

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held September 11, 2023.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Corporate Services department at 250.723.2146 or email: corp_serv@portalberni.ca.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair

Acting Mayor, Chair Patola acknowledged Firefighters' National Memorial Day which fell on Sunday, September 10th and provides Canadians the opportunity to remember firefighters who have lost their lives while on duty.

■ DELEGATIONS

Introduction | Human Resources/Safety Advisor

Krista Bodin, Director of Human Resources introduced the City's new Human Resources/Safety Advisor, Dave Colyn.

■ BYLAWS

"Zoning Bylaw No. 5074, 2023" was read a third time, as amended. The bylaw upon adoption will modernize the current Zoning Bylaw enabling accessory dwelling units, updating residential zones, incorporating new legislation, and providing clarity on the interpretation and application of the bylaw.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Transportation Advisory Committee

Council appointed Councillor Solda as the representative and Councillor Mealey as alternate to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Transportation Advisory Committee.

The newly formed committee will commence October 2023 and will consider regional transportation issues including establishment of a secondary route in and out of the Alberni Valley.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District | Food Security Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Council authorized support for future collaboration with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District [ACRD] for the purpose of a regional study on food security, Indigenous food systems, agricultural resilience and emergency management pending a successful application by the ACRD to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Food Security Emergency Planning and Preparedness Fund.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- a. Lookout Society | 2023 Annual Report, Financial Report and Strategic Plan
- b. Forest Practices Board | 'Forest and Fire Management in BC: Toward Landscape Resilience'
- c. City of Surrey | Communications regarding Police of Jurisdiction
- d. Canadian Federation of Independent Business | Emergency Cost Relief Measures for Port Alberni Small Businesses
- e. Tseshaht First Nation | Invitation to National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event, September 30th
- f. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities | Phase 3 of Open-Net Pen Salmon Aquaculture Transition Plan Engagement Process
- g. RCMP | Collective Agreement Negotiations Between Treasury Board of Canada and the National Police Federation
- h. BC Emergency Health Services | Response to City's Letter Re: Additional Ambulance Coverage for Port Alberni
- i. Alberni Residential School Survivors Art & Education Society | Open House/Art Show Invitation, September 30th
- j. Alberni Clayoquot Health Network & Literacy Alberni Society | Decolonize First: Nuu-chah-nulth Community Learning Circles Invitation
- k. Ministry of Forests | Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project Engagement Sessions, September 26th & 28th
- l. Alberni District United Cabs Association | Pending Increase in Taxi Rates
- m. Advisory Planning Commission Minutes | December 15, 2022, May 18 & July 20, 2023
- n. Alberni Valley Museum & Heritage Commission Minutes | May 3, 2023

■ PROCLAMATIONS

Port Alberni Toy Run Society

Council proclaimed the week of September 11-17, 2023 as 'Port Alberni Toy Run Week' in Port Alberni.

Port Alberni Fire Department | Fire Prevention Office

Council proclaimed the week of October 8-14, 2023 as 'Fire Prevention Week' in Port Alberni.

Port Alberni Association for Community Living

Council proclaimed the month of October 2023 as 'Community Inclusion Month' in Port Alberni.

■ NEW BUSINESS

Reclamation of Materials for Canal Beach Pier Improvements and other City Projects

Council authorized staff to salvage and reclaim materials from the Somass Lands and other City projects which could prove suitable for pier improvements at Canal Beach, as well as other relevant City projects.

UBCM Emergency Resolution Submission | Economic Relief for Commercial and Industrial Business Sectors Impacted by Wildfires within B.C.

Council endorsed an emergency resolution submission for consideration by delegates at the 2023 UBCM Convention regarding economic relief for commercial and industrial business sectors impacted by wildfires within British Columbia.

Graffiti Removal

Council directed staff to prepare a report for a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding City led graffiti removal programs.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

Charlane

Inquired whether Council adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

N. Anderson

Requested clarification on the voting process of motions related to the reclamation of materials from Somass Lands for future City projects [Canal Beach Pier].

■ COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Port Alberni is now offering hybrid Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

We encourage you to remain informed on City business and community topics through the following options:

- Attend in-person in City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 4850 Argyle Street
- Livestream @ www.portalberni.ca
- Join online using Zoom
- Join by phone using Zoom

Regular Council meetings are held at 2:00 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. All meeting recordings are posted on the City website for viewing.

Complete Council agendas including all correspondence and reports are available at portalberni.ca. Generally, these are posted the Friday before each Regular Council meeting and are archived on the site.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, September 14th

6:00 pm | Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers

Thursday, September 21st

12:00 pm | Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Monday, September 25th

2:00 pm | Regular Council
Council Chambers