

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Patterson/Solda

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Patterson

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 11, 2007, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Mike Hooper, CEO, Nanaimo Airport Authority

Mike Hooper, CEO, Nanaimo Airport Authority made a presentation on the challenges, opportunities and related economic benefit to surrounding communities as a result of airport activities, and requested a letter of support for application for funding grants.

Chopra/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni concur with the request of the Nanaimo Airport Authority and provide a letter of support for their funding request.

Carried

2. Port Alberni Toy Run

Port Alberni Toy Run members were not in attendance. Their correspondence requested that September 9 to 17, 2007 be proclaimed as "Toy Run Week" in Port Alberni, and invited Council to attend the Toy Run event on September 15th at Glenwood Centre.

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter from the Port Alberni Toy Run dated June 8, 2007 requesting that September 9 to 17, 2007 be proclaimed as "Toy Run Week" in Port Alberni, be received and the week be proclaimed as requested.

Carried

3. Alberni Forest Fest Society

Pamela Walker of the Alberni Forest Fest Society requested that Council proclaim July 6 to 8, 2007 as "Forest Fest Weekend" in Port Alberni.

Chopra/Solda

That the email dated June 18, 2007 from John Mayba of the Alberni Forest Fest Society requesting that July 6 to 8, 2007 be proclaimed as "Forest Fest Weekend" be received and the weekend be proclaimed as requested.

Carried

4. McLean Mill Manager and Tin Pants Theatre Troupe

Neil Malbon, McLean Mill Manager introduced the Tin Pants Theatre Troupe and provided highlights of the coming season. The Theatre Troupe performed for Council.

5. Alexandra Pazitch

Alexandra Pazitch requested Council adopt a Building Standards Bylaw.

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Valley Street Rods Car Club

McLeman/Mealey

That the letter from the Valley Street Rods Car Club dated June 7, 2007 requesting use of the Harbour Quay and the parking area on the south side of Kamma and Blake and Port Boat House (Harbour Road) for the Annual Thunder in the Valley Show and Shine event on August 10, 2007, and closure to regular traffic to the Harbour Quay from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm to accommodate the event, be received and Council concur with the request subject to notification of emergency services, consultation with all affected businesses to minimize potential conflict and traffic concerns and provision of standard liability insurance.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Vancouver Island Health Authority

Vancouver Island Health Authority quarterly CEO Update for June 2007.

2. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Letter dated June 1, 2007 acknowledging receipt of the City's letter requesting support for the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Specific Claim.

- 3. Tyler Ahlgren**
Letter dated June 5, 2007 encouraging the City to support public education efforts focusing on substance abuse, crime, and environmental issues.
- 4. City of Kelowna**
Letter dated June 4, 2007 thanking the City for the participation of staff member Guy Cicon for serving as secretary on the executive of the Municipal Engineers Division of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geologists of BC.
- 5. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Letter dated May 31, 2007 providing a copy of the Canada Green Building Council's *Municipal Green Building Toolkit*, as part of the City's membership in FCM's partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program.
- 6. Ministry of Children and Family Development**
Letter dated June 6, 2007 responding to the City's letter regarding provincial Child Care funding programs.
- 7. BC Health Coalition**
Letter dated June 7, 2007 regarding the health needs of seniors, and providing a resolution on home support for seniors for Council's consideration.
- 8. Mayor's Letter to the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
Letter dated June 13, 2007 expressing grave concerns about the possible loss of Dr. Curt Smecher, anesthesiologist at the West Coast General Hospital, due to VIHA terminating his contract.
- 9. Lorene Hickmott**
Providing information regarding commercial harvest of Chinook salmon on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.
- 10. Vancouver Island Health Authority**
Copy of letter dated June 14, 2007 to the Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society regarding 2007/2008 operating grants for Fir Park Village and Echo Village.
- 11. Ministry of Transportation**
Copy of a letter dated June 14, 2007 to the Port Alberni Toy Run providing approval for a minimal traffic delay on the Alberni-Parksville Highway #4 (westbound traffic only) to accommodate commencement of the 23rd Annual Toy Run on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 12:00 noon.
- 12. David Suzuki Foundation**
Letter dated June 12, 2007 providing copies of "Zoned RS-1 (Residential Salmon -1)", a publication created to encourage governments to use zoning bylaws and regulations to help protect places where salmon and other fish live.

13. **ICBC**
Providing information and promotional materials for the 2007 Vancouver Island, Powell River, Gulf Islands High Risk Driving Behaviour Campaign, that runs from June 1 to August 31, 2007.
14. **City of New Westminster**
Copy of a letter dated June 8, 2007 to the Minister of Labour and Citizen's Services providing a resolution to increase the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour and eliminate the \$6.00 per hour training wage.
15. **Jen Fisher-Bradley**
Providing a website address of a German company, "Kompogas", that produces clean burning fuel made from biomass.
16. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated June 11, 2007 providing clarification on the Single Business Licence Initiative, that while UBCM has agreed to participate in discussions, the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue is leading the single business licence initiative and UBCM does not have member approved mandate to pursue a single business licence.
17. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Letter dated June 7, 2007 thanking the City for the reporting package outlining activities undertaken under the 2005 Community Tourism Grant (Phase 1) during the Hockey Canada-sanctioned Alberni Valley International Midget Hockey Tournament.
18. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated June 8, 2007 reminding members that the 2007 resolutions deadline is June 30, 2007.
19. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated June 8, 2007 providing information on funding opportunities for Regional Community to Community Forum Programs, Seniors Housing and Support Initiative – Seniors in Communities Dialogues, and Strategic Wildfire Protection Initiatives for Communities.
20. **Ministry of Community Services**
Letter dated June 18, 2007 announcing that effective July 1, 2007 the interest rate on refunds of tax overpayments is 4%.

Mealey/Patterson

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

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T26 (4411 Wallace Street, Fir Park Village – Increase to Building Coverage), Bylaw No. 4662"

Mealey/Patterson

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T26 (4411 Wallace Street, Fir Park Village – Increase to Building Coverage), Bylaw No. 4662", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4662.

Carried

2. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T27 (4890 Cherry Creek Road, Micro-Brewery), Bylaw No. 4663"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T27 (4890 Cherry Creek Road, Micro-Brewery), Bylaw No. 4663", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4663.

Carried

3. City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission

Mealey/Chopra

That the summary report of the June 14, 2007 meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission be received and the following recommendations endorsed:

- 1. That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with an amendment to Schedule A (map) of the Zoning Bylaw to rezone 3979 Compton Road (Lot 59, District Lot 112, Alberni District, Plan 43267) from R1 – Single Family Residential District to R3 - Small Lot Single Family Residential District.*
- 2. That as part of the development process the applicant be required to receive a Preliminary Layout Approval for the proposed subdivision from the City of Port Alberni's Approving Officer.*

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated June 25, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 96093 to 96296 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$721,371.79 be approved.

Carried

2. RCMP

Solda/Mealey

That the monthly reports for April and May from the OIC, RCMP Port Alberni, providing information about current departmental operations, be received and filed.

Carried

3. Director of Parks and Recreation

Whiteman/Solda

That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about current departmental operations, be received and filed.

Carried

4. Alberni Valley Museum Director

Patterson/Mealey

That the monthly report from the Alberni Valley Museum Director providing information about current departmental activities, be received and filed.

Carried

5. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Patterson/Mealey

That the minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting held on June 6, 2007 be received.

Carried

Solda/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Mayor McRae and Councillors Patterson and Whiteman to a committee to develop a plan to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of amalgamation.

Carried

6. City Engineer – Status of City Way Finding Sign Plan

McLeman/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report dated June 19, 2007 from the City Engineer regarding the status of the City Way Finding Sign Plan and direct staff to develop the signage plan with the brand used by Tourism Alberni Valley and provide Council with the draft prior to final design acceptance.

Carried

7. City Manager – Island Coast Economic Trust Application for Uptown Revitalization Funding

McLeman/Patterson

That the report from the City Manager dated June 19, 2007 providing a copy of the City's Stage 1 application for grant funding through the Island Coastal Economic Trust for streetscape improvements to the 3rd Avenue Port Alberni "uptown" area, be endorsed.

Carried

8. Fire Chief – Equipment Purchase

Solda/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the May 31, 2007 report from the Fire Chief and approve the recommendation to award purchase of new midsize extended cab 4 x 4 pickup to Alberni Chrysler, at a total purchase price of \$29,745.67, and the emergency light bar, siren controller and decaling of the vehicle not exceed \$3,200.

Carried

Patterson/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to provide instructions for local automotive dealerships for completing tender documents.

Carried

9. Museum Director – History of Museum Hours

Patterson/Mealey

That the report from the Museum Director dated June 18, 2007 providing a history of the Museum's open hours from 1993 until present, be received.

Carried

10. Presentation of the Annual Report

The Mayor provided an introduction of the Annual Report and read his statement from the report.

The City Manager provided background outlining the legal requirement to complete the report and a summary of the contents.

The public were provided an opportunity to comment and ask questions, there were none.

11. City Clerk – June 11, 2007 Public Hearing Report

Mealey/Whiteman

That the report of the Public Hearing held June 11, 2007 relating to Bylaws 4662 and 4663, be received and filed.

Carried

12. Development of Stirling Field – Public Meeting held June 12, 2007

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the summary of the June 12, 2007 Public Meeting and comment sheets and direct staff to proceed with preparing a Request for Proposals for the marketing of the Stirling Field site to be brought back for Council to consider in the content of the public input received.

Carried

13. Councillor Solda – Resolution Regarding Potential Nuisance Property

Solda/Mealey

That staff be directed to investigate the state of the building and property at 3118 Third Avenue (Frigstad Apartments), consult with the Vancouver Island Health Authority and WorkSafe BC and bring forward a report to Council to consider declaring the property a nuisance.

Carried

14. City Engineer – Capital Project Change – 10th Ave & Burde St. Signalization

McLeman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni reallocate the 2007 Capital Funds for the signalization at 10th Avenue and Burde Street (\$188,700) to paving repairs and signal modifications on Redford Street from 9th to 11th Avenues and repairing distressed pavement areas along main arterial roads in the City.

Carried

15. City Engineer – Cost Estimate for Uptown Cleanup Work

The City Engineer provided an outline of costs for the recent cleanup work in the uptown area. The City spent approximately \$3,000.

16. Current Status Report

Chopra/Mealey

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

17. Mayor's Report

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

18. Councillors' Reports

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

*Mealey/McLeman
That the Councillors' reports be received.*

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

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

Gary Robertson asked for an update regarding uptown revitalization and the projects approved by Council. The City Clerk will provide a copy of the current status of these projects to Mr. Robertson by Wednesday of this week.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Councillor McLeman provided a notice of motion regarding preparation of new zoning designations in the City's Land Use Zoning Bylaw to accommodate forestry and rural use.

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/McLeman
That the meeting adjourn at 9:25 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk