

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held February 28, 2022.  
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### Introductory Remarks from Mayor Minions

The Mayor provided comment on behalf of Council in regards to the Kingsway Hotel and questions related to renovations, thanking members of the community who continued to bring their concerns forward on this issue and noting that Council has learned a great deal from this experience and will be exploring a Council code of conduct and more clear policy around how Council and staff respond to community concerns moving forward.

### ■ PUBLIC INPUT

#### R.L Miller

Spoke to correspondence submitted requesting recognition of the [former] owner of Little Bavaria Restaurant, Kathy Krznaric for her contribution and support to the community.

Council directed staff to prepare a letter congratulating Ms. Kznaric on her recent retirement and thanking her for her numerous contributions over the many years and longstanding investment in the community.

### ■ DELEGATIONS

#### Twining Society

Dave Grant and Laurie Money presented Council with a historical booklet created by the City of Abashiri documenting the 35 Year Sister City friendship and a commemoration plaque designed by the Twining Society.

### ■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### “City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022”

Council amended the “City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022” allocating the remaining \$2,241,022 of COVID-19 Restart Funding and \$482,000 of surplus from 2021 for the carry forward of operational expenditures.

Council further allocated additional surplus from 2021 in the amount of \$200,000 to the Connect the Quays Pathway project and \$50,000 to Tree Planting.

These amendments resulted in a property tax decrease of 4.97% to 3.96% for 2022.

### Five Year Financial Plan Q&A Summary

Council received the summary of questions and responses as it relates to the 2022 – 2026 Financial Planning process.

### Old Growth Deferral

Council submitted a letter to the Ministry of Forests requesting the opportunity to collaborate in the Old Growth Deferral strategy process.

### ■ STAFF REPORTS

#### Development Variance Permit No. 110 | 4841 Redford Street

Council authorized the issuance of a Development Variance Permit to facilitate a lot line relocation at 4841 Redford Street.

#### Award of RFP #024-21 | Public Safety Building Renovations

Council awarded proposal #024-21, City of Port Alberni Public Safety Building Renovations to COPCAN Construction in the amount of \$631,480.00, amending the “City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022” to increase the Capital Plan by \$400,000 coming from the Emergency Reserve.

#### Award of Construction Manager Services for Childcare Centre | 3045 8th Avenue

Further to receipt of \$2.9M in funding for the construction for a new childcare centre, Council awarded “Request for Proposal 023-21, Construction Manager: Childcare Center” to MKM Projects Ltd.

### ■ BYLAWS

#### “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 introduced, given two readings and advanced to a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

The proposed bylaws upon adoption 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.

**“Official Community Plan Amendment No. 35 Bylaw No. 5036” and “Zoning Map Amendment No. 46 Bylaw No. 5037”** were read a third time. The proposed bylaws, upon adoption, will facilitate the development of Transition Housing at 4440 Vimy Street.

## ■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed March 21, 2022 as ‘World Down Syndrome Day’ on behalf of the Vancouver Island Down Syndrome Society.

## ■ CORRESPONDENCE

### BC Farmers’ Markets

Council directed staff to prepare a letter of thanks to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health in support of the BC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

### Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- BC Ombudsperson | Quarterly Report October 1 – December 31, 2021
- Village of Chase | In support of the BC Wildfires Petition
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General | Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit Expansion
- BC Senior Games Society | Bid Application Package for 55+ BC Games
- R.L. Miller | Recommendation for Outstanding Citizen Award | Kathy Krznaric [Little Bavaria]
- Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation | StongerBC Economic Plan
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure | Beaver Creek & River Rd. Intersection Improvements
- R. Fraser | Financial Plan Enquiries
- R. Smith | Financial Plan Enquiries & Question Period Procedure
- L. Walerius | Hybrid Council Meetings

## ■ QUESTION PERIOD

**Neil Anderson** responded to the Mayor’s introductory remarks related to the Kingsway Hotel and further inquired as to:

- The return of departmental budget presentations within the financial planning process;
- Award of Tenders versus Request for Proposals as it relates to the lowest bidder; and
- Increased construction costs for the Public Safety Building.

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## ■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

### Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission | Visitor Centre

### Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm – Committee of the Whole | Financial Plan E-Town Hall | Council Chambers & Zoom Webinar

### Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm – Regular Council | Council Chambers