

A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting held January 8, 2007.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Joop Scheffers

Mayor McRae making a presentation to Joop Scheffers for contributions to Oktoberfest and the Europa Club.

**2. John Young, President Port Alberni and District Labour Council (HC)
– Page 11**

In attendance to request City Council's support of the resolution regarding minimum wages, a resolution regarding working alone and a proclamation regarding a forest industry summit and a \$10 billion stability fund for the forest industry.

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. The Boyko, Krein, Rowe and Larson Families (CM) – Page 15

Email dated January 13, 2007 asking Council to reconsider their decision regarding the Abashiri Sister City Twinning Programs.

2. Dennis Andow (JM) – Page 16

Letter dated January 14, 2007 objecting to City vehicles left running while employees carry out ground tasks (i.e. picking up garbage), suggesting that the City could save money if the vehicles were shut off during these times, and providing an article regarding idling vehicles.

3. Fred Luecke – Lucky Printers and Stationers Ltd. (JM) – Page 18

Letter received January 15, 2007 requesting that the City deal with the boulevard trees on the south and west sides of Lucky Printers at 4503 Margaret Street that he believes are causing flooding due to leaves blocking gutters or roadside drainage gates.

4. Aleata Carpenter (KW) – Page 19

Letter dated January 7, 2007 objecting to the proposed trail connecting Seaton Park to Somass Park and that property owners in the area were not notified of this proposal.

5. Canada Post (HC) – Page 21

Letter dated January 2007 responding to the City's October 31, 2006 letter (attached) regarding levels of service.

**6. RCMP
Town of View Royal – Page 24**

Letter from the RCMP dated January 10, 2007 describing the Police Records Management Environment for BC (PRIME-BC), a legislated multi-jurisdictional operational records management system implemented to meet the need for accurate and timely sharing of police information, and providing a PRIME Levy and training cost update.

Copy of letter from the Town of View Royal to the Solicitor General dated January 15, 2007, opposing the PRIME-BC system.

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Timber Sales, Ministry of Forest and Range - Page 28

Letter dated January 10, 2007 advising that the Recommendations Report from the BC Timber Sales Structural Review, the Minister of Forests and Range expectations for implementation of the recommendations, and other background information are available on the website www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts.

2. Letters received in support of efforts to maintain the Martin Mars Water Bombers – Page 29

- Honourable Pat Carney, PC, Senator for British Columbia
- Village of Valemount
- Mike Hill
- City of Coquitlam
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- District of Coldstream

3. Chris Ashby, owner of the Rusty Anchor (previously the Somass Hotel) – Page 35

Letter received January 9, 2007 requesting that the City "speed up the Southport Community Plan" in order to rejuvenate the Southport area.

4. Jim Chutka, Executive Assistant to Dr. James Lunney, MP, Nanaimo-Alberni – Page 36

Letter dated January 8, 2007 responding to the Mayor's letter requesting a meeting to discuss homelessness (attached) and advising that Dr. Lunney would be pleased to meet at a future date, and enclosing a copy of the new "Homelessness Partnering Strategy" in which the Federal Government commits \$526 million to combat homelessness and extend the CMHC's renovation programs. (Note: There is a meeting with Scott Fraser, MLA, regarding this issue, scheduled for February 5, 2007.)

5. Alberni Valley SafetyNet – Page 43

Letter dated January 5, 2007 advising that the organization is undertaking a three year comprehensive community safety initiative funded by the National Crime Prevention Centre and inviting Council to attend a meeting on January 23, 2007.

6. Scott Fraser, MLA, Alberni-Qualicum – Page 45

Copy of a letter dated January 10, 2007 to the Minister of Forest and Range regarding the unauthorized restriction of public access to the Comox Main Line (also know as the Comox-Ash River Connector) located at the north end of Somers Road in the Alberni Valley and requesting that the Ministry remove the gate to ensure that public access is available.

7. Municipality of North Cowichan – Page 47

Copy of a letter dated January 8, 2007 to Terasen Gas Vancouver Island providing a copy of their resolution that Terasen Gas continue to provide "locate services" for its underground gas lines within roadways and on private property.

8. Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) – Page 48

Letter dated January 5, 2007 providing a publication highlighting PHSA's work with the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

9. Mark Sundstrom - Page 54

Email dated January 15, 2007 requesting that the City and Regional District discourage illegal use of all terrain vehicles on the Log Train Trail.

10. University of Victoria – Page 55

Letter dated January 12, 2007 acknowledging the City's letter (attached) regarding grant in lieu of property taxes for 2180 Mallory Drive, and that the University's Vice-President of Finance and Operations will review the matter and respond in the near future.

11. Group of Gabriola Island Residents – Page 57

Letter dated December 29, 2006 expressing concerns about the BC – Alberta agreement "Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement" and providing articles and discussion papers on the subject.

12. Forest Practices Board – Page 65

Letter dated January 10, 2007 providing a copy of the Forest Practices Board Annual Report for 2005-2006. (Note: Report in Reading File.)

13. Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (MFA-BC) – Page 66

Information circular received January 17, 2007 providing details of the MFA-BC's Financial Forum and Annual General Meeting on March 14 and 15, 2007 in Vancouver.

14. Heritage Society of BC – Page 67

Letter dated January 12, 2007 advising that the 2007 Heritage Week theme is "Vernacular Heritage", meaning from the local region, informal or of the common people, and detailed information can be obtained from their web site www.heritagebc.ca.

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 14 be received and filed.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. City Clerk – Public Hearing Report (CM)

That the verbal report of the Public Hearing held on January 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm regarding Bylaw No. 4655 be received.

2. "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson) Bylaw No. 4655" (CM)

That "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson) Bylaw No. 4655", be read a third time.

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts (HC)

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 22, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered to inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling be approved.

2. RCMP (CS) - Page 68

Monthly report from the OIC, Port Alberni providing information about current departmental operations.

3. Manager of Human Resources and Community Development – 2007 Staff Training Calendar and January Monthly Report (HC) – Page 70

Report dated January 2007 regarding monthly activities and the City of Port Alberni 2007 Staff Training Calendar. (Note: Calendars provided in Council's in baskets).

4. Engineering Report (JM) – Page 72

Monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about current departmental operations and events.

5. Alberni Valley Museum (IP) - Page 76

Monthly report from the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum providing information about current departmental operations and events.

6. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission (IP) – Page 77

That the minutes from the meeting held January 10, 2007 be received and filed.

7. Director of Parks and Recreation – Harbour Quay, BC Spirit Squares Program (KW) – Page 80

Report dated January 15, 2007 providing information on the Provincial Government BC Spirit Square capital funding program, attaching a Phase 1 application which requests \$40,000 funding for design services (future funding requests for construction can be made at a later date), and recommending that Council grant early approval for the Harbour Quay Spirit Squares capital project in the amount of \$40,000 for 50% of the planning and design services and pass a resolution supporting the project. (Note: Color photos in Reading File.)

That Council for the City of Port Alberni grant early approval for the Harbour Quay Spirit Squares capital project, in the amount of \$40,000 for 50% of the planning and design services.

That Council for the City of Port Alberni support the project application in order to proceed with the grant application in the BC Spirit Squares program.

8. City Planner and City Engineer – Way Finding Sign Plan (JM) – Page 89

Report dated January 17, 2007 regarding the response to call for proposal to supply signs for the City's Way Finding Signage Plan which consists of 2 Gateway Signs and 28 Way Finding Signs. Proposals were received from:

1. Devlin Electric Sign Co., Nanaimo	\$46,000
2. Astrographics Industries, Surrey	\$45,000
3. Inprotect systems Inc., Langley	\$31,000
4. Signworks, Port Alberni	\$35,000
5. Landmark signs, Victoria	\$55,000

and recommending award of the contract to Devlin Electric Sign Company for \$46,311.40.

That the City of Port Alberni Request for Proposal 049-06 for the Way Finding Sign Plan project be awarded to Devlin Electric Sign Company as outlined by their proposal dated January 4, 2007 for the price of \$46,311.40

Letter from Alberni Valley Tourism dated January 18, 2007 regarding way finding signage.

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the request from the Alberni Valley Tourism for input into the strategic sign plan, and staff and the consultant be directed to meet with the Tourism Advisory Council to integrate their branding process in the way finding system.

9. City Clerk – Grants-in-Aid Applications 2007 (HC) – Page 92

Report dated January 16, 2007 providing a summary of the Grants-in-Aid Committee's recommendations for the allocation of grants-in-aid for 2007 in the amount of \$15,425.

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the January 16, 2007 report including recommendations for 2007 Grants-in-Aid from the Grants-in-Aid Committee and the recommendations be endorsed to allocate \$15,425 in grants, maintain a contingency of \$925 and reduce the 2007 budget to \$16,350.

10. City Clerk – Martin Mars Water Bombers (Mayor) – Page 96

Premier Campbell

Letter from Premier Campbell dated January 9, 2007 responding to the Mayor's letter (attached), requesting that the Province invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers and advising that the Minister of Forests and Range will respond.

Ministry of Forests and Range

Letter from Minister Coleman dated January 5, 2007 responding to the Mayor's letter requesting that the Province invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers and advising that it is not in the Province's best interest to own the water bombers.

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the letters from Premier Campbell and Minister Coleman regarding the Martin Mars, and Mayor McRae respond by providing all letters of support received to date and requesting that the Province provide support for the continued operation of the planes in the Alberni Valley.

Report from the City Clerk dated January 18, 2007 providing information on the Timberwest Request for Proposals for the sale of the Martin Mars Water Bombers and providing a proposed resolution for Council's consideration.

That Council for the City of Port Alberni promote the continued operation of the Martin Mars Water Bombers in the Alberni Valley and that the Mayor write a letter to Timberwest sharing the letters of support received to date, requesting that favourable consideration be given to proposals that include their continued operation from the base in the Alberni Valley, thanking the company for offering to provide one of the planes upon retirement indicating that this is very important, if no operational proposals are viable and asking for an opportunity for the Community to plan for this before the planes status changes.

11. Building Inspector – Building Policy Branch (CS) – Page 102

Report dated January 17, 2007 regarding a review of the Information Bulletin on Assessment of Slope Stability from the Building Policy Branch and providing the following comments:

1. That a new Building Code was adopted by the Province on July 13, 2006 and came into effect on December 15, 2006
2. The Bulletin deals with one change to the way geotechnical assessments of slope stability are calculated and is under review by the APEG to establish guidelines to aid City Building Departments and Engineering companies in assessments of new construction.
3. The Bulletin deals with establishing what an acceptable (to Municipalities and Cities) level of risk will be a political decision between UBCM and the Provincial Government.
4. There are hundreds of changes to the Building Code, all of which are under discussion among the various Building Departments to reach consensus on a common interpretation and enforcement.

12. Administrative Assistant – Acting Mayor Appointments (HC) – Page 103

Report dated January 17, 2007 requesting Council approval for amendment to the Schedule of Appointments for the Alternate Mayor.

That the schedule for the alternate Mayor be amended to reflect the appointment of Councillor Solda during May and September and Councillor McLeman during March and November.

13. Current Status Report (HC) – Page 104

That the Current Status Report be received.

14. Mayor's Report

15. Councillors' Reports

J. QUESTION PERIOD

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourn at pm.