

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held March 13, 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

Introductory Remarks from Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions offered thanks to the community and all those involved in the response and repair of the City's main water supply line which was damaged during an accident on Franklin River Road.

■ PUBLIC INPUT

M. Braunagel

Commented on the unhoused population in the City.

M. Moore

Announced the opening of the Alberni Valley Makerspace, a non-profit society operating a community hub and entrepreneurial incubator for makers in the Alberni Valley by providing access to affordable tools, resources, lessons, and a shared workspace. For more information visit <https://www.albernimakerspace.ca/>

■ DELEGATIONS

BC SPCA

C. Bownick, S. Sattar and L. Davis provided an overview of services and presented plans for the proposed new shelter building. For more information including volunteer opportunities visit <https://spca.bc.ca/locations/alberni-clayoquot/>

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Procedures Bylaw | Agenda Distribution Amendment

Council received information related to the proposed change to the agenda distribution deadline for consideration during the upcoming Council Procedures Bylaw Amendment process.

Upper Johnston Road Lighting

Council received a report regarding the provision of power to the center median on Upper Johnston Road to enable installation of lighting on the existing trees and bushes to be considered within the Financial Plan for 2023.

Pathway and Trail Project Update

Council received an update on the pathway and trail projects for which the City has received grant funding.

Five Year Financial Plan 2023 – 2027, Bylaw No. 5075" | Amendment

Council approved a number of amendments to the Five Year Financial Plan bylaw to be considered for 2nd Reading at the March 27th Regular Council meeting.

Council also directed that staff prepare a report outlining future repair and maintenance requirements related to City fields, with a priority focus on those utilized by youth sports.

Council further directed that staff undertake a review of the Parks, Recreation and Heritage user fees in 2023 for implementation in 2024.

Financial Plan Q&A Summary

Council received the summary of questions and responses as it relates to the 2023 – 2027 Financial Planning process.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Quarterly Reports

Council received 1st Quarter Reports from the Economic Development Department, Engineering and Public Works Department and Fire Department.

■ BYLAWS

"Zoning Map Amendment No. 59 (3911 and 3909 Cedar Street – Hopkins) Bylaw No. 5072" was adopted. The bylaw will enable a subdivision application (lot line adjustment) with the aim of building a new single detached dwelling at 3909 Cedar Street.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, Council proclaimed the week of June 19 - 25, 2023 as 'Island Good Days Week' in Port Alberni.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association

Council authorized the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Society to conduct a 'cruise' event to begin at the Alberni Athletic Hall at 6:30 pm on Saturday, August 12, 2023 subject to a number of safety and traffic conditions.

Coastline Endurance Running | Trail Running Event

Council authorized Coastline Endurance Running access to City streets/trails on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for the purpose of a trail running event starting at the Port Alberni Rugby Club subject to subject to a number of safety and traffic conditions.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- C. Alemany | AW Neill Street Name Change
Council directed staff to prepare a report outlining costs and implications related to the potential name change of Neill Street, which commemorates Alan Webster Neill.
- Beta Sigma Phi Laureate Delta Kappa Chapter | Request for the Community Arts Council 'The Grove' to remain at Alberni Harbour Quay
- Tseshaht First Nation | 26 Calls for Truth and Justice
- D. Peffers | New Aquatic Centre and Turf Field
- Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Minutes | February 1, 2023

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Harbour Quay Lease Agreements

Council released for public consumption Notice of its Intent to lease Unit 3 to J. Marchant | Donut Shop and Unit 15 to C. Dupas | Grassroots at the Alberni Harbour Quay for a five-year term.

Sale of Somass Equipment

Council released for public consumption the sale of salvaged materials, equipment and structures from Somass Lands to Toquaht Developments Ltd. in the amount of \$74,100, plus applicable taxes and Franklin Forest Products in the amount of \$17,900, plus applicable taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

Tseshaht First Nation 26 Calls for Truth and Justice

Council directed staff to prepare a report addressing the Tseshaht First Nation | 26 Calls for Truth and Justice.

Development Application | 3100 3rd Avenue

Council authorized the issuance of Development Permit No. 23-01 to enable a façade renovation of the building at 3100 3rd Avenue.

UBCM | Housing Summit

Council authorized Councillor Dame to participate in the UBCM Housing Summit Housing BC Together' taking place April 4 – 5, 2023 in Vancouver, BC which will bring together innovators from local government, industry, the not-for-profit and Indigenous housing sectors to identify solutions for improving housing affordability and attainability across the province.

FCM | 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show

Council authorized Councillor Patola to participate with Mayor Minions in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2023 'Local Action, National Results' Annual Conference and Trade Show, the largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials, taking place May 25 – 28, 2023 in Toronto, Ontario.

Three Stream Waste Collection Service Contract Amendment

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to amend the "3-Stream Waste Collection Service Agreement" with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, to provide a \$1,700 per month reduction of costs for the handling and shipping of recyclable materials, related to the City's curbside collecting of recyclable materials within the City for 2023.

QUESTION PERIOD

R. Smith

Requested that the Growing Communities Fund expenditures be tracked and reported.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, March 16th

CANCELLED | Advisory Planning Commission Council Chambers

Monday, March 20th

6:00 pm – E-Town Hall

To register for the webinar, visit

www.portalberni.ca or attend in-person at City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, March 27th

2:00 pm – Regular Council Council Chambers