

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held March 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

Introductory Remarks from Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions introduced the City's new Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Fox.

■ PUBLIC INPUT

M. Youd

Spoke to a petition submitted to Council by residents of 6th Avenue [Melrose Street to Bruce Street] requesting that capital infrastructure funding previously allocated for the area not be deferred.

J. Leskosek

Corrected an item of public input provided by himself during a previous Council meeting.

■ DELEGATIONS

Rotary Club | Community Clean Up Day

Council provided support for the Rotary Club community wide clean-up day scheduled Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am - 2 pm in conjunction with Earth Day and authorized staff to provide a donation of gloves, trash bags, and litter grabbers from the Public Works department. For more information or to volunteer, please call 250.731.6555.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Council approved a number of amendments to the Five Year Financial Plan bylaw and provided second reading. For information on the Financial Planning process including ways to participate, visit www.portalberni.ca/budget.

Financial Plan Q&A Summary

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

March 6th CoW Recommendations

Council endorsed recommendations from the March 6th Committee of the Whole meeting directing staff to prepare reports as it relates to the establishment of reserves and increases to Development Cost Charges.

March 20th CoW Recommendations

Council endorsed recommendations from the March 20th Committee of the Whole meeting directing staff to prepare a report related to the feasibility of additional funding for softball field repair and maintenance in the 2023-2027 Financial Plan.

Council further endorsed the recommendation that Growing Communities Fund requests be brought forward with provincial criteria as staff are made aware of them.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Quarterly Reports

Council received 1st Quarter Reports from the Corporate Services Department, Finance and Information Technology Department and Parks, Recreation & Heritage Department.

■ BYLAWS

“Official Community Plan Amendment No. 40 (2601 Burde Street – lrg), Bylaw No. 5070” and “Zoning Map Amendment No. 58 (2601 Burde Street – lrg) Bylaw No. 5071” were introduced, given first and second reading, and advanced to a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

The proposed bylaws upon adoption will enable a subdivision application that would create five (5) low-density residential lots.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of the Guillain-Barré Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Foundation of Canada, Council proclaimed the month of May 2023 as ‘GBS and CIDP Awareness Month’ in Port Alberni.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

BC Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon Program

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:

- Union of BC Municipalities | Response to Council Resolution Re: Safe and Clean Affordable Housing
 - C. & B. Yeo | Rex Road City Boulevard
 - O. Brown | Echo Pool Closures
 - D. Isbister | Pool Facility Closures
 - Alberni Valley Ringette Association | Ice Time Bookings
 - Ministry of Forests | Spongy Moth Eradication Pesticide Use Permit Issued for Aerial Spraying
 - Ministry of Forests | Interfor Corporation's Tenure Dispositions in Coastal BC
 - Union of BC Municipalities | Strategic Priorities Fund Application for Integrated Asset Management and GIS Strategy (22-0912-SPF)
 - Union of BC Municipalities | Strategic Priorities Fund Application for Sustainable Environmental Infrastructure Upgrade – Phase 1 [Argyle – 1st to 3rd] (22-0571-SPF)
 - R. Brandon, D. Piatka, D. & L. Brown, and M. Forcier, | Falls Street Hedge Enforcement Complaints
- Council deferred enforcement of the respective provisions of Zoning Bylaw 4832 pending the May 15th Committee of the Whole meeting at which time a report will be brought forward for consideration outlining alternatives on the matter.*
- Mosaic Forest Management | Watershed Fact Sheets
 - R. Toso | Commercial Parking Enforcement
 - M. Youd | 6th Avenue Capital Funding Petition

■ **REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

Rail Trail Agreement

Council released execution of a Rail Trail Agreement between the City and the Island Corridor Foundation, for the purpose of enabling construction of a public use pathway within the Island Corridor Foundation's rail corridor.

Alberni Harbour Quay

Council released Notice of its Intent to lease the following units at the Alberni Harbour Quay for a five-year term:

- Unit 9 to M. Clark and D. Jones | Ideal Me
- Unit 13 to K. Smith | Sea Dragon Studios
- Unit 16 to L. Gover | Sassy Woodpecker

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

Council released an amendment to the Five Year Financial Plan to include \$35,000 in 2023 for the purpose of implementing the structural recommendations of the City Hall Violence Risk Assessment Final Report and to consider including additional budget to undertake similar work at other City facilities.

■ **NEW BUSINESS**

ALC Non-Farm Use Permit on ALR Land

Council supported Tseshaht First Nation's application for non-farm use for a proposed campground noting that an application for a Zoning and Official Community Plan amendment may be required if the ALC approves the non-farm use along with an easement for the City to access utilities.

Temporary Expanded Service Area

Council extended the Temporary Expanded Service Area to December 31, 2024 to permit patios to continue operating on City owned land and authorized an application fee of \$300.

Council further directed staff to establish a Bylaw outlining the process for which approval of permanent or seasonal patios on City owned land is undertaken.

Shaw Cablesystems Limited | Municipal Access Agreement

Council authorized execution of a Municipal Access Agreement between Shaw Cable and the City of Port Alberni.

■ **QUESTION PERIOD**

R. Fraser

Inquired regarding financial plan amendments and other budget related items.

J. Leskosek

Inquired regarding public access and safety guidelines as it would relate to sidewalk patios.

■ **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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■ **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday, April 5th

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
McLean Mill

Tuesday, April 11th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers