

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held February 27, 2023.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or email: danielle.leurebourg@portalberni.ca

■ DELEGATIONS

Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot

Reana Miller provided information on the proposed Adventure Sport Park project, an initiative to create an all ages multi-component skills development park for the adventure sports of skateboarding, BMX, and mountain biking in the Echo Park area. Council directed staff to prepare a report outlining potential opportunities for the City to support the project.

Alberni Clayoquot Health Network

Marcie DeWitt presented an annual overview of the Network, a community driven mechanism that helps to build partnerships and capacity; share concerns, ideas and resources and create innovative solutions that impact the social determinants of health and work towards sustainable healthy communities.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Five Year Financial Plan Q&A Summary

The Director of Finance invited questions from Council as it relates to the draft 2023-2027 Financial Plan. Discussions on the Plan will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting March 6, 2023 at 6 pm in City Hall, Council Chambers. For more information visit www.portalberni.ca/budget.

Roger Creek Connector Trail Project | Grant Funding Award

Council was informed of a successful grant funding award from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in the amount of \$435,978 for the Roger Creek Connector Trail Project. Council will consider this project as it relates to the budget during the ongoing Financial Plan process.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Council received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- School District 70 Pacific Rim | 2023-2028 Strategic Planning Process
- Forest Enhancement Society of BC | Climate Change

- Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation | Support for Recapitalization of ICET
- Union of BC Municipalities | Response to Resolution 2022-EB33
- B. Gordon | Proposed Tax Rate Increase
- D. Dunbar | Allocation of Taxes for City Recreational Services

Council directed staff to invite the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District as a delegation to present on shared service arrangements and further directed that staff prepare a report outlining the allocation of regional district funds allocated to the City for recreation services.

- J. Lavertu | Request for Power to Meridian on Upper Johnston Road

Council directed staff to prepare a report regarding the feasibility of providing power to the meridian on upper Johnston Road, including cost implications.

- R. Terepocki | Proposed Tax Rate Increase
- D. Nash | Bylaw Noise Complaint

■ NEW BUSINESS

Virtual Meeting Technology & Online Question Period

Council deferred notices of motion to the June 12th Regular meeting related to the implementation of virtual Council meeting technology including the provision for online audiences to submit 'live questions'.

Staff Report Policy

Council directed staff to prepare a policy regarding the structure of staff reports for Council consideration.

3123 3rd Avenue | Racquet Club

Council directed staff to prepare a report providing an update on the development permit status at 3123 3rd Avenue.

Truth and Reconciliation | Calls to Action

[Notice of Motion] for the March 13, 2023 Regular meeting that Council direct staff to prepare a report to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

K. Ambrose

Requested Council consider not implementing virtual meeting technology for Council meetings.

R. Smith

Requested details related to agreements made between the City and Fortis BC and the City and the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce.

L. Hagen

Inquired about a project underway in the Staples parking lot and the process for funding received by the City from senior governments.

J. Leskosek

Requested 2023 budget details related to the Somass Lands and clarity on the potential future relocation of the Public Works facility.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, March 1st

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

Monday, March 6th

6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
2023 – 2027 Financial Plan
Council Chambers

Monday, March 13th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers