

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held January 17, 2022.

This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or e-mail: twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca

The City experienced technical difficulties with the livestreaming of the January 17th Council meeting. Staff are working to rectify the issue and expect to have the full recording posted to the City website shortly. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

■ PUBLIC INPUT

Neil Anderson

Expressed concern over City and Council management of infractions related to renovations at the Kingsway Hotel.

Tim Towle

Commented on the Connect the Quays Pathway project and the City's plans to move forward with construction on portions of the pathway prior to grant funding being secured.

■ DELEGATIONS

Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society

David Hooper informed Council that 2022 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the manufacture of the "Made-in-BC Hayes" truck. The Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society, in co-operation with the AV Museum, will be hosting a "Hayes 100" Truck Show on the BC Day long Weekend, July 30-31 and August 1, on the Fall Fairgrounds in Port Alberni.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2021 Council Resolution Tracking Summary

The Director of Corporate Services provided Council with a summary of 2021 Council resolutions, noting of 294 directives, 19 remain outstanding.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Council of Forest Industries Annual Convention

Council authorized Mayor Minions and Councillors Corbeil and Haggard to attend the BC Council of Forest Industries Annual Convention taking place on April 27 – 29, 2022 in Vancouver. Participants will benefit from receiving information on key challenges and opportunities for the forest sector in BC to assist the City in charting a path forward for a healthy and sustainable economic future.

Cannabis Regulations

The Manager of Community Safety provided Council with information regarding Cannabis regulations, including the jurisdictional framework and associated effects related to zoning within the City. Council directed staff to bring forward a report for Council's consideration of potential amendments to the City of Port Alberni Nuisance Abatement Bylaw that may enable the City to regulate cannabis related odour complaints.

■ BYLAWS

Development Application | Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 5405 Argyle Street, Bylaw No. 5039 was given two readings by Council and a Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. The proposed bylaw, upon adoption, will facilitate additional site-specific uses including personal services and residential use to enable an existing second storey suite.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed February 7-13, 2022 as 'Abashiri Week' in celebration of the 35th Anniversary of Port Alberni and Abashiri as Sister Cities.

Council also proclaimed February 6-12, 2022 as 'White Cane Week' on behalf of the Alberni Valley Chapter Canadian Council of the Blind.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Resolution Notice & Submission Process

Council identified three resolutions for submission to the 2022 AVICC convention pertaining to:

- Increased resources for Health Canada to manage Local Government challenges related to Cannabis regulations;
- Minimal barrier shelter standards; and
- BC Ambulance Service, advanced life support paramedic services for remote locations.

Alberni Valley Community Forest

Council supported the request from the Alberni Valley Community Forest to provide a donation to the Salvation Army for a community project to beautify the corner of 10th Avenue and Redford Street.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Roland Smith | Council Meeting Procedure Re: Kingsway Hotel
- City of Abashiri | Sister City Exhibition 2021
- Marlie van Roy | Burde Street Beaver Ponds
- Alberni Climate Action | OCP Public Consultation Process
- BC SPCA | Reassessing use of rodenticides
- Shary & Ross Stevens | Connect the Quays/Somass Lands
- District of North Saanich | Elected Officials – Parental Leave
- Lookout Society | Annual Report & Strategic Plan
- Girl Guides of Canada | World Thinking Day
- Ministry of Transportation | Municipal Speed Limits
- BC Hydro | ReGreening Program Update
- Dave Jarrett | Burde Street Beaver Ponds
- Alberni Valley Museum & Heritage Commission | Minutes December 1, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

BC Property Assessments

Council provided comment on the 2021 BC Property Assessments noting a 47 percent average increase City-wide, further commenting that assessment amounts do not directly affect City taxes but rather are relative to the community average increase. The public is encouraged to visit bcassessment.ca to find important answers to common assessment questions and for information on how to file an appeal by the January 31st deadline.

QUESTION PERIOD

Neil Anderson

Inquired as to the possibility of petitioning senior governments to increase the benefits provided to seniors to meet increasing living costs. Mr. Anderson also addressed outstanding questions related to renovations at the Kingsway Hotel.

Diane Proctor

Questioned Council regarding the Connect the Quays Pathway project and the Council remuneration process.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public who wish to attend meetings of Council are required to wear a mask and physical distancing will be in effect.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, January 20th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Monday, January 24th

4:00 pm – Committee of the Whole | Financial Plan Introduction - Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 25th

6:00 pm – Public Hearing | 4440 Vimy Street [BC Housing - ACAWS] – Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 26th

4:00 pm – Committee of the Whole | Official Community Plan Review Introduction - Council Chambers

Monday, January 31st

2:00 pm - Regular Council
Council Chambers