

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Whiteman

That the minutes of the August 28, 2006 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. District Manager, South Island Forest District (Ministry of Forests & Range)

Trish Balcaen, District Manager outlined the status of the proposed Port Alberni Community Forest application.

2. Tawney Lem, West Island Woodlands Advisory Group (WIWAG)

Tawney Lem explained WIWAG's function and initiatives.

3. 2006 Inaugural Alberni Valley International Midget Hockey Tournament

Alf Thompson of the Alberni Valley Minor Hockey Association requested support for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Tourism funding for the 2006 Inaugural Alberni Valley International Midget Hockey Tournament.

Whiteman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Alberni Valley Minor Hockey Association's application for the UBCM Community Tourism funding in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2006 Inaugural Alberni Valley International Midget Hockey Tournament.

Carried

4. Alexandra Pazitch

Mrs. Pazitch discussed the "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4639" and particularly the parcel located at 1st Avenue and Montrose Street. She requested that this property be excluded from the bylaw.

5. Port Alberni Family Guidance Association

Laurel Lenormand, Manager, was in attendance to update the City about current operations of the Port Alberni Family Guidance Association she requested a letter of support from City Council.

Solda/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni write to the Minister for Children and Family Development to express their concern for the potential termination of Port Alberni Family Guidance Services within the community and this matter be forwarded as a late item for consideration of the UBCM 2006 Convention.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. The Terry Fox Run

Whiteman/Mealey

That the letter dated August 17, 2006 requesting that the week of September 11th to 17th, 2006 be proclaimed as “Terry Fox week and to raise the Terry Fox flag in front of City Hall with the Mayor and Lions in attendance for a photo op be received and the proclamation be endorsed as requested.

Carried

2. Port Alberni Association for Community Living

Solda/Patterson

That the letter dated July 19, 2006 requesting that the week of October 15th to 21st, 2006 to be proclaimed as “Community Living Days” and inviting the Mayor to attend the Community Resources and Job Fair at Echo Centre on October 19, 2006 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm be received and the proclamation be endorsed as requested.

Carried

**3. Tracey Weldon, Information Services Coordinator
Recycling Council of BC**

Mealey/Patterson

That the e-mail dated August 25, 2006 requesting the week of October 16th to 22nd, 2006 be proclaimed as “Waste Reduction Week” be received and the proclamation be endorsed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)

Mealey/Solda

That the letter dated August 18, 2006 requesting that October be proclaimed "Zero Crash Month", be received and Council concur with the request.

Carried

2. Port Alberni Port Authority

McLeman/Solda

That the letter dated August 9, 2006 providing a copy of "A Descriptive Overview of the Coast Forest Industry" which describes the changes taking place in the coastal forest industry activities and inviting Council's comments regarding how the Port Authority can help retain and grow the forestry sector business, be received and Council write to the Port Alberni Port Authority to encourage them to promote the use of the Port for the export of finished products.

Carried

3. Residents of the 5900 Block Brown Road

Solda/Mealey

That the letter dated June 30, 2006 regarding a property on Brown Road and requesting Council to attend to this matter, be received and a report on the status of the property be provided at the next regular council meeting.

Carried

4. Community Energy Association

Mealey/Solda

That the letter dated August 23, 2006 inviting Council to submit a proposal for funding for the participation in the "Community Action on Energy Efficiency" pilot program and energy, greenhouse gas and planning Initiative", be received and referred to the Air Quality Council.

Carried

5. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)

Chopra/Patterson

That the memorandum dated August 29, 2006 advising that the AVICC Executive has arranged a meeting on September 29th with BC Hydro, BC Ferry Corporation and VIHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority) to discuss future plans for energy supply, future ferry route expansion and costing and health issues, be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Various letters responding to the Mayor's Letter regarding Municipal Taxation and Major Industry

- (a) Letter dated August 3, 2006 from the Minister of Finance.
- (b) Letter dated July 25, 2006 from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.
- (c) Letter dated August 23, 2006 from the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt.

2. Legislative Assembly

Letter dated August 10, 2006 introducing BC's Opposition Critic for Local Government and advising of his concern regarding responsibilities shifted from the provincial government to local government often without additional funding.

3. Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Letter dated August 11, 2006 responding to the City's letter regarding the RCMP Highway Patrol being relocated to Port Alberni.

4. Encorp Pacific (Canada)

Letter dated August 17, 2006 enclosing a copy of their annual report and advising of their progress.

5. North Island College

Minutes from their Board of Governors' meetings held at the Comox Valley Campus from May 24, March 22, February 22 and January 25, 2006.

6. Save Our Valley Alliance (SOVA)

Terms of Reference dated August 18, 2006 regarding a Port Alberni Valley Forest Industry Review, which concerns the community's concern over the future viability of the forest sector in the Alberni Valley.

7. Ombudsman British Columbia

Letter dated August 24, 2006 providing Council with a copy of their 2005 Annual Report.

- 8. BC Transit**
Letter dated August 23, 2006 inviting Council to a Transit Forum on October 23, 2006 which will be held during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Victoria.
- 9. Ministry of Transportation**
Copy of a letter dated August 22, 2006 to the Port Alberni Toy Run advising of their approval for a minimal traffic delay on the Alberni-Parksville Highway #4 for westbound traffic only, for the 22nd Annual Toy run on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at noon.
- 10. Safety Authority**
Letter dated August 17, 2006 regarding the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Public Safety, which recognizes exceptional achievements in safety in the industry sectors that the BC Safety Authority oversees.
- 11. Provincial Health Services Authority**
Letter dated August 23, 2006 enclosing a progress report entitled "Stepsforward 05/06" that shows how they are improving specialized health services in BC, and inviting Council's feedback on the program.
- 12. Department of Finance**
Letter dated August 17, 2006 responding to the City's proposal to establish a new National Infrastructure Program and referring the matter to the Office of the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.
- 13. Office of the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities**
Letter Dated August 28, 2006 responding to the City's proposal to establish a new National Infrastructure Program.
- 14. Ministry of Forests and Range**
Letter dated August 25, 2006 advising that BC Timber Sales is proposing a Forest Stewardship Plan for the East and Southwest Coast of the South Island Forest District, and inviting comments on the Plan that guides forest development activities.
- 15. Nuu-chah-nulthaht/WCVI Aquatic Management Society**
Letter dated August 25, 2006 advising they are a charitable organization and non-profit society whose purpose is to protect, restore and increase education and awareness about aquatic ecosystems in the West Coast Vancouver Island and enclosing a copy of the "West Coast Activity Book" which has been designed to help children learn about their aquatic development.
- 16. North Island Regional Advisory Committee**
Minutes from their July 14, 2006 meeting.

17. The Lung Association British Columbia

Letter dated August 29, 2006 requesting support for a Resolution submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) by the City of Merritt calling on the Provincial Government to make BC 100% Smoke-Free, with no provision for Designated Smoking Rooms.

18. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Letter dated August 30, 2006 enclosing the 2005-2006 Green Municipal Fund Annual Report. The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) encourages municipal government to improve their environmental performance.

19. Legislative Assembly

Letter dated September 5, 2006 concerned about the lack of support for paramedic services in rural and remote communities, and encouraging municipalities to send a letter to the Minister of Health expressing concern about the lack of training and incentive for paramedics to work in rural and remote areas.

20. South Island Forest District

E-mail dated September 6, 2006 advising that "National Forest Week" is September 24 to 30, 2006 and an Open House at the Ministry of Forests and Range office in Port Alberni will be on Friday, September 29, 2006 from 7:00 am to noon, to heighten public understanding of forest resource management issues and the importance of the value-added sector.

Whiteman/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni copy the letter to be written to the Minister for Children and Family Development regarding the Port Alberni Family Guidance Association to BC's opposition critic for Local Government Services.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence Items numbered 1 through 20 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(from August 14/06 Council Meeting)

1. City Planner - Development Permit Report - 3555 Johnston Road (Pacific Rim Centre)

- *That Building Sign Type 1 & 2 be permitted on all buildings and that only Unit F2 be permitted the additional Building Sign Type 3.*

Motion Defeated

Mealey/Whiteman

That Development Permit No. 05-01 be amended by replacing and/or adding the applicable drawings of the Schedule B development plans with the typical building sign type plan dated September, 2006 with Building Sign Type 1 & 2 being permitted on all buildings and that each facade being permitted one Building Sign Type 3.

Carried

(from August 14/06 Council Meeting)

2. City Engineer - 2007/08 Cycling Infrastructure Partnerships Program

Whiteman/McLeman

That the City work with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District on the cycling initiative announced by the Province, with project costs and cost sharing arrangements being subject to the proposal being put forward.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. Correspondence regarding Bylaws #4639 and #4640

Chopra/Solda

That the e-mail dated August 20, 2006 from David Murray offering comment on Bylaws #4639 and #4640 as well as the letter dated August 21, 2006 from Mike Putzke of Catalyst Paper and the City's response dated August 24, 2006, be received.

Carried

2. "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4639"

Chopra/Solda

That "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2006-2010, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4639", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4639.

Carried

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

Chopra/Solda

That third reading of "City of Port Alberni Industrial Tax Exemption Bylaw 2006, Bylaw No. 4640" be rescinded.

Carried

Chopra/Whiteman

That "City of Port Alberni Industrial Tax Exemption Bylaw 2006, Bylaw No. 4640" be amended at second reading by replacing "improvements" with "the project" in Section 6.

Carried

Patterson/Mealey

That "City of Port Alberni Industrial Tax Exemption Bylaw 2006, Bylaw No. 4640" be read a third time as amended.

Carried

4. City Clerk - September 6, 2006 Public Hearing Report

Chopra/Solda

That the report of the Public Hearing held September 6, 2006 be received and filed.

Carried

5. "Zoning Amendment No. 51 (D. Beecroft and D. Paquette), Bylaw No. 4642"

Mealey/Solda

That "Zoning Amendment No. 51 (D. Beecroft and D. Paquette), Bylaw No. 4642", be read a third time.

Carried

6. "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 37 (4555 Helen Street - Sabo), Bylaw No. 4645"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 37 (4555 Helen Street - Sabo), Bylaw No. 4645", be read a third time.

Carried

7. "Zoning Amendment No. 53 (4555 Helen Street - Sabo), Bylaw 4646"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 53 (4555 Helen Street - Sabo), Bylaw 4646", be read a third time.

Carried

8. City Clerk - Proposed Sewer Tolls

McLeman/Solda

That the report dated September 7, 2006 from the City Clerk recommending that Council proceed with the sewer tolls in 2007 by introducing a bylaw which would amend the Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw by implementing tolls for the collection of sewer cost be endorsed.

Carried

McLeman/Solda

That "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Sewer Rates), Bylaw No. 4648", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

McLeman/Mealey

That "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Sewer Rates), Bylaw No. 4648", be read a second time.

Carried

McLeman/Whiteman

That "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Sewer Rates), Bylaw No. 4648", be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated September 11, 2006 be received and the cheques numbered 91974 to 92153 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$1,479,270.43 be approved.

Carried

2. Engineering

McLeman/Solda

That the monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

3. Planning

Mealey/Patterson

That the monthly report from the City Planner providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

4. RCMP

Solda/Mealey

That the monthly report from the RCMP providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

5. Fire Department

Solda/Mealey

That the monthly report from the Fire Department providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

6. Manager of Human Resources - BC Municipal Safety Association Full Time Funded Coordinator

Chopra/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the request from the BC Municipal Safety Association to fund the hiring of a full time coordinator through an assessment based on our assessable payroll.

Carried

7. Show Cause Hearing - Property Maintenance - 5472 Westporte Place (Lot 35, Section 9, Alberni District, Plan VIP 59050 - Daryoush Holdings Ltd.)

Chopra/Mealey

That the report dated September 5, 2006 regarding the alleged infractions and a resolution to declare the property a nuisance and requires remedial action, be received.

Carried

The owner of 5472 Woodland Cres. W. was provided an opportunity to address Council, they were not in attendance.

Chopra/Mealey

That the Council of the City of Port Alberni pursuant to Division 12 of Part 3 of the Community Charter hereby resolves that:

1. *the vacant property located at 5472 Westporte Place, Port Alberni, BC, legally described as Lot 35, Section 9, Alberni District, Plan VIP 59050, PID#018-801-404 is hereby declared a nuisance; and*

2. *the owners of the property are hereby ordered to take the following remedial action within 30 days of the receipt of notice of the Order.*

Clear the land of noxious weeds and grass over 6" in height and remove the debris.

And be it further resolved that the City Clerk of the City of Port Alberni be and is hereby authorized in default of such remedial measures being undertaken by the owners, to carry out or have such work carried out and the expense charged to the owners. If unpaid on December 31 in the year in which the work is done, the expense shall be added to and form part of the taxes to be paid on the real property as taxes in arrears or be collected as a debt.

Carried

8. City Clerk - Boundary Extension

Chopra/Whiteman

That the report dated September 7, 2006 from the City Clerk recommending that the City not pursue a boundary expansion to include the City watershed area at this time, be endorsed.

Carried

For the Motion: Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, Mealey, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

Against the Motion: Councillor McLeman

9. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on recent activities and matters of current interest.

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

10. 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

There was none.

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Carried