

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 2:00 PM
In the City Hall Council Chambers – 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

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

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 item M.1 under New Business | Property Assessments. The agenda was then approved as amended.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Special meeting held at 10:00 am and Regular Council meeting held at 2:00 pm on December 13, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

C. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Neil Anderson

Expressed concern over City and Council management of infractions related to renovations at the Kingsway Hotel.

Tim Towle

Commented on the Connect the Quays Pathway project and the City's plans to move forward with construction on portions of the pathway prior to grant funding being secured.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society

David Hooper informed Council that the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society, in co-operation with the AV Museum, will be hosting a "Hayes 100" Truck Show July 30-31 and August 1, 2022 to mark the 100th anniversary of the 'Made-in-BC Hayes' truck.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2021 Resolution Tracking Summary

The Director of Corporate Services provided Council with a summary of 2021 Council resolutions, noting of 294 directives, 19 remain outstanding.

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 17, 2022, be received and the cheques numbered 149688 to 149862 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$ 3,695,290.46, be approved.

CARRIED

2. COFI | BC Council of Forest Industries Annual Convention | Authorize Council Registration

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council authorize Mayor Minions and Councillors Corbeil and Haggard to attend the BC Council of Forest Industries [COFI] Annual Convention taking place on April 27-29, 2022 in Vancouver, BC with authorization to include reimbursement of expenses incurred as per City Policy No. P6 – Travel Expense Policy.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-1

3. Cannabis Regulation

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report for Council's consideration of potential amendments to the City of Port Alberni Nuisance Abatement Bylaw that may enable the City to regulate cannabis related odour complaints.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-2

G. BYLAWS

1. Development Application | Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 5405 Argyle Street

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Site Specific Use - W1 Waterfront Commercial), Bylaw No. 5039" be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-3

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Site Specific Use - W1 Waterfront Commercial), Bylaw No. 5039" be read a second time.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-4

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT "Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Site Specific Use - W1 Waterfront Commercial), Bylaw No. 5039" be advanced to a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-5

H. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. 2022 AGM and Convention | Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Resolution Notice & Submission Process

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council direct staff to submit the following resolutions to the 2022 AVICC AGM and Convention:

a. *Health Canada | Increased Cannabis Regulation Resources*

Whereas medical cannabis and commercial cannabis production are regulated by the federal government under the federal Cannabis Act and regulations;

And whereas Health Canada is responsible for managing risks posed to public health and safety in connection with cannabis through a variety of compliance and enforcement activities;

And whereas cannabis production operations may cause disturbing odours that impact the surrounding community;

Therefore, be it resolved that AVICC request that Health Canada be required to increase the resources adequate to manage compliance and enforcement of regulatory cannabis requirements, including regulations related to preventing the escape of cannabis odours associated with cannabis plant material to the outdoors.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-6

b. *Minimal Barrier Shelter Standards*

Whereas the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction funds housing for low income clients;

And whereas the clients often arrange for monthly payments of rent directly to the landlord;

And whereas these forms of housing often do not meet minimum standards;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AVICC urge the Provincial Government to ensure they are funding clients to live in safe and clean affordable housing.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-7

c. *Helicopter BC Ambulance Service-Advanced Life Support paramedic services*

Whereas a number of communities and workplaces in British Columbia are a considerable distance to the appropriate medical care;

And whereas a number of coroners' inquests have recommended a timelier response to incidents;

Therefore, be it resolved that AVICC lobby the Province of BC to explore making BC Ambulance Service Advanced Life Support paramedic services available by local helicopter to all residents in British Columbia, including, people living and working in remote locations.

CARRIED | Res. No. 22-8

Mayor Minions vacated the Chair at 2:55 pm, declaring a conflict of interest related to her spouse's employer.

Acting Mayor Solda assumed the Chair at 2:56 pm.

2. **Alberni Valley Community Forest**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council as per Alberni Valley Community Forest Reserve Fund, Bylaw No. 4854 support the recommendation from the Alberni Valley Community Forest to provide a donation to the Salvation Army in the amount of \$10,000 for a community project at the corner of 10th Avenue and Redford Street.
CARRIED | Res. No. 22-9

Mayor Minions returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair at 2:58 pm.

I. PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Twining Society - Abashiri Week**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council proclaim the week of February 7 – 13, 2022 as 'Abashiri Week' in Port Alberni in recognition of February 9, 1986, the signing of the Sister City Agreement.
CARRIED | Res. No. 22-10
2. **Alberni Valley Chapter Canadian Council of the Blind**
MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT Council proclaim the week of February 6 – 12, 2022 as 'White Cane Week' in Port Alberni on behalf of the Alberni Valley Chapter Canadian Council of the Blind.
CARRIED | Res. No. 22-11

J. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. *The Director of Corporate Services summarized correspondence to Council as follows:*
 - a. Roland Smith | Council Meeting Procedure Re: Kingsway Hotel
 - b. City of Abashiri | Sister City Exhibition 2021
 - c. Marlie van Roy | Burde Street Beaver Ponds
 - d. Alberni Climate Action | OCP Public Consultation Process
 - e. BC SPCA | Reassessing the use of all rodenticides
 - f. Shary and Ross Stevens | Connect the Quays/Somass Lands
 - g. District of North Saanich | Elected Officials – Parental Leave
 - h. Lookout Society | Annual Report and Strategic Plan
 - i. Girl Guides of Canada | World Thinking Day
 - j. Ministry of Transportation | Municipal Speed Limits
 - k. BC Hydro | ReGreening Program Update
 - l. Dave Jarrett | Burde Street Beaver Ponds
 - m. Alberni Valley Museum & Heritage Commission | Minutes dated December 1, 2021

K. REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

L. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Property Assessments

Council provided comment on the 2021 BC Property Assessments as follows:

- 47 % average increase City-wide
- Non-Market Change
- Home Owner Grant thresholds

N. QUESTION PERIOD

Neil Anderson

Clarified he was not looking to have the letter of correspondence from R. Smith read aloud at this meeting.

- Q1. Inquired as to the possibility of petitioning senior governments to increase the benefits provided to seniors to meet increasing living costs?
- Q2. Requested information regarding who provided subcontract services [i.e. plumbing, electrical] for the Kingsway Hotel renovations?
- Q3. Inquired as to whether the inspection completed by McGill Engineering and City staff related to the Kingsway Hotel renovations was the first inspection completed or were there additional inspections completed previous to that?

Diane Proctor

Questioned Council regarding the Connect the Quays Pathway project and the process Council utilizes in establishing Council remuneration.

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:39 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Mayor



Corporate Officer