

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held March 28, 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

■ PUBLIC INPUT

Monica Alhroos

Expressed the importance of incorporating Port Alberni's natural resources within the OCP review and update process.

John Douglas

Offered thanks to Council and City staff for their guidance through the COVID-19 pandemic.

■ DELEGATIONS

Rotary Club | Community Clean Up Day

Council provided support for the Rotary Club of Port Alberni community wide clean-up day scheduled Saturday, April 23, 2022 and authorized staff to provide a donation of gloves, trash bags, and litter grabbers from the Public Works department.

Alberni Clayoquot Health Network | Poverty Reduction Action Plan

Council adopted the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network 'Building Prosperity in the Alberni Clayoquot: Poverty Reduction Action Plan. The Plan is available for viewing on the City website 'Document Library' at portalberni.ca.

Port Alberni Shelter Society [PASS]

Project Coordinator, John Douglas introduced Deputy Director, Kristine Douthwright and informed Council of recent initiatives undertaken by PASS. For more information visit portalbernishelter.com.

■ 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.

The summary is a living document that continues to be updated throughout the financial planning process as staff populate responses. Please continue to monitor the summary for responses as it is brought forward to each meeting until the Financial Plan is adopted by Council.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Introduction of Manager of Planning

The Acting CAO | Director of Development Services introduced Marianne Wade, the City's new Manager of Planning.

Early Approval for the Façade Improvement Program

Council provided early approval and authorized staff to proceed with the Façade Improvement Program for 2022 as allocated in the "City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022" in the amount of \$50,000.

The City of Port Alberni in partnership with Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot deliver this program which provides successful applicants with monetary assistance and design services to improve the character and physical appearance of their retail or commercial building. For information on how to apply visit the City website at portalberni.ca and search 'Façade Improvement'.

Award of Burde Street Watermain Replacement

Council amended the "City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022" by allocating monies from the Water Reserve in the amount of \$700,000 and awarded proposal IT002-22 Burde Street Watermain Replacement to Bowerman Construction Ltd., for the tendered price of \$915,685 plus applicable taxes.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

Council authorized Councillor Haggard to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2022 'Together for Recovery' Annual Conference and Trade Show with Mayor Minions, taking place June 2 - 5, 2022 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Council further authorized Councillor Paulson to participate in the conference virtually.

Council representation at this conference will assist in building connections amongst municipalities, provide a platform to discuss challenges and offer tools Council members can utilize within the community as we move forward in recovery.

■ BYLAWS

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

Council gave third reading of the “City of Port Alberni 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5045, 2022” as amended. Council will consider final adoption of the Bylaw at the April 11th Regular meeting.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Council proclaimed the month of April 2022 as ‘Sexual Assault Awareness Month’ on behalf of the Alberni Community & Women’s Services Society.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Council received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Cathy Peters | Human Trafficking
- City of Abbotsford | Support for Resolution ‘Build Back Better Funding’
- Maureen Haynes | Development Variance Permit 110
- City of Terrace | Support for Resolution ‘BC Prosecution Service and the Public Interest’
- Global Public Affairs on behalf of the Hospitality Sector | Reducing Red Tape for Patio Applications
- Ian Ruxton | Burde Street Ponds
- Randy Fraser | Trail Maintenance
- Alberni Clayoquot Regional District | Tsunami Preparedness – Hike to High Ground Event – April 12th
- Audit Committee Meeting | Minutes from February 28, 2022

■ NEW BUSINESS

Salvation Army | Mobile Shower Trailer

Council authorized staff to establish an agreement that would allow for the Salvation Army to operate their mobile shower trailer intermittently on City owned land to assist the unhoused population with access to shower facilities.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Roland Smith

Q1: Why is it that Municipal Finance Authority Water Funds were allocated to the ‘Argyle Sewer Forcemain’ project in the amount of \$258,802

given that there are separate fund sources for water versus sewer?

Q2: A number of Railway crossing repairs are required within the City, is the Lathom Street crossing project, noted within the Capital Project listing, a priority?

Q3: Given that water service is the second largest revenue source for the City, is it not imperative that the Water Metre Replacement project be completed versus continued funding of other projects such as the Connect the Quays Pathway project?

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

We encourage you to remain informed on City business and community topics by following meetings of Council which are livestreamed on the City website, portalberni.ca, at 2:00 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. All meeting recordings are posted on the City website for viewing.

Complete Council agendas including all correspondence and reports are available at portalberni.ca. Generally, these are posted the Friday before each Regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, April 6th

7:00 pm – Alberni Valley Heritage Commission
Alberni Valley Museum

Monday, April 11th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers