

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 2:00 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers – 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

Present: Mayor Minions
Councillor D. Dame
Councillor J. Douglas
Councillor D. Haggard [Electronically]
Councillor C. Mealey
Councillor C. Solda
Councillor T. Patola

Staff: M. Fox, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Smith, Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO
A. McGifford, Director of Finance
B. McLoughlin, Planner
S. Darling, Deputy Director of Corporate Services | Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be amended to include an item under Correspondence for Information J.1 | Fortis BC Community Giving Awards. The agenda was then adopted as amended.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the minutes of the Special meeting held March 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm, Special meeting held at 12:00 pm and Regular Council meeting held at 2:00 pm on April 11, 2023, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

J. Mayba

Addressed proposed intersection improvements for 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street and expressed support for the removal of the left turn lane.

N. Anderson

Spoke to the inclusion of public input within the establishment of a Council Code of Conduct Policy.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Financial Plan Q&A Summary

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

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated April 24, 2023, be received and the cheques numbered 152533 to 152650 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$ 1,956,891.56, be approved.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-115

G. BYLAWS

Council recessed the meeting at 2:36 pm.

Council resumed its meeting at 2:49 pm with all members of Council in attendance.

1. 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT “City of Port Alberni 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023” be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and numbered 5075.

DEFEATED

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council rescind third reading of “City of Port Alberni 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023”.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23 – 116

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council amend the “City of Port Alberni 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023” as follows for the Capital Plan in progress:

- i. Linking Roger Creek Trails funding be moved from Growing Communities Fund to the General Fund [prior years surplus] in the amount of \$290,000.*

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-117

- ii. Add \$35,000 coming from taxation to the Capital Plan for 2023 for the purpose of implementing the structural recommendations of the City Hall Violence Risk Assessment.*

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-118

- iii. Add \$20,000 to the Project 21012 - Replace 2005 Ford F350 W/Comp Body #520 from the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund.*

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-119

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council provide early approval and authorize staff to proceed with the following as allocated in the “City of Port Alberni 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023”:

- i. 2023 Capital Plan – 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street | 10th Avenue and Redford Street traffic improvements in the amount of \$410,000;*
- ii. 2023 Capital Plan – Phase 6 – Cowichan Water Main upgrades - \$2.1 Million tender closed and award within 60 days;*
- iii. 2023 Capital Plan – Solid Waste truck replacement - #401 – \$443,060; and*
- iv. 2021 Capital Plan – Project 21012 – Replace 2005 Ford F350 W/Comp Body #520 - \$140,532.*

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-120

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT “City of Port Alberni 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023” be read a third time as amended.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-121

2. **Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5083, 2023**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Tax Rates Bylaw No. 5083, 2023" be deferred to the Special meeting of April 25, 2023.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-122

3. **Officers and Indemnification Bylaw No. 5061, 2023**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Officers and Indemnification Bylaw No. 5061, 2023" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer and numbered 5061.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-123

Councillor Mealey left the meeting at 3:40 pm and returned at 3:42 pm.

Councillor Douglas left the meeting at 3:42 pm and returned at 3:44 pm.

4. **Development Procedures Bylaw No. 5076, 2023**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct staff to establish a process for public input within the Development Procedures Bylaw for those opposed Development Permits.

DEFEATED

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Development Procedures Bylaw No. 5076, 2023 be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-124

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Development Procedures Bylaw No. 5076, 2023 be read a second time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-125

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "City of Port Alberni Development Procedures Bylaw No. 5076, 2023 be read a third time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-126

Councillor Dame left the meeting at 3:51 pm and returned at 3:54 pm.

5. **OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments | 2846 4th Avenue**

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Official Community Plan Amendment (2846 4th Avenue) Bylaw No. 5078, 2023" be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-127

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Amendment (2846 4th Avenue) Bylaw No. 5079, 2023" be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-128

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Official Community Plan Amendment (2846 4th Avenue) Bylaw No. 5078, 2023" be read a second time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-129

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Amendment (2846 4th Avenue) Bylaw No. 5079, 2023" be read a second time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-130

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the amending bylaws No.'s 5078 and 5079 be advanced to a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-131

H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

I. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Operation Smile Canada

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council proclaim June 18, 2023 as 'Longest Day of SMILES®' in Port Alberni.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-132

J. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The Deputy Director of Corporate Services summarized correspondence to Council as follows:

- a. Salvation Army [Bread of Life Centre] Good Neighbour Agreement dated January 9, 2023
- b. Cycle Alberni | 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street Proposed Intersection Improvements
- c. Falun Dafa | 31st Anniversary
- d. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Minutes | March 1, 2023
- e. FortisBC | Community Giving Awards

K. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

1. Release from In-Camera | Sale of Somass Equipment

Council released for public consumption the sale of salvaged materials, equipment and structures from Somass Lands as follows:

- i) Canadian Mill Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$40,000, plus applicable taxes, with Canadian Mill Equipment Ltd. to be responsible for all demolition and transportation related expenses, and in compliance with the City's safety, environmental and other requirements.
- ii) Franklin Forest Products in the amount of \$40,500, plus applicable taxes, with Franklin Forest Products to be responsible for all demolition and transportation related expenses, and in compliance with the City's safety, environmental and other requirements.

L. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Council and Regional District Reports

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the Council reports outlining recent meetings and events related to the City's business, be received.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-133

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Amenity Contributions

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council amend the motion that Council direct staff to consider incorporating Community Amenity Contributions into standard practice by adding "including those provisions as outlined in section 482 of the Local Government Act".

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-134

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct staff to consider incorporating Community Amenity Contributions into standard practice, including those provisions as outlined in section 482 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-135

2. Prioritizing Municipal Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada has made the decision in Budget 2023 to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, These extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country, and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government, cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one-time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and

WHEREAS, Local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents, such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure, at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

WHEREAS, Going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Council for the City of Port Alberni joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to prepare a letter as per the template provided by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to convey this support in writing to local Members of Parliament by May 1, 2023.

CARRIED | Res. No. 23-136

3. **10th Avenue and Dunbar Street Intersection | Project Update**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct staff to prepare a status report as it relates to the proposed intersection improvements for 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street including the project scope, timeline and next steps.
CARRIED | Res. No. 23-137
4. **Notice of Motion | 2022 Surplus Funds**
That Council consider allocating the 2022 surplus between the R.C.M.P and Parks, Recreation and Heritage Reserves.

N. QUESTION PERIOD

N. Anderson

Inquired as to the structure and process of Committee of the Whole meetings and requested information regarding the process undertaken to develop the draft Council Code of Conduct Policy.

J. Leskosek


Requested follow-up information on the Roger Creek Connector Trail project as it relates to the location and projected timeline.


O. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:50 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor

Corporate Officer