

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held May 8, 2023.
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■ PUBLIC INPUT

S. McRuer

Expressed the need for an Urban Forest Strategy within the Official Community Plan.

J. Leskosek

Spoke to the proposed Council Procedures Bylaw amendments.

■ DELEGATIONS

Introduction of Interim Director of Corporate Services

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced Donna Monteith, Interim Director of Corporate Services.

■ STAFF REPORTS

RCMP Department

Officer in Charge, Inspector Eric Rochette presented policing activities undertaken during the months of January to March, 2023 noting that overall, criminal offences are down by 5% compared to this same timeframe last year.

■ BYLAWS

"City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5083, 2023" was adopted. The bylaw will set the tax rates required to balance the municipalities taxing obligations as outlined in the Financial Plan.

"Council Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 5082, 2023" was introduced, and following a number of additional amendments, given three readings. The primary amendments address changes to public input and question period in alignment with best practices relating to meeting conduct.

"City of Port Alberni Development Procedures Bylaw No. 5076, 2023" was adopted. The bylaw will serve to improve processing timelines of land use applications, fulfill requirements of Section 460 of the *Local Government Act*, and align with provincial legislation changes like Bill 26 to decrease processing times in order to increase housing supply.

"Zoning Map Amendment No. 56 (2244 Mallory Drive – Saywell Developments), Bylaw No. 5066" and **"Zoning Map Amendment No. 57 (2272 Mallory Drive – Saywell Developments), Bylaw No. 5067"** were adopted. The bylaws will enable the construction of a duplex.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni Valley Pride Society

Council authorized the Pride flag to be flown at City Hall during Pride week, May 29 – June 4, 2023.

Valley Street Rods Car Club

Council authorized the Valley Street Rods Car Club use of the parking area at the Harbour Quay for the purpose of a car show event on Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm subject to a number of conditions.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included a letter from:

- Union of BC Municipalities | Council 2023 AVICC Resolution Endorsement

■ NEW BUSINESS

Code of Conduct Policy

Council approved the Council Code of Conduct Policy 3002-1. The Policy serves to establish expectations for

how Council members should conduct themselves while carrying out their responsibilities, and in their work as a collective decision-making body for their community.

Liquor Licence Application Policy

Council rescinded the existing Liquor Licence Application Policy approved June 25, 2013 and approved Liquor Licence Application Policy 3006-1. The updated policy will serve to coordinate with the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch regulations and processes, and provide additional guidance to staff and applicants.

BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the BC Transit | 2023 – 2024 Annual Operating Agreement between the City of Port Alberni and British Columbia Transit in effect from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

■ **QUESTION PERIOD**

M. Alhroos

Requested an update on the status of the Somass Lands redevelopment.

J. Leskosek

Questioned the proposed procedures bylaw amendments in relation to the encouragement of public participation at Council meetings.

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■ **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

Monday, May 15th

5:00 pm | Special Meeting of Council
Release of the 2023-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan & Approval of the 2022 Audited Financial Statements
Council Chambers

6:00 pm | Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers

Thursday, May 18th

12:00 pm | Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 23rd

2:00 pm | Regular Council
Council Chambers

6:00 pm | Public Hearing
2846 4th Avenue
Council Chambers