

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held March 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

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Dam Safety Review

Council authorized early approval and award of contract to Tetra Tech Canada Inc. in the amount of \$84,656.16, plus applicable taxes as allocated in the "City of Port Alberni 2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022" to complete a Dam Safety Review of the Lizard Lake and Bainbridge Lake Dams.

Argyle Sewer Forcemain

Council authorized an amendment to the "City of Port Alberni 2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022" by re-allocating \$1.89M towards replacement of the Argyle Sewer Forcemain.

In an effort to avoid cost escalations, Council further authorized early budget approval to purchase the pipe and related materials required to replace the Argyle Sewer Forcemain in the amount of \$400,000.

■ BYLAWS

"City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022"

Council authorized an amendment to the "City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022", allocating \$60,000 from the Gas Tax grant fund to "2022 Capital Plan – Parks Recreation and Heritage" for the replacement of the Glenwood Centre Boiler [HVAC].

Council then proceeded to give second reading of the "City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022".

"Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Site Specific Use – W1 Waterfront Commercial), Bylaw No. 5039" was read a third time and adopted, enabling specific personal service uses (barber, beauty shop, salon, spa) for the property located at 5405 Argyle Street.

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 35 (4440 Vimy Street – BC Housing – ACAWS), Bylaw No. 5036" and "Zoning Map Amendment No 46 (4440 Vimy Street – BC Housing – ACAWS), Bylaw No. 5037" were finally adopted, facilitating the development of Transition Housing at 4440 Vimy Street.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed the month of April 2022 as 'Parkinson's Awareness Month' on behalf of Parkinson Society British Columbia.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Council received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- BC Electoral Boundaries Commission | Invitation for Public Input [March 23rd, 12pm, Best Western Barclay]
- Union of BC Municipalities | Provincial Response to 2021 Resolutions
- Leslie Walerius | Procurement Policy & Recommendation for Additional City Staff
- Marta Williamson & Heather Murton | Request for Extended Hours of Operation at Echo Centre
The Parks, Recreation and Heritage department looks forward to returning to a Pre-COVID-19 model that includes meetings and events being held in extended hours [evenings and weekends]. Organizations are encouraged to contact Echo Centre staff for bookings.
- Russell Mackenzie | Ukrainian Fundraiser Event [Mar. 19th, 5:30-8:00 pm, Kinsmen Club]
- Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission | February 2, 2022 Minutes

■ NEW BUSINESS

Grassroots Homelessness Coalition

Council authorized an extension to the Grassroots Homelessness Coalition, Licence to Occupy Agreement through to May 15, 2022 for the purpose of providing temporary warming places on City owned lands [Tidebrook Park and 4th Avenue locations].

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Joseph Leskosek

Q: Would there be an opportunity to source the materials required for the Argyle Sewer Forcemain replacement project from a contractor directly for a lesser cost rather than the City pre-ordering and further, are there any grant opportunities available for this project?

A: The project consultant has designed the project and identified the required materials allowing for pre-ordering at current rates.

Given the availability of grants for this type of project combined with the associated application and processing times, a grant opportunity would not be a feasible option.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, March 17th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Committee Room

Monday, March 21st

4:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
Tax Rates | Capital Projects Update
Council Chambers

Monday, March 28th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 29th

6:00 pm – Public Hearing
4835 & 4825 Burde Street, 3618 & 3614 5th Avenue
Council Chambers