

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY,
MAY 14, 2007 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 approved as circulated with the addition of D. 1
Wheels in Motion Committee, F. 17 & F. 18 Vancouver Island Health
Authority and I. 13 Bear Aware Report.*

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Patterson

*That the minutes of the April 23, 2007 Regular Council meeting and the
minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held April 30, 2007 be adopted
as circulated with the April 23rd regular minutes being amended by
deleting the stated conflict of interest stated by Councillor Solda on page 8
and replacing it with "Councillor Solda declared a potential conflict of
interest. She is negotiating a potential business arrangement with the
developer. She left the meeting at 7:57 pm".*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Wheels in Motion Committee

Donna Brett and Stacy Manson outlined activities for the 2007 Wheels in Motion fundraiser being held on Sunday, June 10, 2007 at the Victoria Quay. They played an inspirational video portraying Rick Hansen and the Wheels in Motion event.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Falun Dafa

Chopra/Mealey

*That the letter dated April 20, 2007 requesting that May 2007 be
proclaimed as "Falun Dafa Month" in Port Alberni be received and the
month proclaimed as requested.*

Carried

2. Scleroderma Association of BC

Solda/Mealey

That the letter dated April 19, 2007 requesting that the month of June 2007 be proclaimed as “Scleroderma Awareness Month” in Port Alberni be received and the month proclaimed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Inky Mark, MP

Solda/McLeman

That the letter dated April 3, 2007 requesting Council support the creation of a Memorial Wall to honour Canada’s fallen soldiers and peacekeepers be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni write a letter of support.

Carried

2. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Patterson/Mealey

That the letter dated April 18, 2007 requesting that Council reconsider the budget cuts at the Alberni Valley Museum be received.

Carried

3. Kristi Dobson - Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life

Solda/Whiteman

That the letter dated May 1, 2007 from Kristi Dobson requesting a 1 night exemption to the noise bylaw be received and the request to waive the provisions of the Noise Bylaw for the night of June 22, 2007 be approved as requested subject to notification being provided to local residents.

Carried

4. Tsawaayus (Rainbow Gardens)

Solda/Chopra

That the letter dated May 4, 2007 requesting that the City provide a letter of support to the Vancouver Island Health Authority for the 13 complex care beds proposed for the new addition to Rainbow Gardens be received and the letter be written.

Carried

5. B.B. Environmental Recyclers

McLeman/Solda

That the letter received from B.B. Environmental Recyclers dated May 8, 2007 requesting a letter of support in regard to their clean up plan to have the back roads on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland free of garbage be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni request staff to secure more information regarding the proponent and report back to Council.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Fax received April 18, 2007 providing information regarding the expansion of the Home Owner Grant. As well as providing information on the new Police Tax which will require municipalities with populations of more than 5,000 pay 70 to 100% of their policing costs.

2. Alberni Clayoquot Regional District

Letter dated April 23, 2007 advising that the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District has approved a grant-in-aid to the City for use at McLean Mill.

3. City of Langley

Letter dated February 16, 2007 advising that the City of Langley has adopted a resolution supporting the Fraser River Debris Trap Operating Committee initiative to secure stable funding from the provincial and federal governments.

4. Ida Chong, Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues

Letter received May 1, 2007 providing a new resource guide entitled "The Community Guide for Preventing Violence Against Women". The guide is also available on the Ministry's website at www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/womens_services.

5. Port Alberni Port Authority

A copy of a letter dated May 1, 2007 advising that the Port Authority will no longer continue its membership in Cruise BC.

6. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Fax received April 27, 2007 providing the highlights of the April 19 – 20, 2007 UBCM Executive Meeting.

7. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

Fax received May 1, 2007 providing details of the Moderization Strategy for the Building Code. A meeting in Nanaimo will discuss how the BC Building Code is to be enforced. The meeting will take place Friday, May 11, 2007 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Coast Bastion Hotel.

- 8. Ministry of Transportation**
Letter dated May 2, 2007 advising that a bypass route around Cathedral Grove would be very expensive to build in comparison to the benefits it would provide to highway users.
- 9. BC Assessment**
Letter dated May 1, 2007 introducing Bill MacGougan as the Assessor for the Vancouver Island Region, responsible for managing the offices in Nanaimo and Courtenay.
- 10. Canadian Mental Health Association**
Letter dated May 4, 2007 advising that they have received a substantial grant towards their development of the 4th Avenue site.
- 11. Heritage BC**
Pamphlet received May 7, 2007 providing information on the upcoming Heritage BC Annual Conference to be held in North Vancouver on May 31, 2007 to June 3, 2007.
- 12. Union of British Columbia Municipalities**
Providing an overview of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement and the implications for local government.
- 13. Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Services Agencies of BC**
Brochure received May 7, 2007 marking the 30th Anniversary of the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC.
- 14. Union of British Columbia Municipalities**
Fax received May 7, 2007 regarding the 2007 West Nile Reduction Funding that is now available for communities. Preference is given to communities that prepare joint applications with their Regional District and First Nations. The deadline is May 15, 2007
- 15. Premier, Gordon Campbell**
Certificate of congratulations for the 95th Anniversary of Port Alberni.
- 16. Union of British Columbia Municipalities**
Faxed dated May 7, 2007 regarding a meeting held on March 28, 2007 addressing the issues of the RCMP Contract that expires in 2012.
- 17. Vancouver Island Health Authority**
Letter dated May 7, 2007 providing information in regard to a number of concerns that were raised by the SOS Committee.
- 18. Vancouver Island Health Authority**
Letter dated April 30, 2007 regarding the installation of a CT scanner at West Coast General Hospital.

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct the Mayor and City Manager to meet with Canadian Mental Health Association to discuss their plans for the development of the 4th & Napier property for a recycling exchange.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 18 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Multiple Residential and Commercial Bin Rates) 2007, Bylaw No. 4661

McLeman/Mealey

That the report dated May 7, 2007 from the Director of Finance providing background information pertaining to the Solid Waste Service Rates and a copy of "Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Multiple Residential and Commercial Bin Rates) 2007, Bylaw No. 4661" be received.

Carried

McLeman/Solda

That "Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Multiple Residential and Commercial Bin Rates) 2007, Bylaw No. 4661", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

McLeman/Whiteman

That "Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Multiple Residential and Commercial Bin Rates) 2007, Bylaw No. 4661", be read a second time.

Carried

McLeman/Mealey

That "Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 3 (Multiple Residential and Commercial Bin Rates) 2007, Bylaw No. 4661", be read a third time.

Carried

2. Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 4660, 2007

Whiteman/Solda

That the report dated May 1, 2007 from the Director of Parks and Recreation requesting Council amend the Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw 4635 and approve the 2007 Schedule of Fees and Charges, be received.

Carried

Whiteman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the designation for seniors remain at the current age of 65.

Carried

Whiteman/McLeman

That “Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 4660, 2007” be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Whiteman/Patterson

That “Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 4660, 2007” be read a second time.

Carried

Whiteman/Mealey

That “Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 4660, 2007” be read a third time.

Carried

3. Zoning Amendment No. 52 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 – Dobie) Bylaw No. 4644

Mealey/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni rescind the three readings of “Official Community Plan Amendment No. 36 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 – Dobie) Bylaw No. 4643”.

Carried

Mealey/McLeman

That “Zoning Amendment No. 52 (Lot 7, Plan 2961 – Dobie) Bylaw 4644” be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4644.

Carried

4. Zoning Text Amendment No. T25 (Post Office), Bylaw No. 4659

Mealey/Patterson

That the report dated May 7, 2007 from the City Clerk regarding the Public Hearing held May 7, 2007, be received.

Carried

Mealey/Whiteman

That “Zoning Text Amendment No. T25 (Post Office), Bylaw No. 4659” be read a third time.

Carried

Mealey/Chopra

That “Zoning Text Amendment No. T25 (Post Office), Bylaw No. 4659” be finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4659.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated May 14, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 95493 to 95794 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling (\$1,058, 588.33) be approved.

Carried

2. Engineering and Public Works

McLeman/Mealey

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

Carried

3. Planning

Mealey/Solda

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

Carried

4. Fire Department

Solda/McLeman

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

Carried

5. Grants In Aid Committee

Whiteman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the April 24, 2007 report of the Grants In Aid Committee and endorse the recommendations of the report.

Carried

6. City Clerk – Appointment of the Committee for the Approval of Public Events (CAPES)

Solda/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint the 2007 CAPES Committee as outlined in the report of the City Clerk dated April 30, 2007.

Carried

7. Director of Finance - Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Mealey

That the minutes of the April 23, 2007 Audit Committee Meeting and the April, 2007 financial statements be received.

Carried

8. City Clerk/FireChief – Franklin River Road Fire Protection

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni refer the report dated May 1, 2007 from the City Clerk and Fire Chief regarding the provision of fire protection services to properties along Franklin River Road to the Boundary Study Committee for a recommendation.

Carried

9. Administrative Assistant – British Columbia Community Forest Association – 2008 Conference

McLeman/Solda

That the report dated May 9, 2007 from the Administrative Assistant advising that the BCCFA has issued a request to communities interested in hosting their 2008 AGM and Conference, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni express its interest in hosting the 2008 conference.

Carried

10. City Engineer – Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Initiative Grant

McLeman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the May 10, 2007 report from the City Engineer and endorse an application for funding for the Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Initiative.

Carried

11. City Manager – Economic Development Officer

Whiteman/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the May 10, 2007 report from the City Manager announcing Patrick Deakin as the City's Economic Development Officer.

Carried

12. Current Status Report

Chopra/Solda

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

13. City Clerk – Bear Conflict Management Plan

Solda/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to prepare an application for a Bear Conflict Management Plan and provide \$2,500 in kind services and resources.

Carried

14. Mayor's Report

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

15. 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 8:30 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk