

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 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)**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items;  
H.2. - Public Hearing report from September 10, 2007 and H.14. -  
Permissive Tax Exemption.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the minutes of the October 1, 2007 Special Meeting of Council be  
adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge Society**

Tom McEvay, Vice Chair of the 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge Society provided an update on planning and preparation for the event and requested a letter of support for the application to the Island Coastal Economic Trust.

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide letters of support for the  
Island Coastal Economic Trust application of the 2009 World Under 17  
Hockey Challenge Society and the City of Port Alberni for Multiplex  
upgrades.*

*Carried*

**2. Alberni Valley Tourism**

Mike Carter and Blake Johnson from the Alberni Valley Tourism provided an update of tourism promotions in the Alberni Valley.

**3. Notice for Public Comment regarding Extension of Hours of Operation of "Jaguars" at the Beaufort Hotel**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the report Item I.11 dated October 3, 2007 from the City Clerk providing a copy of the Notice for Public Comment that appeared in the newspaper, regarding an application from 0708901 BC Ltd. (operating the Beaufort Hotel) to the City of Port Alberni for support for an extension of the hours of operation of "Jaguars" from 12:00 pm to 2:00 am, Monday to Sunday, be brought forward and considered as item C.3 on the agenda.*

*Carried*

Hank Bramwell, Manager of the Beaufort Hotel, was in attendance and spoke regarding the request for extension of hours of operation of "Jaguars"

**Correspondence Received Opposing the Proposed Extension of Hours of Operation of "Jaguars" at the Beaufort Hotel:**

- Kathleen Nordstrom
- Brenda & Russell Widdess
- Pam Penner
- Heather Graham, "Literati Books"
- David Stern
- Barbara Mellaart, "Treadsetter Shoes"
- Ursula Holmes, "Gramma's Trunk Partners"
- Marusha Taylor
- Jessica & Chad Bleasdale
- Charmead Schella & Chris Marshall, "Fat Salmon Backpackers' Hostel"
- Richard Thompson, "Sound Advice Music Shop"
- Frank Holm
- Dianne Elmes
- June Windley
- Gillian Shearwater
- Dominic Rockall, "Port Alberni Association for Community Living"
- Barb, "Taylor's Flowers"
- Alexandra Pazitch
- Nella McKimm, "Safe & Sound Computers and Media"
- Lars, "Qualicum House"; Ann Fleming, "Flandangles" and Gary Robertson, "Baja Boutique, Boutique de la Mariée"
- Linda Ursel, Sherri VanDyk
- Vicki Westover
- Jens van Draby
- Brent Ronning, "AV SafetyNet"

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni in consideration of the public input received object to the application of the Beaufort Hotel, liquor licence number 139354, to extend its hours of operation to 12:00 noon to 2:00 am Monday to Sunday and that Council forward all correspondence received regarding the matter to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch.*

*Carried*

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Port Alberni Fire Department**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the letter from the Port Alberni Fire Department, dated September 18, 2007 be received, the week of October 7 to 13, 2007 be proclaimed as "Fire Prevention Week" and Saturday, October 14, 2006 be designated as "Fire Service Recognition Day" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**2. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia & Yukon (Central Vancouver Island)**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the letter received on September 19, 2007 be received and the week of March 16 to 23, 2008 be proclaimed as "Freemason Week" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**3. Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Dafa in China**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the letter received on September 26, 2007 from the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Dafa in China be received and the week of October 22 to 28, 2007 be proclaimed "Human Rights in China Awareness Week" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**4. Victoria Chinese Commerce Association**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated September 14, 2007 from the Victoria Chinese Commerce Association be received and the week of August 3 to 10, 2008 be proclaimed "150 Years in Golden Mountain Week" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**5. Port Alberni Association for Community Living**

*Solda/Patterson*

*That the letter dated October 1, 2007 from the Port Alberni Association for Community Living be received and the month of October 2007 be proclaimed "Community Living Month" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**6. Brenda McManus, Alberni Valley Junior Championship Committee**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That the e-mail dated September 28, 2007 from the Alberni Valley Junior Championship Committee requesting that January 1 to 6, 2008 be proclaimed as "Junior Curling Week" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society**

*Whiteman/Chopra*

*That the letter dated September 8, 2007 advising that the British Columbia Youth Parliament, 79<sup>th</sup> Parliament, will be held in Victoria from December 27 to 31, 2007 be received and staff contact the School District for two nominations.*

*Carried*

**2. Port Alberni Local Katimavik Committee**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the letter dated September 17, 2007 from the Port Alberni Local Katimavik Committee requesting free bus passes and a book of 10 tickets for the 3 volunteers who travel more than the 2 kilometre walk limit to their work site, be received and the request be endorsed.*

*Carried*

**3. Union of British Columbia Municipalities**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the member notice dated September 10, 2007 inviting Council to a "Building a Safer Community: Gang, Drug & Domestic Violence Issues" Conference on October 31 and November 1, 2007 in Richmond be received and Councillor Cindy Solda be authorized to attend.*

*Carried*

**4. T.R. Parkins**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That the e-mail dated September 14, 2007 requesting regional bus service be received and the correspondence be referred to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District for consideration.*

*Carried*

**5. Mayor of the City of Nanaimo**

*Patterson/Chopra*

*That the letter dated September 17, 2007 from the Mayor of the City of Nanaimo be referred to the October 22, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council following a report from Councillor Patterson regarding his meeting with CBC.*

*Carried*

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Brian McGregor-Foxcroft**

Letter dated September 17, 2007 concerned about the recent staff changes at the Alberni Valley Times and advising he will not be renewing his subscription to the newspaper.

**2. Katimavik**

Letter dated September 10, 2007 advising that the Katimavik program, which is a national youth service organization, will have a group of youths in Port Alberni for the next nine months to contribute hours of volunteer work to various organizations.

**3. Jane Bremner, South Bay Developments Limited**

Copy of a letter dated August 27, 2007 to the District Transportation Manager regarding the state of the Bamfield Road.

**4. 2010 Legacies Now**

A Binder entitled "2010 Legacies Now Overview" received September 18, 2007 advising of the various activities gearing up to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

**5. Beaver Creek Improvement District**

Letter dated September 11, 2007 advising of VIHA's Vancouver Island Health Authority approval for the City's Utilities Superintendent to continue to assist the Beaver Creek Improvement District with their water system.

**6. British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission**

Letter dated September 10, 2007 replying to the Mayor's letter dated August 30, 2007 requesting if the Commission could meet with Council at a public meeting in Port Alberni.

- 7. Community Futures Alberni Clayoquot**  
Memo dated September 17, 2007 providing their August 15 to September 17 program activity highlights.
- 8. COPE (Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union)**  
Letter dated August 28, 2007 concerned about the provincial government's proposal to transfer ownership rights to hundreds of wild and scenic parts of BC Rivers.
- 9. British Columbia Achievement Foundation**  
Letter dated September 15, 2007 inviting nominations for a deserving individual who raises the quality and character of Port Alberni to receive the Community Achievement Award.
- 10. City of Coquitlam**  
Copy of a letter dated September 25, 2007 to the Minister of Employment and Income Assistance advising of their resolution requesting that the Provincial Government increase the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour.
- 11. United Steelworkers**  
Letter dated September 17, 2007 providing information on the current dispute.
- 12. Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC)**  
Letter dated September 14, 2007 providing an update on recent initiatives involving social planning in BC.
- 13. Dr. James Lunney**  
Letter dated September 21, 2007 replying to the Mayor's letter dated July 25, 2007 regarding Bill C-458 (Library Book Rate).
- 14. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**  
Memo dated September 12, 2007 advising of new funding available for the Community Health Promotion Fund and the Seniors' housing and Support Initiative.
- 15. CUPE BC (Canadian Union of Public Employees) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**  
Letter dated September 7, 2007 enclosing a Backgrounder from the Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) and Municipalities: Beyond Principles, a Brief Overview of Practices, commissioned by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- 16. FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities)**  
Letter dated August 27, 2007 submitting the "Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Annual Report 2006-2007".

**17. Selkirk McPhail**

Letter to Gord Wellar, RCMP, concerned about the boaters' speeds and other infractions on the Somass River, from Clutesi Haven Marina to the Alberni Harbour, and requesting more police presence on the water.

*Chopra/Mealey  
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 17 be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS            NIL**

**H. BYLAWS**

**1. "Sign Repeal Bylaw No. 4675"**

Bylaw to repeal the former Sign Bylaw now that a new Bylaw is adopted.

*Mealey/Patterson  
That "Sign Repeal Bylaw No. 4675" be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Patterson  
That "Sign Repeal Bylaw No. 4675", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Whiteman  
That "Sign Repeal Bylaw No. 4675", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**2. City Clerk – September 10, 2007 Public Hearing Report**

*Mealey/Solda  
That the report of the Public Hearing held September 10, 2007 relating to "Zoning Amendment No. 59 (4678 Margaret Street - Campbell), Bylaw No. 4667"; "Zoning Text Amendment No. T28 (Maximum of 2.5 Building Storeys in RM1 - Low Density Multiple Family Residential District), Bylaw No. 4668", and "Zoning Amendment No. 60 (5350 Falls Street - McManus Development), Bylaw No. 4669" be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**3. "Zoning Amendment No. 59 (4678 Margaret Street - Campbell), Bylaw No. 4667"**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 59 (4678 Margaret Street - Campbell), Bylaw No. 4667", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4667.*

*Carried*

**4. City Clerk – October 1, 2007 Public Hearing Report**

*Mealey/Solda*

*That the report of the Public Hearing held October 1, 2007 relating to Bylaws #4671, #4672 and #4673 be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**5. "Zoning Amendment No. 61 (4110 Scott Street – D. & J. Haracka), Bylaw No. 4671"**

*Mealey/McLeman*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 61 (4110 Scott Street – D. & J. Haracka), Bylaw No. 4671", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**6. "Zoning Amendment No. 62 (5427 Greenard Street and 4078 Cedar Street – J. Penner), Bylaw No. 4672"**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 62 (5427 Greenard Street and 4078 Cedar Street – J. Penner), Bylaw No. 4672", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**7. "Zoning Amendment No. 63 (4873 Burke Road – Ultra Investments), Bylaw No. 4673"**

*Mealey/Solda*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 63 (4873 Burke Road – Ultra Investments), Bylaw No. 4673", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**8. City Planner - Advisory Planning Commission**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with an amendment to the Official Community Plan Schedule A Land Use map to change the designation from Residential to General Commercial on Lot 11, Block 4, District Lot 45, Alberni District, Plan 912 (located at 3823 Anderson Avenue).*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with an amendment to the Official Community Plan Schedule B Development Permit Area map to designate Lot 11, Block 4, District Lot 45, Alberni District, Plan 912 (located at 3823 Anderson Avenue) in Development Permit Area No. 2 Commercial (General).*

*Carried*

*Mealey/McLeman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with a text amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to add "Registered Massage Therapist" to the definition of Para-Medical Services.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with a map amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to rezone Lot 11, Block 4, District Lot 45, Alberni District, Plan 912 (located at 3823 Anderson Avenue) from R1 - Single Family Residential District to C6 - Transitional Office Commercial District and that, as part of the development process, the applicant be required to complete the following before the final adoption of the bylaw:*

- a. Submit a site plan showing the existing building, proposed access and parking layout.*
- b. Security be provided for the parking and any required paving based on the required plan and cost estimate.*

*Carried*

**9. 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 now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Whiteman*

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

*Carried*

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

*Mealey/McLeman*

*That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Definition of Para-Medical Services), Bylaw No. 4677", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Chopra*

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

*Carried*

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

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 64 (3823 Anderson Avenue - Basra), Bylaw No. 4678", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/McLeman*

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

*Carried*

**11.1 Setting Public Hearing for Bylaw No.'s 4676, 4677 and 4678**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the following Bylaws be advanced to a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers:*

- 1. "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 1 (3823 Anderson Avenue - Basra), Bylaw No. 4676";*
- 2. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T29 (Definition of Para-Medical Services), Bylaw No. 4677", and*
- 3. "Zoning Amendment No. 64 (3823 Anderson Avenue - Basra), Bylaw No. 4678".*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That staff be directed to prepare a Development Variance Permit for 3823 Anderson Avenue in order to vary the parking requirement in the front yard and the Development Variance Permit be advanced for consideration at the November 13, 2007 regular meeting of Council.*

*Carried*

**12. City Clerk – Permissive Tax Exemption for 2008**

The City Clerk advised that no public input was provided following notification of the proposed bylaw.

*Whiteman/Solda*

*That "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4674", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4674.*

*Carried*

**13. Administrative Assistant - Lane Closure Bylaw - 5007 Pleasant Road**

*Whiteman/Mealey*

*That the report dated October 2, 2007 advising of a request to purchase a portion of lane adjacent to 5007 Pleasant Road be received.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That "Portion of Lane Closure Adjacent to 5007 Pleasant Road and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 4679" be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That "Portion of Lane Closure Adjacent to 5007 Pleasant Road and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 4679" be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Solda*

*That "Portion of Lane Closure Adjacent to 5007 Pleasant Road and Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 4679" be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**14. City Clerk - Alberni Valley Senior Citizens' Homes Society**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the letter dated October 9, 2007 from Ernie Bigelow, President, Alberni Valley Senior Citizens' Homes Society, requesting Council to adopt a bylaw to exempt taxes for lands surrounding the Pioneer Towers and the Cottages owned by the Society, for one year only (2008), be received.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That "Alberni Valley Senior Citizen Home Exemption Bylaw, Bylaw No. 4680" be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Solda*

*That "Alberni Valley Senior Citizen Home Exemption Bylaw, Bylaw No. 4680" be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/McLeman*

*That "Alberni Valley Senior Citizen Home Exemption Bylaw, Bylaw No. 4680" be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated October 1, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 97603 to 97727 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$352,127.92 be approved.*

*Carried*

**2. RCMP**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the monthly reports from the OIC, RCMP Port Alberni, providing information about current departmental operations for July and August, 2007, be received.*

*Carried*

**2.1 Engineering Department**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*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. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission**

*Patterson/Mealey*

*Minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting of September 12, 2007, be received.*

*Carried*

**5. Director of Finance - Audit Committee Minutes**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That the minutes of the October 1, 2007 Audit Committee Meeting and the September, 2007 financial statements be received.*

*Carried*

**6. Director of Finance - BC Transit Request for Approval in Principle re Proposed Service Expansion (Sunday Service) Budget**

*McLeman/Patterson*

*That the report dated September 12, 2007 responding to Council's request to investigate the cost of providing transit service on Sundays, be received.*

*Carried*

*McLeman/Patterson*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to include the proposed service expansion plan in the 2008-2012 Financial Plan and further, direct staff to provide BC Transit with the Approval in Principle for the proposed service expansion plan.*

*Carried*

**7. Administrative Assistant - Rainbow Lanes - Liquor Licence Extension**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the report dated October 1, 2007 providing background information on the amendment to the Liquor Licence application from Rainbow Lanes to have their downstairs bowling lanes licenced as an extension to their existing Lounge Licence, be received.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni does not wish to provide comments or recommendations to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch with regard to the application of Rainbow Lanes for an extension to their existing Lounge Licence.*

*Carried*

**8. City Clerk - Committee for the Approval of Public Events (CAPES)**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to write to the oo-ah-tluk-kuu-will Society Youth Resource House and encourage them to share their concerns directly with the RCMP.*

*Carried*

**9. Director of Finance - Host Financial Assistance Agreement - Income from Provincial Casino Gaming**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the report dated September 25, 2007 advising of the requirement to enter into an agreement with the Province of British Columbia in order to receive financial assistance relating to the Community Gaming Casino Chances RimRock, be received.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Mealey*  
*That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Host Financial Assistance Agreement.*

*Carried*

**10. City Planner - Development Permit Application Process**

*Mealey/Patterson*  
*That the report dated October 2, 2007 requesting Council's approval for a revised process for Development Permit applications, be received.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Patterson*  
*That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to prepare a bylaw for Council's consideration that would delegate the authority to approve Development permits to staff as outlined in the October 2, 2007 report from the City Planner.*

*Carried*

**11. Current Status Report**

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

*Carried*

**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**

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

*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. There were none.

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**

*McLeman/Solda  
That City staff write to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to encourage them to follow up on the direction provided at the 2007 Annual General Meeting.*

*Carried*

**2. Timberwest - Bargaining**

*McLeman/Patterson  
That a letter be written to Timberwest, Island Forest Products and Western Forest Products to ask them to return to the bargaining table, with a copy to USW (United Steel Workers).*

*Carried*

**3. Recycling - City**

*McLeman/Patterson  
That staff investigate the costs of the City undertaking recycling.*

*Carried*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mealey/Patterson  
That the meeting adjourn at 9:37 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

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Clerk