



CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Mayor Ken McRae, Councillors Hira Chopra, John Douglas,
Jack McLeman, Ike Patterson, Cindy Solda and Kenn Whiteman

COUNCIL SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular Meeting of Council held November 23, 2009. This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 250-720-2810 or e-mail: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca

▪ DELEGATIONS

More information needed for the proposed Multi-Casualty Unit

John Douglas provided information to Council regarding a personal initiative to establish a Multi-Casualty Unit to support local emergency services in the Valley. He is asking for a financial contribution from the Regional District which will include a contribution from the City. Council asked for a detailed business plan before they would consider endorsing it.

Transition Towns

Chris Alemany of Port Alberni's Transition Town provided an update on their initiatives and requested Council's consideration of a letter of support and increased efforts to address recommendations outlined in the Port Alberni Climate Change Committee report. These requests were endorsed by Council. For more information www.patransitions.net.

▪ CORRESPONDENCE

SAFERhome Standards Society

Council denied a request for support of the SAFERhome Standards program.

Reduction in Bus Services

Tofino Bus Services Inc. filed an application with the BC Passenger Transportation Board for a reduction of bus service that affects Port Alberni.

Tsawaayuus (Rainbow Gardens)

Council supported a letter from Tsawaayuus for their proposal to provide personal care services (including all RN duties) to Rainbow Gardens (Tsawaayuus) Assisted Living residents.

Holy Family/Notre Dame Parish

The annual Walk For Peace Day will take place on January 1, 2010 starting at 11:30 am at Glenwood Centre.

National Defence, Naval Reserve

The Canadian Navy celebrates their 100th anniversary in 2010. As part of their celebrations, the Navy will honour towns and cities whose names have been shared with Canadian warships and submarines by presenting a picture to the community. The City will be presented with a picture of HMCS Alberni.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business – municipal spending watch.

Their report ranks municipal spending on three attributes. Port Alberni scores well when comparing expenditures with inflation and population rates. Council has made a concerted effort to keep costs relative to the rate of inflation. The Federation's ratings of employees to population is inaccurate. Their figure – 16 per 1,000 population should be 9 per 1,000 population if Port Alberni is to be compared consistently with the other municipalities. This is on account of part time and temporary employees. Finally, their per capita operating spending does not account for the fact that Port Alberni provides the majority of services to its residents, unlike the other municipalities, many of their services are provided by Regional Districts. The tax payer in these municipalities still pays for the service. Comparing municipal spending is a good instrument, but one needs to account for the varied approaches municipalities take to provide an accurate comparison.

▪ BYLAWS

Business license fees increase for 2010:

"Business Licence Bylaw Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4737" was adopted - the 2010 rate for service businesses will be \$120.

Advisory Planning Commission receives new members.

Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4738 was adopted, allowing for membership from the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations.

■ **REPORTS**

Taxes collected including percentage

The Director of Finance provided the status of 2009 property taxes collected.

Sharing the cost of a Fire Boat

Council approved an expenditure of \$64,585.60 plus applicable taxes for the retrofit of the Harbour Chieftain as a Fire Boat. A Memorandum of Understanding with the Port Alberni Port Authority will outline use and operating procedures.

Sales Agreements for Two City Owned Lands

Council has entered into two sales agreements with their designated Realtor – Coast Realty:

- 4110 - 6th Avenue (former RCMP Detachment) Lot 2, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan VIP 5460, List Price: \$459,000
- 4905 Cherry Creek Road (land between Alberni Mall and BC Forests) Lot 1, District Lot 14, Alberni District, Plan VIP 86825, List Price: \$575,000

Contact Gary Gray – Coast Realty
(250) 723-1800 for further information.

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, December 2

- 7:00 pm @ Museum
AV Museum & Heritage Commission

Thursday, December 3

- 12:00 pm @ Committee Room
Advisory Planning Commission

Monday, December 7

- 7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Annual Organizational Meeting

Monday, December 14

- 6:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Public Hearing
- 7:00 pm @ Council Chambers
Regular Council Meeting