

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 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 late item E.1. (a) - e-mail from Alexandra Pazitch; and item 1.9 be brought forward for consideration following item E.1.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Whiteman

That the minutes of the October 22, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Katimavik

Joan Hall was in attendance to introduce members of Katimavik working within the community at various locations including the Bread of Life, Gymnastics Academy and Westhaven.

2. Gareth Flostrand

Rhonda Johnson from the Community Arts Council made a presentation regarding the new Artist Studio Guide. She circulated a copy of the guide which is available at the Chamber of Commerce and the Rollin Art Centre.

3. Theresa Kingston, Manager of Human Resources and Community Development and Richard Giele, Research Assistant, Malaspina Community College

Theresa Kingston, Manager of Human Resources and Community Development and Richard Giele, Research Assistant, Malaspina Community College, provided information about the City of Port Alberni Satisfaction Survey which will be going out mid-November.

4. David Stern, Chair

Alberni-Clayoquot Environmental and Education Society

Requested a letter stating Council's interest and support for the activities of the Alberni-Clayoquot Environmental and Education Society.

Mealey/Whiteman

That the letter dated November 7, 2007 from David Stern, Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Environmental and Education Society, requesting a letter stating Council's interest and support for the activities of the Society be received, the request approved and that the grant-in-aid application be forwarded to the Grants-in-Aid Committee for consideration.

Carried

5. Ken Hutcheson

Ken Hutcheson, on behalf of the Organizing Committee discussed an event entitled "Re-Discovering the Alberni Valley" (Building a New Economy in a Changing Community) and invited Council to attend on Saturday, November 24, 2007 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Echo Centre.

Chopra/Mealey

That the information dated November 6, 2007 from Ken Hutcheson regarding an event entitled "Re-Discovering the Alberni Valley" scheduled for November 24, 2007, be received, and that all available Councillors confirm their attendance with the Administrative Assistant.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Mehnaz Thawer, Adoptive Families Association of BC

Whiteman/Mealey

That the email from Adoptive Families Association dated October 29, 2007 be received and the month of November, 2007 be proclaimed as "Adoption Awareness Month" in Port Alberni.

Carried

2. Michaëlle Jean, The Governor General

Solda/Mealey

That the letter from the Governor General dated November 2007 be received and the week of November 18 to 25, 2007 be proclaimed as "Restorative Justice Week" in Port Alberni.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Homelessness Transitional Housing Initiative – 3690 Roger Street

Solda/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the

- *Letter from Patty Edwards, Facilitator, Community Stakeholders Initiative on Homelessness, requesting a letter of support from City Council to BC Housing; the*
- *CMHA "Transitional Housing Proposal" document, the*
- *Meeting Notes from the Transitional Housing Public Meeting held October, 29, 2007,*
- *Letter objecting to the proposal from R. Thomson of 3522 Huff Drive, a*
- *Letter supporting the proposal from Albert District Teachers' Union, and a*
- *Petition in favour of the proposal including approximately 235 names submitted by Alexandra Pazitch.*

Carried

Mr. Bob Hargreaves, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and proponent for the Homelessness Transitional Housing at 3690 Roger Street, indicated that they had no objection to neighbourhood representation on the operating or selection committee. He also indicated that they are investigating enhanced security options for the facility. He is the contact if people have any questions.

Solda/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide a letter of support for the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Transitional Housing Proposal for 3690 Roger Street on the condition that a representative of the immediate neighbourhood will be provided an opportunity to participate on the management committee and resident selection committee.

Carried

1.(a) Director of Parks and Recreation - RCMP Demolition

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni refer the Director of Parks and Recreation November 7, 2007 report regarding demolition of the former RCMP Detachment and the correspondence from Sheryl's Common Ground Free Store dated November 5, 2007 and Dr. Curtis Smecher dated November 7, 2007, on behalf of the Alberni Valley Community Stakeholders Initiative to End Homelessness, to the December 10, 2007 regular meeting.

Carried

2. The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter dated October 25, 2007 from The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver requesting that Council for the City of Port Alberni repeal the proclamation "Human Rights in China Awareness Week" as requested by the "Falungong", be received.

Carried

3. Simon Fraser University

Mealey/Patterson

That the letter dated October 25, 2007 from Simon Fraser University requesting to meet with Council to discuss their initiative "ACT" (Adaptation to Climate Change Team) to help Canadians cope with the impacts of climate change, be received and the invitation be extended to meet with the City's Climate Change Committee once established.

Carried

4. KUU-US Crisis Line Society

Solda/Chopra

That the letter dated October 23, 2007 from the KUU-US Crisis Line Society requesting sponsorship in the amount of a registration fee of \$85.00, Christmas tree lights and decorations for its fundraiser the "Festival of Trees", for a tree that will be donated to a family for Christmas, be received and Council participate at no cost to the City.

Carried

5. BCSPCA

Solda/Mealey

That the letter dated October 1, 2007 from the BCSPCA requesting Port Alberni enact an exotic animal bylaw, be received.

Carried

6. Walter Rabey

Solda/Mealey

That the e-mail dated October 20, 2007 from Walter Rabey requesting that Council for the City of Port Alberni rescind its support to the BCSPCA's proposed changes to the current Wildlife Act, be received.

Carried

7. Debbie Molloy

Mealey/McLeman

That the e-mail dated November 1, 2007 from Debbie Molloy requesting Council to reconsider its position with regard to a Redevelopment Policy for Manufactured Home Parks, be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Mayor McRae to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California Fires**
Copy of a letter dated October 25, 2007 from the Mayor to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger acknowledging that one of the Coulson Martin Mars Water Bombers had been deployed to the San Diego area to assist with fire suppression.
- 2. Ministry of Community Services**
E-mail dated October 19, 2007 advising of Intercultural Awareness and Communication Courses available regarding the Asia Pacific Initiative.
- 3. Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues**
Letter dated October 19, 2007 providing a copy of "The BC Asia Twinning Tool Kit: Opening BC Communities to the World".
- 4. Minister of Finance**
Letter dated October 19, 2007 appreciating the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and Council at the recent Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.
- 5. Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts**
Letter dated October 18, 2007 appreciating the opportunity to meet with our delegation at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and wishing success for our Tall Ships event in 2008.
- 6. Minister of Health**
Letter dated October 16, 2007 enclosing a copy of the World Health Organization's (WHO) "Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide" and the "Checklist of Essential Features of Age-friendly Cities" released on October 1, 2007 (the International Day of Older Persons) and advising of new funding for the UBCM's Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative.
- 7. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**
Letter dated October 16, 2007 advising that the \$500 per officer PRIME-BC user fee established for 2007 will continue through 2008.

- 8. Guy Gentner, MLA (Delta-North)**
Copy of a letter dated October 23, 2007 to the Honourable Carole Taylor, Minister of Health, regarding loss of tax revenues to municipalities with ports.
- 9. Port Alberni Women's Resources Society**
Letter dated October 17, 2007 thanking Council for property tax exemption for 2008.
- 10. City of New Westminster**
Copy of a letter to the Minister of Economic Development advising of their resolution requesting an exemption from the TILMA (Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) for British Columbia municipalities.
- 11. Charlie Wyse, MLA for Cariboo South**
Letter dated October 22, 2007 enclosing a transcript from Hansard Debates of the Legislative Assembly on October 15, 2007.
- 12. Homeowner Protection Office**
Letter dated October 24, 2007 advising that the Homeowner Protection Amendment Act and Regulation will come into effect on November 19, 2007.
- 13. Fire Services Liaison Group**
Letter dated October 24, 2007 advising of a BC Fire Service Model Development Project which was presented at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, to address major concerns and future challenges impacting the Fire Service and inviting UBCM members to complete a questionnaire.
- 14. Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia**

Letter dated October 18, 2007 providing an invitation to attend a Mineral Exploration Roundup 2008 Conference from January 28 to 31, 2008 in Vancouver.
- 15. Bernadette Rae**
Letter dated October 24, 2007 thanking City Council for increasing the "Gentle Aqua-Fit" program from 2 sessions to 3 sessions per week, and advising of their wish to work with Council to reinstate the program back to 5 sessions per week.
- 16. BC 4-H Provincial Council**
Letter received October 19, 2007 regarding "National 4-H Month" and providing a poster to promote the event.
- 17. BC Creek Protection Society**
Copy of a letter dated October 19, 2007 to the Premier of British Columbia regarding private hydroelectric power development strategies in British Columbia.

- 18. Port Alberni Port Authority**
Letter dated October 31, 2007 providing an update to the previously received report entitled "Descriptive Overview of the Coast Forest Industry".
- 19. Gold Rush Trail Dog Sled Mail Run 2008**
Letter received November 2, 2007 advising of the annual "Gold Rush Trail Dog Sled Mail Run" based in Quesnel and offering an opportunity to purchase envelopes for their Bulk Sales.
- 20. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Liquor Control and Licencing Branch**
Information Bulletin dated October 30, 2007 advising of the results of 4,604 compliance-related inspections of bars, restaurants and private liquor stores in British Columbia.
- 21. Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC)**
Memorandum dated October 15, 2007 providing an update of issues and topics they have been addressing on behalf of members.
- 22. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Letter dated October 16, 2007 enclosing a DVD which contains an Application for the "2008 Sustainable Community Awards"; "Awards Video 2007" and "Winners 2000-2007".
- 23. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Fax dated October 17, 2007 providing their "In The House" circular advising that Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Legislation has been introduced, which is the first treaty under the BC Treaty Commission process.
- 24. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
(Local Government Program Services)**
Fax dated October 17, 2007 announcing the launch of the Emergency Planning Program for Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal.
- 25. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Letter dated October 16, 2007 enclosing a copy of the "Guide to Community to Community Forums in British Columbia" that helps First Nations and local governments come together in dialogue.

Mealey/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 25 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Councillor Mealey - Manufactured Home Parks

Mealey/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to investigate a policy, that would not apply to current applications, to ensure that tenant relocation plans for manufactured home parks are a requirement of developers before City Council considers necessary approvals for the development.

Carried

2. Director of Parks and Recreation - Summer and Winter AquaFit Schedules

Whiteman/Patterson

That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated October 22, 2007, providing background information pertaining to the AquaFit program be received, and Option 1 be approved to continue with the existing AquaFit summer and winter schedules and revise as necessary to meet user and facility demands.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. City Clerk – November 13, 2007 Public Hearing held at 6:00 pm

Mealey/Chopra

That the verbal report from the City Clerk of the Public Hearing held November 13, 2007 be received.

Carried

2. Official Community Plan Amendment No. 1 (3823 Anderson Avenue - Basra), Bylaw No. 4676

Mealey/Chopra

That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 1 (3823 Anderson Avenue - Basra), Bylaw No. 4676", be read a third time.

Carried

3. Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Definition of Para-Medical Services), Bylaw No. 4677

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Definition of Para-Medical Services), Bylaw No. 4677", be read a third time.

Carried

4. Zoning Amendment No. 64 (3823 Anderson Avenue - Basra), Bylaw No. 4678

Mealey/Whiteman

That "Zoning Amendment No. 64 (3823 Anderson Avenue - Basra), Bylaw No. 4678", be read a third time.

Carried

5. Lane Closure Bylaw - 5007 Pleasant Road

Public notice was been provided regarding a request to purchase a portion of lane adjacent to 5007 Pleasant Road, with no comment received.

Chopra/Mealey

That "Portion of Lane Closure Adjacent to 5007 Pleasant Road and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 4679" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4679.

Carried

6. City Planner - Advisory Planning Commission

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni recommend that the applicant be required to submit a concept plan showing how a duplex residential dwelling unit could be accommodated on the site at 4663 Durant Street (Lot 4, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 18431) while meeting all the required setbacks, and the application be directed back to the Advisory Planning Commission after the applicant has submitted a concept plan.

Carried

7. City Clerk - Recycling Bins Removal from City Property

McLeman/Patterson

That "Removal of Recycling Bins from A Public Place at 3514 Fourth Ave., Bylaw No. 4681", be introduced and read a first time.

Carried

McLeman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni table the "Removal of Recycling Bins from A Public Place at 3514 Fourth Ave., Bylaw No. 4681" until the December 10, 2007 regular meeting of Council.

Defeated

Mealey/Chopra

That "Removal of Recycling Bins from A Public Place at 3514 Fourth Ave., Bylaw No. 4681", be read a second time.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

*That "Removal of Recycling Bins from A Public Place at 3514 Fourth Ave.,
Bylaw No. 4681", be read a third time.*

Carried

8. City Planner – "Zoning Amendment No. 62 (5427 Greenard Street and 4078 Cedar Street - J. Penner), Bylaw No. 4672"

Mealey/Patterson

That "Zoning Amendment No. 62 ("5427 Greenard Street and 4078 Cedar Street - J. Penner), Bylaw No. 4672" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4672.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 13, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 97952 to 98181 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$591,088.27 be approved.

Carried

2. Engineering Department

McLeman/Solda

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

Carried

3. Planning Department

Mealey/Patterson

That the monthly report from the City Planner 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/Mealey

That the minutes of the October 22, 2007 Audit Committee Meeting, the report dated October 18, 2007 from the Director of Finance and the October, 2007 financial statements be received.

Carried

6. City Manager - Five Year Financial Plan 2008-2012 Process

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the following recommendations outlined in the City Manager's report dated November 7, 2007:

- 1. That Council receive the public input attached arising from the October 25, 2007 public meeting.*
- 2. That Council direct the Core Service Review Session with senior staff be undertaken on November 20, 2007.*
- 3. That Council approve the revised Financial Plan adoption process and attached schedule as outlined in the November 7, 2007 report.*

Carried

7. Director of Parks and Recreation - 2009 U-17 World Hockey Challenge, In-Kind Contributions

Whiteman/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated November 6, 2007 and approve in-kind contributions in the amount of \$57,680 as requested by the 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge Society and that concession revenues from the event be retained by the City.

Carried

8. Director of Parks and Recreation - 2009 World U-17 Hockey Challenge Community Tourism Funds

Whiteman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the application to the UBCM Community Tourism Program in the amount of \$40,000 for the 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge and accept the terms and conditions of the program.

Carried

10. City Engineer - Recycling/Waste Management

McLeman/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni consider the Automated Arm Garbage Collection system for residential garbage in the 2008 budget discussions and discuss with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District the provision of curbside recycling.

Carried

11. Current Status Report

The City Clerk indicated that the Current Status Report will be updated and circulated at the next regular meeting of Council.

12. Mayor's Report

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

13. Councillors' Reports

Mealey/Patterson

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. There was none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Councillor McLeman, Port Alberni Forest Alliance Corporation

Councillor McLeman indicated he would bring forward a resolution regarding a change in name to the Port Alberni Forest Alliance Corporation at the next regular meeting.

2. 2010 Winter Olympics - Cowichan Indian Sweaters

McLeman/Mealey

The Council for the City of Port Alberni support the proposal that Canadian athletes wear the Cowichan Indian Sweater as their team uniform at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Patterson

That the meeting adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk