency Funds for the purpose of funding the City's contribution to construction of the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sleeping Pod facility.

### ■ BYLAWS

"Zoning Map Amendment No. 51 (5450 Greenard Street – Hopkins), Bylaw No. 5056" was read a third time. The bylaw upon adoption will facilitate the consolidation of existing lots to create 5 new small single-family lots.

**“Zoning Map Amendment No. 53 (4925 Leslie Avenue- Needham), Bylaw No. 5059”** was read a third time. The bylaw upon adoption will enable the addition of a new small single-family lot.

**“Official Community Plan Amendment No. 36, Bylaw No. 5042”, “Zoning Text Amendment No. T30, Bylaw No. 5043 and “Zoning Map Amendment No. 47, Bylaw No. 5044”** were adopted. The bylaws will enable a high-density multi-family in-fill development at the following properties: 4835 & 4825 Burde Street, 3618 & 3614 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue creating 40-units of bachelor and 1-bedroom rental housing.

## ■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of the Community Action Team, Council proclaimed August 31, 2022 as **‘International Overdose Awareness Day’** in the City of Port Alberni.

## ■ CORRESPONDENCE

### **Pink Buffalo Films**

Council authorized Pink Buffalo Films, in accordance with the City's 'Filming on Location Policy' to film on August 9, 2022 at Johnston Road and Victoria Quay in relation to the Topaz Cable Landing project.

### **Port Alberni Toy Run Association**

Council supported the Port Alberni Toy Run Event taking place on September 17 & 18, 2022 subject to a number of traffic and safety conditions and proclaimed the week of September 12 to 18, 2022 as **‘Toy Run Week’** in the City of Port Alberni.

### **Council also received their correspondence summary which included a letter from:**

- Alberni Valley Lions Club Bullhead Derby | Saturday, August 20, 2022 @ Maritime Heritage Discovery Centre 9:30 – 11:15 am
- Union of British Columbia Municipalities | Community Works Fund Payment
- Rebecca Terepocki | Temporary Shelter on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Advertising of Cannabis
- 2022 Grad Class and Prom Committee | Thank you card
- Lesley Fox | Providing support to the Friends of Burde Street Beaver Ponds

## ■ QUESTION PERIOD

### **Neil Anderson**

Reiterated questions pertaining to the permitting process and contractors involved with the Kingsway Hotel renovation.

### **Marilyn Kapchinsky**

Inquired regarding the availability of a public washroom on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue which will be located in the City's new Public Safety building, set to open mid-September, and will be available to the general public during regular business hours. Ms.

Kapchinsky further inquired regarding the mobile shower trailer operated by the Salvation Army.

### **Randy Fraser**

Posed a number of questions related to the remediation and future development of the Somass Lands site.

### **Roland Smith**

Presented various questions related to Financial Plan amendments, sewer rate fees and capital project costs and timelines, particularly the Combined Sewer Separation Project.

Mr. Smith also requested that City parks staff trim the blackberry bushes located on the Kitsuksis Dyke between Margaret Street and Compton Road.

### **Joseph Leskosek**

Inquired as to the fee structure and expiration process related to development applications.

## ■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

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## ■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

### **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm - Committee of the Whole | Council Code of Conduct  
Council Chambers

### **Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission  
Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 pm – Regular Council  
Council Chambers

### **Wednesday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

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