

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers | 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

PRESENT: Mayor S. Minions
Councillor R. Corbeil
Councillor R. Paulson
Councillor H. Poon
Councillor C. Solda
Councillor D. Washington

ABSENT: Councillor D. Haggard

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A. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the agenda be approved as printed and circulated.

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B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C. CORRESPONDENCE

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Official Community Plan Review

City Consultants from McElhanney provided Committee members with an introduction to the Official Community Plan review and update process including discussions relating to the baseline report, core issues and growth analysis, and public consultation process. Following the presentation, members of the Committee were invited to ask questions, provide input, or requests for clarification.

The following outlines questions from members of the Committee and associated staff/consultant responses.

Members of the Committee commented/questioned as follows:

- Important to clarify City boundaries and to include the possibility of boundary expansion within the dialog.
Boundary expansion criteria and framework will be considered with the intent to bring forward a policy for consideration.
- Boundary expansion could provide the opportunity for increased industrial lands.
Industrial lands in relation to boundary expansion will be a key conversation within the process.

- Provision of housing options for different incomes and developments that focus on density rather than urban sprawl.
- Options for additional light industry.
- More affordable housing options.
- Provide multiple opportunities for Community Engagement. Important to include youth demographic.
- Who are the key stakeholder groups?
A list of stakeholders has been prepared based on 10 different categories and will be invited to participate in focus groups.
- The demographic of the community is changing. Communication will be key to reach new residents that may not be familiar with opportunities for engagement.
- Has the process for First Nation engagement been determined [Tseshaht and Hupacasath]?
Nation to Nation discussions to be determined in alignment with each Nation's requested format.

E. PUBLIC INPUT/QUESTION PERIOD

Ken McRae

The OCP review provides the perfect opportunity to discuss boundary expansion. Neighbouring local governments have recently shifted to focus on the veteran community. The OCP review would be a good opportunity for the City to follow suit in particular the forestry and fishing sectors as it relates to the Somass Lands development.

Robert Gunn

Commented on the OCP timeline and the provincial OCP requirements surrounding climate action, particularly Green House Gas Emissions.
As per the provincial requirements, project consultants will be working with staff and the community in identifying a Green House Gas Emission baseline and climate action targets and initiatives moving forward.

Joseph Leskosek

Utilize volunteers to increase capacity/reach of public engagement.

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:49 pm.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor


Corporate Officer