



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 11, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING

This is an information report regarding the most recent meeting of Port Alberni City Council. This is not the official minutes of the meeting. For more information please contact Russell Dyson, City Clerk 720-2810 (e-mail: russell_dyson@city.port-alberni.bc.ca)

► DELEGATIONS

Eleanor Coffey of Gramma's Trunk made a presentation to Council to discuss vandalism on Argyle Street. Their store proposes that the City adopt a bylaw to regulate the minimum pricing of alcoholic drinks in licenced establishments. Council directed staff to review the regulations adopted in Nanaimo and Victoria and report back to a committee of Council.

Scott Loudon, of the Port Alberni Toy Run provided the highlights of this years event. 750 riders participated in this the second largest event in British Columbia. \$53,000 was raised "for the kids".

Dewayne Parfitt appeared before Council to give a cheque in the amount of \$6,600 being a surplus of monies from the Port Alberni 2004 Winter Games Society. The City is to provide this funding for a cause which is in keeping with the Winter Games Legacy Fund purposes.

Donald Gillis presented information concerning the sale of the properties at 5350 Argyle Street and 3050 Kingsway Avenue. He proposes that the City preserve these lands as park in consideration of the present use and support indicated in a petition circulating within the community.

► CORRESPONDENCE

Council agreed to provide to Dr. James Lunney, MP (Nanaimo-Alberni) information regarding any federal government support requested or received concerning emergency preparedness. This matter has been referred to the Regional District's Alberni Valley Emergency Program for consultation with Dr. Lunney.

The City agreed to the request of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District for the sharing of 50% of the cost to send a delegate to the "Ocean Industries BC - Waves of Opportunities" Conference, October 19th to 21st, 2005 in Vancouver.

Council agreed to allow Howard Dorn's request for a road closure of the 2600 block of 1st Avenue, from Stirling to Melrose Streets, from 4 pm to 11 pm on Monday, October 31st to enable the public exhibition of their final Halloween display, "Howie's Haunted House". Council expressed their appreciation for Mr. Dorn's event that has taken place for the last 25 years.

Council agreed to waive the rental fee of the Cedar Room at Echo Centre for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District's "Seniors In Communities Dialogue Session" that took place on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

► BYLAWS

The City Clerk advised that the Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw is to be amended, at the direction of Council June 14, 2005, to accommodate an increase in the annual rates for Mayor (\$29,842) and Council (\$11,920) following the 2005 General Election. Council introduced the bylaw and gave the first three readings.

The City Clerk advised that four applications for permissive tax exemption for 2006 are recommended as follows:

- Port Alberni Black Sheep Rugby Football Club
- Port Alberni Maritime Heritage Society
- Catholic Independent School, Diocese of Victoria
- Alberni District Fall Fair

Council provided introduction and first three readings to the bylaws, the exemptions will be posted and advertised in the local paper before the bylaw is considered for adoption.

The City Clerk gave a verbal report from the Public Hearing held at 6:30 pm regarding Bylaw No. 4604. Zoning Amendment No. 36 (3750 Dundalk Avenue South - Samborski), Bylaw No. 4604" and Official Community Plan Amendment No. 33 (3750 Dundalk Avenue South - Samborski) Bylaw No. 4603" were read a third time.

The City Planner provided a report of the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting held on September 15, 2005 providing recommendations to Council.

Council introduced and gave first and second readings to "Zoning Amendment No. 37 (3798 Meares Drive - Van Vliet), Bylaw No. 4605"

Council introduced and gave first and second readings to "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 34 (Northwest Corner of 12th and Bute - Hayre), Bylaw No. 4606".

Council introduced and gave first and second readings to "Zoning Amendment No. 38 (Northwest Corner of 12th and Bute - Hayre), Bylaw No. 4607"

Bylaw No.'s 4605, 4606 and 4607 have been advanced to a Public Hearing to be held on October 24, 2005 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

► DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly reports for May were received from the **RCMP, Planning, Engineering and Public Works, Fire, and the Museum**. Highlights of these reports are as follows:

HIGHLIGHTS

Engineering

- North Port Sewer Abatement Project site inspection. Project is 80% complete and is meeting expectations.
- Strathcona Street Reconstruction Project was substantially completed in September.
- The annual Coast Waste Management Association Conference was hosted in Port Alberni on October 5, 6 and 7, 2005.
- The annual video camera program of selected City sewers began in September. Results of this program dictate operational and capital works programs.

Fire Department

- The Fire Department responded to 99 calls in September.
- A natural gas distribution line was severed by an excavator in the Westporte Place subdivision.
- Several car fires during the month of September resulted in varying amounts of property damage.
- All fire crews received training in "firefighter road safety".
- All fire crews received training in fire apparatus pre-trip inspections.

► REPORTS

The September Audit Committee meeting minutes including the August monthly statements were received by Council.

A Development Variance Permit was considered for property at 2919 Kingsway Avenue, to vary the setback requirement on the side yard. Council accommodated public input and then adopted a resolution to grant the variance as requested.

Council approved a \$35,000 expense from the Water Revenue Fund to eliminate the dead end watermains at 8th and 9th Avenues in conjunction with the subdivision service work in the 2300 Block of 8th Avenue.

Council approved the renewal of the agreement with Bus Stop Media to provide bus benches with advertising throughout the City.

Council directed staff to investigate the costs and benefits of replacing the Government Agent Building roof using additional funds from the Glenwood roofing budget, with the balance of the Glenwood funds placed in reserve. A report will be prepared for the next regular meeting of Council.

Council adopted a resolution to request that the Local Provincial Court change the day for Criminal Court proceedings in Port Alberni. Presently the day is Friday which can result in additional costs to the City when prisoners are not processed in time to be transported to facilities outside of the community. They end up spending the weekend in the Port Alberni RCMP detachment cells, at the City's expense.

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