

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Solda, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Mealey, Patterson and Whiteman.

ABSENT: Mayor McRae.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Patterson/Whiteman

That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of late items E.5 BC Electoral Boundaries Commission, E.6 Air Quality Council and H.7 Permissive Tax Exemption Committee Report.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Patterson/McLeman

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 11, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Captain Neil Wilkinson, Salvation Army

Captain Wilkinson introduced Brent Hobden, the new Community Coordinator for the Salvation Army Alberni Valley Ministries.

2. Gillian Trumper, Chair, Crystal Meth Task Force

Gillian Trumper provided Council with an update of the activities of the Task Force and invited the community to the Task Force's community event from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm on September 28 at Alberni Elementary Community School.

3. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)

Wayne Coates, ICBC Port Alberni Claim Centre Manager, made a presentation regarding "Zero Crash Month" in Port Alberni (October 1 to 31).

4. Donna Brett, Chair, Police Office Relocation Team (PORT)

Donna Brett provided an update on the new RCMP Building and thanked the contractors - Beta Construction, for their work. The building will become operational October 3, 2006.

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Chopra/Mealey

That the Members' Advisory dated September 11, 2006 regarding the national \$60 billion municipal infrastructure deficit and impending failure of worn out and outmoded infrastructure, be received and Council write their MP about the seriousness of the municipal infrastructure deficit and the need for action in the upcoming budget.

Carried

2. BC Hydro

McLeman/Whiteman

That the letter dated September 7, 2006 from BC Hydro regarding funding for municipal beautification projects, be received.

Carried

3. & 4. Cal Barber and Klass Kleywegt

McLeman/Patterson

That the email from Cal Barber dated September 18, 2006 and the letter from Klass Kleywegt dated September 19, 2006, both opposing the proposed new sewer toll being based on water consumption during the summer months when water usage is higher due to garden and lawn maintenance, be received.

Carried

5. BC Electoral Boundaries Commission

McLeman/Mealey

That the letter dated September 15, 2006 regarding consultation sessions to provide the commission with Council's views and concerns regarding provincial electoral boundaries, be received and the Chair, Bruce Cohen, be invited to talk to Council.

Carried

6. Air Quality Council

Mealey/Whiteman

That the Air Quality Council's September 25, 2006 proposal for funding for the Community Action on Energy Efficiency Pilot Program and Energy, Greenhouse Gas and Air Quality Planning Initiative, be endorsed subject to there being no cost to the City.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Various letters regarding Municipal Taxation of Major Industry and BC Competition Council**
 - a) Copy of letter dated September 11, 2006 from the Minister of Finance to City of Prince Rupert.
 - b) Copy of letter dated September 12, 2006 from the Minister of Finance to Village of Port Alice.
 - c) Copy of letter dated September 12, 2006 from the Minister of Finance to the District of Sparwood.

- 2. Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society**

Letter advising that the British Columbia Youth Parliament, 78th Parliament, will be held in Victoria from December 27 to 31, 2006 and providing application forms.

- 3. Municipality of North Cowichan**

Copy of letter dated September 8, 2006 to the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development regarding their Council's resolution for the federal government to create a universal, affordable and accessible national child care system.

- 4. City of Revelstoke**

Copy of letter to the Federal Minister of Resources dated September 8, 2006 attaching their Council resolution urging the Federal Government to reverse its decision to cancel the EnerGuide Program.

- 5. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands**

Copy of letter to Save Our Valley Alliance (SOVA) dated September 5, 2006 advising them to contact the Private Managed Forest Land Council with their concerns and inquiries regarding protection of drinking water on private managed forest land.

- 6. Canada Safeway Limited**

Letter dated August 30, 2006 providing information about the We Care program where money raised is for local raised non-profit organizations, and providing an application form for the 2007 Safeway We Care Campaign (also available at all Safeway stores).

- 7. CUPE BC**

Letter dated September 12, 2006 providing information on the new Canada - BC - Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Agreement.

- 8. Canadian Plastics Industry Association**

Requesting that Councils not support a motion at the UBCM Conference to tax plastic shopping bags and instead to support and promote recycling by providing a link from the City's website to www.myplasticbags.ca, which provides information on plastic bag recycling.

9. **Canadian Forest Service, Forest Communities Program**
Letter from Mayor McRae to the Forest Communities Program dated September 14, 2006 supporting the application from the Alberni Strategic Forest Alliance Corporation to receive funding under the Canadian Forest Service's Forest Communities Program.
10. **City of Kelowna**
Letter dated September 1, 2006 inviting Council and staff to a "Building SustainAble Communities" conference, November 21 - 23 in Kelowna.
11. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated September 20, 2006 announcing that funding will continue on an ongoing basis for the Strategic Wildfire Protection Program.

*Mealey/Chopra
That Item F.2 - Youth Parliament of BC, be referred to the School District and North Island College.*

Carried

*Chopra/Patterson
That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize Councillor Mealey to attend the Building SustainAble Communities Workshop in Kelowna, November 21 to 23.*

Carried

*Mealey/Patterson
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 11 be received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **City Clerk - Unsightly Premises at 5472 Westporte Place**
(from September 11, 2006 Council Meeting)

*Chopra/Mealey
That the report from the City Clerk dated September 13, 2006 advising that the property at 5472 Westporte Place has been cleared of debris, noxious weeds and grass over 6" in height, and that the file relating to this matter is closed, be received.*

Carried

2. Bylaw Enforcement Officer - 5932 Brown Road
(from September 11, 2006 Council Meeting)

Patterson/Chopra

That the report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer dated September 20, 2006 providing a status of the property at 5932 Brown Road be received, and that an update be reported to Council at the next Council meeting.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. "City of Port Alberni Industrial Tax Exemption Bylaw 2006, Bylaw No. 4640"

Chopra/Mealey

That "City of Port Alberni Industrial Tax Exemption Bylaw 2006, Bylaw No. 4640" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4640.

Carried

2. "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Sewer Rates), Bylaw No. 4648"

McLeman/Mealey

That third reading of "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Sewer Rates), Bylaw No. 4648", be rescinded.

Carried

McLeman/Patterson

That "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Sewer Rates), Bylaw No. 4648", be amended at second reading by deleting the wording in Section 3 - Effective Date and replacing it with "This Bylaw comes into force effective for the first complete billing period subsequent to December 1, 2006".

Carried

McLeman/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to bring forward options for the proposed sewer tolls which reduce the amount paid for sewer during times of high water use on account of irrigation needs.

Carried

3. City Planner - Advisory Planning Commission

Mealey/Patterson

That the report of the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting held on September 7, 2006, be received.

Carried

4. "Zoning Amendment No. 54 (4409 Burde Street - Bhala), Bylaw No. 4649"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 54 (4409 Burde Street - Bhala), Bylaw No. 4649", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 54 (4409 Burde Street - Bhala), Bylaw No. 4649", be read a second time.

Carried

5. "Zoning Amendment No. 55 (3834, 3820 and 3808 - 10th Avenue - R. Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4650"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 55 (3834, 3820 and 3808 - 10th Avenue - R. Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4650", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That "Zoning Amendment No. 55 (3834, 3820 and 3808 - 10th Avenue - R. Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4650", be read a second time.

Carried

6. Setting a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4649 and Bylaw No. 4650 (CM)

Mealey/Patterson

That the following two bylaws be advanced to Public Hearing on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

- 1. "Zoning Amendment No. 54 (4409 Burde Street - Bhala), Bylaw No. 4649"*
- 2. "Zoning Amendment No. 55 (3834, 3820 and 3808 - 10th Avenue - R. Boyle Architecture), Bylaw No. 4650".*

Carried

7. Permissive Tax Exemption Committee

Whiteman/Mealey

That the report from the Permissive Tax Exemption Committee providing recommendations for Council's consideration for Permissive and Church Tax Exemption Bylaws, be received and Council concur with the recommendations.

Carried

Whiteman/Patterson

That "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2005 Second Amendment, Bylaw No. 4647", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Whiteman/Patterson

That "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2005 Second Amendment, Bylaw No. 4647", be read a second time.

Carried

Whiteman/Mealey

That "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2005 Second Amendment, Bylaw No. 4647", be read a third time.

Carried

Whiteman/Patterson

That "Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4641", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Whiteman/Patterson

That "Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4641", be read a second time.

Carried

Whiteman/Patterson

That "Places of Public Worship Exemption Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4641", be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated September 25, 2006 be received and the cheques numbered 92154 to 92386 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$825,992.07, be approved.

Carried

2. RCMP

Patterson/Mealey

That the monthly report from the OIC, Port Alberni providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

3. Parks and Recreation

Whiteman/Mealey

That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

4. Alberni Valley Museum

Patterson/Mealey

That the monthly report from the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum providing information about current departmental operations and events, be received.

Carried

5. City Planner - Development Variance Permit No. 60 – 4911 Gordon Avenue

Mealey/McLeman

That the report from the City Planner dated September 15, 2006 regarding proposed Development Variance Permit No. 60, be received and Council proceed with consideration of the Development Variance Permit.

Carried

The public was provided an opportunity to comment on Development Variance Permit No. 60. There was no comment.

Mealey/Patterson

That Development Variance Permit No. 60 to vary the Bulk and Site Regulations as specified in Section 6.7.3 of Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw No. 4395 as follows:

Vary Section 6.7.3 of Zoning Bylaw #4395 Bulk and Site Regulations Rear Yard Setback from 9 metres to 3.96 meters,

Vary Section 6.7.3 of Zoning Bylaw #4395 Bulk and Site Regulations Side Yard Setback from 3.5 metres to 1.34 meters (on the north property line),

Vary Section 6.7.3 of Zoning Bylaw #4395 Bulk and Site Regulations Side Yard Setback from 3.5 metres to 3.35 meters (on the south property line),

of the land legally described as that part of Block 19, District Lot 13, Alberni District, Plan 1735, lying to the south of a boundary parallel to and perpendicularly distant 155 feet from the northerly boundary of said block and to the west of Plan 11155 (4911 Gordon Avenue), be authorized by resolution of the City Council on September 25, 2006.

Carried

6. City Engineer - Contract Award for China Creek Watermain Replacement Phase 1 Project

McLeman/Patterson

That the report from the City Engineer dated September 18, 2006 recommending that the contract for the China Creek Watermain Replacement Phase 1 Project be awarded to Fournier Excavating for \$1,048,058.64 including GST, be received and Council concur with the recommendation.

Carried

7. Councillors' Reports

The Councillors reported on recent activities related to their various portfolios.

Mealey/Patterson

That the Councillors' reports be received.

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

The public and the press were provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Mayor and Council. There were none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL

(Including Motions and Notice of Motions)

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Chopra
That the meeting adjourn at 8:58 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk