

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

PRESENT:

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

Chopra/Solda

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Whiteman

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm be received.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Alexandra Pazitch

Mrs. Pazitch was in attendance to discuss City bylaws that designate City parks and regulate City properties. She expressed concern that some parks are referenced in the park regulation bylaw but not the park designation bylaw.

McLeman/Whiteman

That staff prepare a list of all City properties used for park purposes and identify the status of each property.

Carried

2. John Rampanen, AV SafetyNet

John Rampanen and Brent Ronning advised Council of a crime reduction program called "AV SafetyNet" and requested support for their Quality of Life Survey and asset mapping.

Solda/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide the letter of support for the AV SafetyNet, as requested.

Carried

3. Ron Paulson, Alberni Valley Bid Committee - 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge

Ron Paulson was in attendance to request a letter of support for the Alberni Valley to host the 2009 U-17 World Hockey Challenge.

Whiteman/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide a letter of support for the Alberni Valley to host the 2009 U-17 World Hockey Challenge.

Carried

4. Jochem Juurlink, Canada Post

The City Clerk reported that Mr. Jochem Juurlink provided an email stating that he would not be a delegation this evening. Gary Poirer of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers spoke. He stated that it was still the employees desire to relocate the Post Office to a better facility.

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Ann Gagnon

Mealey/Chopra

That the letter dated February 26, 2007 requesting Council to address the air quality, specifically smoke from wood burners, in the valley be received and referred to the Alberni Valley Air Quality Council.

Carried

2. Certified Dental Assistants of British Columbia

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter dated February 22, 2007 providing further information regarding provincial regulations affecting the skills of BC's Certified Dental Assistants, and requesting support to update their management model by e-mailing the Premier and the "Conversation on Health", be received and filed.

Carried

3. Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter requesting Council to reconsider its support for an increase in the minimum wage, be received and filed.

Carried

4. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Solda/McLeman

That the letter dated February 28, 2007 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni write a letter to Mr. Jac Kreut, Chair of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, urging their Board to include funding for CT Scanner equipment at West Coast General Hospital in the 2007-08 budget.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Volunteer Canada

E-mail dated March 1, 2007 advising that "National Volunteer Week" is April 15 to 21, 2007 and suggesting a celebration be held to recognize volunteers.

2. Globe Foundation of Canada

Letter dated February 26, 2007 enclosing a copy of their "Endless Energy Project" report which explores the prospect of energy self-sufficiency.

3. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Memorandum dated February 16, 2007 advising of the 2007 Resolutions Process for consideration at the Annual Convention.

4. Communities in Bloom

Invitation to participate in the annual "Communities in Bloom" program.

5. **Corporation of the Village of Pouce Coupe**
Copy of a letter dated February 8, 2007 to the Minister of State for Child Care objecting to the elimination or reduction of funding for child care services.
6. **The Corporation of the Village of Fruitvale**
Copy of a letter dated February 21, 2007 to the Minister of State for Child Care requesting that the provincial government immediately restore funding to child care services.
7. **District of Squamish**
Copy of a letter dated February 20, 2007 to the Minister of Environment advising of their resolution to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
8. **Coastal Fire Center**
Letter dated February 20, 2007 regarding Fuel Management and Hazard Abatement in relation to wildfires.
9. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Letter dated February 13, 2007 inviting nominations for their "Awards for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution", which are presented in a ceremony at the FCM Annual Conference.
10. **Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing**
Letter dated February 20, 2007 responding to the Mayor's letter regarding Ken Dobell's appointment to work with the coastal forest industry, and advising of a recently appointed "Port Alberni Forestry Review Team".
11. **Oceanside Emergency Social Services**
Letter dated February 20, 2007 inviting participation in their "Vancouver Island Emergency Preparedness Conference" to be held May 11 to 13, 2007 in Parksville.
12. **Bread of Life**
Letter dated February 23, 2007 thanking Council for its grant-in-aid.
13. **Port Alberni International Twinning Society**
Letter dated February 25 informing Council that the Twinning Society will continue with its relationship with the Twinning Society in Abashiri, Japan.
14. **City of Langley**
Copies of letters dated January 13, 2007 to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development regarding a National Homelessness Initiative and development of a Comprehensive National Housing Strategy, and to the Minister Responsible for Housing regarding secondary suites.

- 15. District of Kitimat**
Copy of a letter of support dated February 19, 2007 to the Premier, in response to a letter from the Mayor requesting that the Province commit to contract for fire suppression services from the Martin Mars Water Bombers.
- 16. District of Squamish**
Copy of a letter dated February 22, 2007 to the Prime Minister regarding their support of the funding for the National Homelessness Initiative.
- 17. Ministry of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative and the Olympics**
Letter dated February 27, 2007 providing an information package on the BC-Alberni Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).
- 18. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Community Safety Committee**
Memorandum dated March 2, 2007 advising the contract for the RCMP expires in 2012, and the federal/territorial/provincial governments wish to begin early to scope out issues various parties may have on contract policing, therefore a local government meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 28, 2007 in Richmond.
- 19. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**
Letter dated March 1, 2007 responding to the City's letter (attached) objecting to the user fee being borne by local government for the Prime BC system, which replaces the PIRS (Police Information Retrieval System).
- 20. Town of Qualicum Beach**
Letter dated February 27, 2007 inviting Council to their Annual BC Communities in Bloom Awards and Conference in Qualicum Beach September 28 to 30, 2007.
- 21. Richard Berg**
E-mail dated March 6, 2007 to Stephen Harper, Prime Minister and James Lunney, MP (Nanaimo-Alberni) asking what can be done about the controversy concerning the possible relocation of the Post Office in Port Alberni.

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize Councillor Solda to attend the UBCM Community Safety Committee Meeting in Richmond on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 to discuss the RCMP contract renewal.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 21 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 4602, 2005"

Council reviewed the City Planner's report dated March 6, 2007 outlining the amended "Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 4602, 2005", and recommending advancement to a Public Hearing.

Mealey/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the City Planner's report dated March 6, 2007 regarding changes to the Official Community Plan (OCP), including the outline of specific changes made since the initial introductions and first readings of the Bylaw, that Council accept the amendments as proposed and consider introduction and readings of the amended OCP.

Carried

Mealey/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni rescind 1st and 2nd reading to "Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 4602".

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni introduce and provide 1st reading to the amended "Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 4602".

Carried

Mealey/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide 2nd reading to the amended "Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 4602".

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni set the Public Hearing date for the "Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 4602" for Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the Dogwood Room of Echo Centre.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated March 12, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 94744 to 94963 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$639,204.85 be approved.

Carried

2. Engineering and Public Works

McLeman/Mealey

That the monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about current departmental operations and events, 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. Fire Department

Solda/Chopra

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

Carried

5. Director of Finance - Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Whiteman

That the minutes of the February 26, 2007 Audit Committee Meeting and the January, 2007 financial statements be received.

Carried

Councillor Solda declared a potential conflict of interest with respect to Item I.6. as she is an employee of the developer. She left the meeting at 8:25 pm.

6. City Planner - Development Permit

The Mayor recognized Ainsley Foster representing the applicant. Ms. Foster indicated that there was no tenant signed for the building at this time.

Mealey/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the amendment to Development Permit No. 05-01 by replacing some of the Schedule B development plans with the following revised development plans:

1. *Site Plan - Drawing No. AO (dated February 23, 2007)*
2. *Landscape Plan - Drawing CDL-2 (dated March 6, 2007)*
3. *Building A - Drawing No. A1, A2 & A3 (dated January 17, 2007).*

Carried

Councillor Solda returned to the meeting at 8:30 pm.

7. Boundary Study Committee

Chopra/McLeman

That the minutes from the Boundary Study Committee meeting held February 26, 2007 be received.

Carried

8. Appointment to the Solid Waste Management Plan Committee

Mealey/Solda

That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District be requested to appoint Councillor Jack McLeman to the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Committee.

Carried

9. Current Status Report

Chopra/Whiteman

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

10. Mayor's Report

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

11. 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.

Gabby Osborne expressed disappointment in recycling services and the state of the recycling depot at 4th Avenue. The City Engineer indicated that the Regional District will be presenting its Solid Waste Management Plan shortly, which will include options for improved recycling in the Alberni Valley. He also committed to speaking to Sunbird Disposal, the contractor for the depot.

Don Gillis referred to the City owned property at "Sea Cadet Park". He stated his opinion that the land was assembled for park purposes and he asked what improvements are proposed by the City. The Director of Parks and Recreation indicated that garbage cans have been installed and will be maintained, otherwise no other improvements or maintenance is proposed.

Gary Poirer asked if post office was a use permitted throughout the Community. The City Planner explained that the Zoning Bylaw permits post office in three different zones. He explained the general locations of the three zones and stated that the Pacific Rim Shopping Centre does not include post office as a permitted use. In response to Mr. Poirer's question about post office previously located in the Alberni Mall, he indicated that the property was developed pursuant to a Land Use Contract and the zoning of the property has since changed.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/McLeman
That the meeting adjourn at 9:05 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk