



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE ORDER

May 19, 2023

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3633 4th Ave
Port Alberni, BC

Attn: Property Owner

BY ORDER OF THE FIRE CHIEF – City of Port Alberni

The City of Port Alberni Fire Department responded to a structure fire at the above address on May 18, 2023. Damage caused by the fire, smoke and water damage has exacerbated existing conditions, resulting in a potentially unsafe condition for occupants.

The City's Fire Control Bylaw No. 4876 grants the Fire Chief the authority to issue an order to ensure full and proper compliance with this Bylaw or to remove or otherwise deal with the Fire Hazard or other danger, specifically, Section 29 – Fire Orders, states, in part:

"if conditions exist in or upon any premises which in the opinion of the Fire Chief constitutes a Fire Hazard, or other danger to life or property may, in writing, issue such an order."

Therefore, I, Mike Owens, Fire Chief, City of Port Alberni, do hereby Order that the building remain vacated effective immediately. Further, the building be secured to the degree to prevent further occupancy until such time as the Fire Chief determines that existing conditions no longer pose a danger to life or property.

You may have trained employees or contractors enter the building for the purpose of removing materials that suffered fire, smoke or water damage and to address any hazardous materials concerns in accordance with safe work procedures and WorkSafe BC regulations effective immediately. You are required to retain an Architect to assess the condition of the building and suitability for occupancy. If repairs are necessary, an Architect shall prepare the necessary building permit application and plans for the identified works for review by the Development Services Department to determine if a Building Permit may be necessary prior to undertaking any repair/construction works. Once a Building permit has been issued any repairs can commence. The Architect will be required to submit all requirements to the Development Services Department for issuance of an occupancy permit. Once this process has been completed to the satisfaction of the Development Services, the Fire Chief will be satisfied that existing conditions no longer pose a danger to life or property.

Respectfully,
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Owens", followed by a long horizontal line.

Mike Owens
Fire Chief

C: City Council
M. Fox, CAO