

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY,
JULY 9, 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)

Patterson/McLeman

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Patterson/Whiteman

That the minutes of June 25, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. The Council of Canadians

Diane Harper of The Council of Canadians, was in attendance to discuss the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and its impact on municipalities.

2. Bev Denning - Save Our Services (SOS) Committee

Bev Denning, on behalf of the Save Our Services (SOS) Committee, advised of the rally in support of health services being planned for Thursday, July 12, 2007, 11:30 am in front of West Coast General Hospital.

McLeman/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni support the rally being organized by the Save Our Services (SOS) Committee for Thursday, July 12, 2007 in support of health services.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Heritage Place

Solda/Mealey

That the letter dated June 20, 2007 requesting that the lane between 8th and 10th Avenues leading to the entrance of Heritage Place, be named as "Heritage Lane" to commemorate the contribution of the seniors of Port Alberni who are now in residence, be received and that directional signs be placed identifying the entrance to Heritage Place.

Carried

2. Gordon Campbell, Premier

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter dated June 27, 2007 enclosing an application form to meet with any Minister during this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention and inviting attendance at a Government of BC Reception on September 26, 2007, be received and that meetings with Ministers be coordinated with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Carried

3. Gail Hadfield

McLeman/Patterson

That the letter dated June 26, 2007 from Gail Hadfield requesting a full set of traffic signal lights (including a left-turn advance) at the intersection of Johnston Road and Helen Street, be received and the request referred to the Advisory Traffic Committee and the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for review.

Carried

4. Catalyst

Solda/Whiteman

That the letter dated June 27, 2007 from Catalyst requesting services of the Port Alberni Fire Department be received and the Fire Chief be directed to provide a report regarding the impact of these requests on Fire Department operations.

Carried

5. Port Alberni Assessment & Resource Service Society

Chopra/Mealey

That the email dated June 28, 2007 requesting that Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the request from Port Alberni Assessment and Resource Service Society (PAARS) to change their name to Port Alberni EFAP Support Society, be received and the request approved.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sport BC

Letter dated June 19, 2007 enclosing their Spring/Summer issue of the Sport BC Community Reports which provides updates on organized amateur sports; their 2006/2007 Annual Report and informational kit and announcing launch of their new website in July.

2. British Columbia Community Forest Association

Letter dated June 22, 2007 advising they are declining the City's offer to host their 2008 Conference and Annual General Meeting, however look forward to coming to Port Alberni once our Community Forest is up and running and providing minutes of their Board Meeting of June 20th.

3. Legislative Assembly - Official Opposition

Letter dated June 22, 2007 urging support for their opposition of the BC-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

4. Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum)

Copy of a letter dated June 22, 2007 to the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) in support of funding for Tsawaayuu Rainbow Gardens' proposed new complex care beds.

5. Tobacco Control Program, Ministry of Health

Letter dated June 25, 2007 advising that the consultation period on the proposed "Tobacco Control Regulatory Discussion Paper" has been extended to July 19, 2007.

6. Homeowner Protection Office

Letter dated June 25, 2007 advising of the outcome from their conference on "Green Roofs and Homeowner Protection in British Columbia" and recommending that local governments do not mandate extensive green roofs in residential construction at this time.

- 7. British Columbia Safety Authority**
Letter dated June 25, 2007 enclosing a nomination package providing information on their Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Public Safety.
- 8. Sunshine Coast Labour Council**
Letter dated June 25, 2007 thanking the Mayor for his attendance and participation in their recent community forum "When Communities Talk".
- 9. The Provincial Court**
Letter dated June 28, 2007 advising that Thursdays will become the standard Initial Appearance/Arraignment/Remand Day starting in October, 2007.
- 10. Muscular Dystrophy Canada**
Copy of a letter dated June 26, 2007 to the Fire Chief thanking the Port Alberni Firefighters for their fund-raising efforts in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.
- 11. Run of River Power Inc.**
Letter dated June 27, 2007 clarifying what a "run-of-river" small hydroelectric facility is and enclosing an opinion piece to the Vancouver Sun entitled "Run of River Hydro Power is the Green Choice for BC".
- 12. Alberni District United Cabs Association**
Letter dated June 12, 2007 advising of an increase in their rates.
- 13. Union of British Columbia Municipalities**
Memorandum dated June 27, 2007 inviting submissions to the 2007 Community Excellence Awards Program and attaching an application booklet.
- 14. Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Local Government Services**
Memorandum dated June 29, 2007 advising that Phase 2 of the Community Tourism Funding is now open for proposals. A "Backgrounder" on the Rationale for the Phase 2 approach by the UBCM Tourism Task Force is attached.
- 15. Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Local Government Leadership Academy**
Update dated July 3, 2007 reporting on the success of the Local Government Leadership Academy's inaugural event, the BC Local Government Leadership Forum, held June 13 to 15, 2007.
- 16. Sherri McKinnon, Port Alberni International Twinning Society**
E-mail dated July 4, 2007 from Sherri McKinnon, President of the Port Alberni Twinning Society, providing an update on the Society's work and requesting City pins, brochures and posters for her trip to Abashiri in December.

17. Chris Bowers

E-mail dated July 4, 2007 regarding the BC-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

Chopra/Whiteman

That the information regarding Phase 2 of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Tourism Funding (F.14) be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce for information.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 17 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Zoning Amendment No. 58 (3979 Compton Road - Power and Frost, Bylaw No. 4664"

Mealey/Patterson

That "Zoning Amendment No. 58 (3979 Compton road - Power and Frost, Bylaw No. 4664" be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Mealey/Whiteman

That "Zoning Amendment No. 58 (3979 Compton road - Power and Frost, Bylaw No. 4664" be read a second time.

Carried

2. Setting a Public Hearing Date for Bylaw Number 4664

Mealey/Patterson

That "Zoning Amendment No. 58 (3979 Compton road - Power and Frost, Bylaw No. 4664" be advanced to a Public Hearing on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated July 9, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 96297 to 96451 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$573,607.83 be approved.

Carried

2. Engineering and Public Works

McLeman/Solda

That the monthly report from the Engineering and Public Works Department providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

3. Planning

Mealey/Patterson

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

Carried

4. Fire Department

Solda/Mealey

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 June 25, 2007 Audit Committee Meeting and the May, 2007 financial statements be received.

Carried

6. Boundary Study Committee

Chopra/Mealey

That the verbal report from the City Manager regarding the Boundary Study Committee meeting held at 3:00 pm today, be received.

Carried

7. Director of Finance - Report on Financial Statement Fund Balances

Chopra/Mealey

That the July 3, 2007 report from the Director of Finance providing information regarding Financial Statement Fund Balances, be received.

Carried

8. City Clerk/Bylaw Enforcement Officer/Business Licence Inspector - Notice of Hearing - Nuisance Premises at 5165 Golden Street

Solda/Whiteman

That the report dated June 29, 2007 advising that the owners of the property legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 10, Alberni District, Plan 7034, PID 005-806-445 (5165 Golden Street) have not remedied the situation as outlined in the City's letter dated November 25, 2006, be received.

Carried

Solda/Whiteman

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 property located at 5165 Golden Street, Port Alberni, British Columbia, legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 10, Alberni District, Plan 7034, PID 005-806-445, is hereby declared a nuisance; and*
- 2. the Owners of the property are hereby ordered to take the following remedial action by midnight on Wednesday, August 8, 2007:*

Clear the property of accumulations of burnt items, burnt materials from a garage fire, discarded car parts, garbage, discarded materials, the following vehicles: one blue Monte Carlo, one blue Chevrolet pickup truck, one white Mercedes 4-door car, one brown Chevrolet pickup truck and one white Chevrolet Cavalier (all unregistered and or dismantled) and cut the grass and weeds over 6" in height, to remedy the nuisance.

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

9. Director of Parks and Recreation - Tractor Tender

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the June 28, 2007 report from the Director of Parks and Recreation and approve the recommendation to replace both the large and small tractors currently in use, and award purchase of a new midsize tractor to Friesen Equipment in Duncan (John Deere) at a purchase price of \$92,600 plus GST.

Carried

10. Director of Finance - Finance Department Costs

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the June 25, 2007 report from the Director of Finance.

Carried

11. City Planner - Development Permit - Boston Pizza

Mealey/Chopra

That the report dated July 4, 2007 requesting consideration of Development Permit No. 07-01 for a Boston Pizza building at the Alberni Mall, be received.

Carried

Mealey/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve Development Permit No. 07-01 and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign Development Permit No. 07-01 including the following Schedule B development plans:

- 1. Site Plan - Drawing No. ABP-5*
- 2. Landscape Plan - Drawings No. L1, L2 & L3*
- 3. Elevation Plan - Drawings No. A3.1, A3.2 & A1.3.*

Carried

**12. Administrative Assistant -
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Convention**

Chopra/Mealey

That the report dated July 4, 2007 from the Administrative Assistant advising the 2007 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention will be held September 24 to 28, 2007 at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre be received and Councillors confirm their attendance as soon as possible in order to meet early registration requirements.

Carried

13. Current Status Report

*Chopra/Mealey
That the Current Status Report be received.*

Carried

14. Mayor's Report

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

*Mealey/McLeman
That the Mayor's report be received.*

Carried

15. Councillors' Reports

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

*Chopra/Mealey
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

1. Resolution from Councillor McLeman regarding Zoning

*McLeman/Solda
That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to investigate the establishment of new zoning designations that would be conducive to private forest lands.*

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 8:42 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk