

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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/Solda

That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of late items.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Whiteman

That the minutes of the October 9, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Councillor Mealey - Re: Chinese Delegation of October 12, 2007

Councillor Mealey thanked Theresa Kingston and Anne Graboski for their presentations to the Chinese delegation on October 12, 2007. Anne Graboski was presented with a gift from the City for her volunteer efforts.

2. Tall Ships Society

Gillian Trumper made a presentation regarding the Tall Ships event in 2008. The Tall Ships will be in attendance on July 11 and 12, 2008. The Society will be asking the City for a contribution toward the event at a later date.

3. Manager of Environmental Services, Alberni Clayoquot Regional District

Drew Hadfield provided an update of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's, Solid Waste Management Plan Review. It proposes curbside recycling in the City of Port Alberni, improved recycling depots, increases in tipping fees and no import of solid waste from other jurisdictions.

McLeman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni agree in principle to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's Solid Waste Management Plan as presented.

Carried

4. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Jamie Morton and Ken Rutherford provided an update on the Commission and requested that Council reconsider the extra reduction made to the Museum budget in the 2007 Five Year Financial Plan.

Mr. Rutherford is the new Chair of the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission and Mr. Morton will retire from the Commission in December.

5. Port Alberni International Twinning Society

Society members Sherri McKinnon and Laurie Morphet provided an update to Council on their recent activities and upcoming events.

6. Habitat for Humanity Alberni Valley

Donna Brett provided an update on the organization and the plans to establish a chapter in Port Alberni. It is very preliminary at this time.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. British Columbia Safety Authority

Chopra/Solda

That the letter dated October 16, 2007 requesting that the second full week in November (November 4 through 10, 2007), be proclaimed as "Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week" in Port Alberni.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. "Clients" of the Echo Centre Swimming Pool

Council received correspondence from Heather Mallory and Judy Nelson regarding Aquatic Centre programs. Council heard from various members of the public who spoke in favour of the Gentle Aquafit Program and asked that it be expanded to previous service levels.

Director of Parks and Recreation – Report on the Gentle Aquafit Petition

Whiteman/Mealey

That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated October 17, 2007 providing background information of the Aquafit Program be received, and the program be increased to 3 times per week.

Carried

Council will consider the correspondence of Heather Mallory at the next regular meeting of Council.

2. Water Highway BC

McLeman/Solda

That the letter dated October 5, 2007 providing information about the BC Water Quantity Monitoring Network, Strategic Plan Development, and requesting support by writing a letter to the Minister of Environment supporting the initiative, be endorsed.

Carried

3. Dry Grad Committee

Chopra/McLeman

That the letter from the Dry Grad Committee dated October 10, 2007, requesting November 23, 2007 as a Tag Day be received, and the Tag Day approved as requested.

Carried

4. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Mealey/Patterson

That the Invitation for Municipal Planners, Engineers and elected officials to attend a Sustainable Planning and Development Workshop on practical approaches to addressing long-term infrastructure needs, be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong Canada

Email dated October 12, 2007 thanking Council for issuing a proclamation for the "Human Rights Torch Relay Awareness Week".

2. BC Hydro

Letter dated September 28, 2007 inviting the City to participate in Phase 2 of the *Turn it Off Challenge*, that involves participants "Join Team Power Smart", an online personal commitment to lowering energy requirements in BC.

3. Western Canada Wilderness Committee

Enclosing copies of the Wilderness Committee's Summer/Fall 2007 education report, entitled "Western Canada's Provincial Parks – How does BC measure up?"

4. Charlie Wyse, MLA Cariboo South, Opposition Critic for Local Government

Copy of letter to the Minister of Community Services dated September 28, 2007 expressing concerns about the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and asking that the government either renegotiate or pull out of the agreement.

5. **Ministry of Transportation**
Letter dated October 5, 2007 responding to the City's August 15, 2007 letter regarding Council's resolution that the provincial government should end the reservation system on BC Ferries, that the government will not act on it and the letter has been forwarded to David Hahn, President and CEO of BC Ferries.
6. **BC Transit**
Letter dated October 12, 2007 advising of increased transit ridership in the past year and providing publications entitled "Investing in Public Transit, Part of the Solution", "Building Success: Federal Transit Investments Across Canada" and "A National Transit Strategy for Canada".
7. **Victoria Chinese Commerce Association**
Letter dated October 11, 2007 thanking Council for issuing a proclamation declaring August 3 to 10, 2007 as "150 Years in Golden Mountain Week".
8. **Citizens' Advisory Committees to the Correctional Service of Canada**
Providing information about its forum "Working Together for Safe and Successful Re-entry" on November 29, 2007 at the Salvation Army Citadel in Victoria.
9. **Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia**
Letter dated October 5, 2007 providing copies of its brochure "Mineral Exploration and Mining – The Good News in BC".
10. **Community Futures Alberni - Clayoquot**
Memo dated October 17, 2007 providing program activities and highlights for the period September 17 to October 16, 2007.
11. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Circular dated October 5, 2007 providing a summary of the resolutions, amendments and positions adopted at the 2007 Convention.
12. **Port Alberni Port Authority**
Letter dated October 17, 2007 responding to the City's letter regarding directional signage for boaters entering the harbour, and advising that if boaters meet the *Canada Shipping Act* requirements of having all charts, documents and publications on board relating to the area, then the boating public should be easily able to locate Port facilities and services.

McLeman/Whiteman

That Councillor Solda be authorized to attend the November 29, 2007 "Working Together for Safe and Successful Re-entry" forum.

Carried

McLeman/Chopra

That representatives of the Council of the City of Port Alberni meet with the Port Alberni Port Authority to discuss harbour signage.

Carried

*Mealey/McLeman
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 12 be
received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City of Nanaimo - From October 9, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

*Patterson/Chopra
That the letter dated September 17, 2007 requesting support for a second
FM radio station on Vancouver Island by sending a letter to the local MP
expressing support for CBC FM be endorsed.*

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. City Clerk – "Alberni Valley Senior Citizen Home Exemption Bylaw, Bylaw No. 4680"

*Mealey/Chopra
That "Alberni Valley Senior Citizen Home Exemption Bylaw, Bylaw No.
4680", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with
the corporate seal and numbered 4680.*

Carried

2. City Planner – "Zoning Amendment No. 63 (4873 Burke Road – Ultra Investments), Bylaw No. 4673"

*Mealey/Chopra
That "Zoning Amendment No. 63 (4873 Burke Road – Ultra Investments),
Bylaw No. 4673" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk,
sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4673.*

Carried

3. Debbie Molloy – Tenant at 5350 Falls Street

*Mealey/Solda
That the email dated October 17, 2007 thanking Council for providing a
resolution for Mobile Home Park Redevelopment Tenant Assistance, and
asking that Council consider a Bylaw similar to the City of Kelowna, be
received.*

Carried

4. City Planner – Setting Public Hearing for Bylaw No.'s 4668 and 4669

Mealey/Whiteman

That the report from the City Planner dated October 17, 2007, regarding the development proposal for 5350 Falls Street be received and the developer be advised the City requires submission of a Concept Access Design for the project at 5350 Falls Street before the Public Hearing.

Carried

Mealey/Whiteman

That the City of Port Alberni require the developer of 5350 Falls Street to provide a tenant relocation plan before consideration of a Public Hearing.

Defeated

Mealey/Whiteman

That the following bylaws be advanced to a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Dogwood Room at Echo Centre, 4255 Wallace Street.

- 1. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T28 (Maximum of 2.5 Building Storeys in the RM1 District), Bylaw No. 4668"*
- 2. "Zoning Amendment No. 60 (5350 Falls Street – McManus Development), Bylaw No. 4669"*

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated October 22, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 97728 to 97951 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$806,958.73, be approved.

Carried

2. RCMP

Solda/Mealey

Monthly report from the OIC RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

3. Alberni Valley Museum Director

Patterson/Mealey

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

Carried

4. Manager of Human Resources and Community Development

Chopra/Mealey

That the monthly report from the Manager of Human Resources and Community Development providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

5. Director of Parks and Recreation

Whiteman/Mealey

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

Carried

6. Manager of Economic Development

Chopra/Solda

That the monthly report from the Manager of Economic Development providing information about current departmental activities be received.

Carried

7. Fire Department

Solda/McLeman

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

Carried

8. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission – Minutes

Patterson/Mealey

That the minutes of the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting of October 3, 2007 be received.

Carried

8.1 City Engineer – Bus Shelters

McLeman/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the City Engineer dated October 22, 2007, endorse the Public Transit Funding Agreement under the Agreement on the Transfer of Funds for Public Transit, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the agreement.

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.

Heather Reid, Alberni Valley News, asked for confirmation of the date of the meeting regarding 3690 Roger Street. It is October 29, 2007.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk