

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held February 14, 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

Broombusters Invasive Plant Society

Executive Director, Joanne Sales presented Council with an update as to the work accomplished by volunteers in 2021 and requested Council's support as they continue their efforts to remove 'broom in bloom' throughout 2022. Broombusters is always looking for volunteers to tackle broom removal [late April/early May]. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.broombusters.org.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Five Year Financial Plan Q&A Summary

The Director of Finance presented a summary of questions and responses as it relates to the 2022-2026 Financial Planning process. The next Committee of the Whole Financial Plan meeting takes place Tuesday, February 22nd at 4 pm.

Alberni Pacific Division Curtailment Update

Staff continue to communicate with Western Forest Products regarding operations at Alberni Pacific Division and will provide updates to Council as they are received.

Old Growth Deferral

Further to Council's direction at the November 8th Regular meeting, staff drafted a letter to the province requesting that the City be provided the opportunity to provide input into the Old Growth Deferral strategy. In light of ongoing communication between City representatives and local related agencies regarding this issue, Council will revisit the draft letter.

Street Line Painting Timeline

The pandemic and associated supply chain issues impacted the completion of street line painting in 2021. Annual street line painting will once again commence in the Spring.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department | Aerial Apparatus, Financial Plan Amendment & Contract Award

Council authorized an amendment to the 'City of Port Alberni 2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No.

5045, 2022' to increase the funding allocation for the purchase of an Aerial Truck

Council further awarded the contract for the 100' platform truck to Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd. in the amount of \$1,863,886 plus applicable taxes to be delivered in 2023.

Council Chambers | Audio-Visual Upgrades

Council allocated \$75,000 of COVID-19 Restart funding and authorized staff to accept the quote from Pacific Audio Works to undertake audio-visual upgrades in Council Chambers. The upgrades will provide increased access and virtual participation opportunities.

2022 General Local Election | Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officers

Council appointed Twyla Slonski as Chief Election Officer and Sara Darling and Tanis Feltrin as Deputy Chief Election Officers for the purpose of administering and conducting the 2022 General Local Election.

■ CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

ADSS 2022 Parent Prom Committee

Council authorized access to City streets from Burde St. to 10th Ave. to Roger St. ending at the Athletic Hall [3727 Roger St.] for the purpose of a prom parade on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Wounded Warrior Run BC

Council authorized access to City streets from Hwy 4 [Johnston Rd.] to Gertrude St. to Roger St. to Victoria Quay, ending at the Port Alberni Legion Branch #293 for the purpose of the Wounded Warrior Run on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed March 26, 2022 as 'International PURPLE DAY®' on behalf of the BC Epilepsy Society.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Council received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Randy Fraser | Sale of Martin Mars Water Bomber
- City of Abashiri | Celebrating 35 Years of Friendship
- Statistics Canada | 2021 Census Data
- Heritage BC | Heritage Week - February 21-27, 2022
- CMHA, Uchucklesaht Tribe Govt, Uptown Merchants, BCEHS | In Support of Public Washroom Facilities
- The Abbeyfield Houses Alberni Valley Society | Request for Dedicated Parkland
- Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | January 5, 2022 Minutes
- Twin City Brewing | Temporary Expanded Service Area
- LeFevre & Company | Development Approval Process
- Elizabeth Parfitt | Dunbar Street and 10th Avenue Intersection
- Rebecca Terepocki | Public Washroom Facility Locations
- District of Stewart | In Support of BC Wildfires Petition
- City of Victoria | Support for the Legal Challenge Against Bill 21
- Village of Cumberland | In Support of Bill C-216

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, February 15th

6:00 pm – Public Hearing | 5405 Argyle Street
Council Chambers

Thursday, February 17th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Committee Room

Tuesday, February 22nd

4:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers

Monday, February 28th

9:30 am – Audit Committee
Committee Room

Monday, February 28th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 2nd

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
Visitor Centre