

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008 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 late items D.3 - "Exploitation Awareness Week"; E.7 - support letter for 2009 Jr. All Native BC Championships, I.4 - Status Report and I.10 - RCMP Report.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Patterson

That the minutes of the February 25, 2008 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Bill Markin

Bill Markin discussed the McLean Mill, taxation and the Island Railway.

2. Edna Cox

In anticipation of World Water Day on March 22nd, Edna Cox from the Save our Valley Alliance (SOVA) Public Education Committee, discussed bottled water and suggested the City not provide bottled water at events or facilities.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Solda/Chopra

That the letter dated March 4, 2008 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim April 25, 2008 as "World Malaria Day" in Port Alberni.

Carried

2. Climate Change Committee

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Saturday, March 29, 2008 as "Earth Hour" in the City of Port Alberni, and Council encourage businesses and residents to turn off or dim their lights and consider more long term actions to take personal action on global warming.

Carried

3. Debra Hamilton, Coordinator for Child and Youth Exploitation Awareness, Alberni Community and Women's Services

Mealey/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim March 10 to 16, 2008 as "Exploitation Awareness Week" in Port Alberni.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Mayor of Quebec City

Patterson/McLeman

That the letter dated February 14, 2008 from the Mayor of Quebec City inviting the Mayor to participate in their 400th Anniversary on July 3, 2008, be received and the request to ring bells at 11 am on July 3, 2008 to celebrate the hour when explorer Samuel de Champlain disembarked from his ship and founded Quebec, be supported.

Carried

2. City of Campbell River

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter dated February 15, 2008 from the City of Campbell River requesting financial support to the Island North Film Commission, be received.

Carried

3. Robert W. and Diana R. Patterson

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated February 4, 2008 from Robert W. and Diana R. Patterson be received and the request to have a water hookup on the northerly part of their property at 285 Franklin River Road be approved subject to the proposed connection satisfying the conditions established by the City for water connections on Franklin River Road.

Carried

4. Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Mealey/Patterson

That the letter dated February 8, 2008 from the Chamber of Commerce congratulating the City for reinstating an economic development office and pleased with the choice of Patrick Deakin as Economic Development Manager, be received and the writer be advised that Patrick Deakin, Economic Development Manager, will attend their monthly board meetings.

Carried

5. Wally Samuel and Tyson Touchie

Whiteman/McLeman

That the letter dated March 4, 2008 from Wally Samuel and the e-mail dated March 10, 2008 from Tyson Touchie be received and a letter of support be written for the 2009 Jr. All Native BC Basketball Championships to be held in Port Alberni during Spring Break, 2009.

Carried

6. Ministry of Environment

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated February 29, 2008 from the Environment Protection Officer concerned about the City's lagoon system, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni commit to the draft Stage 2 Liquid Waste Management Plan timeline whereby the plan is presented to the public by the end of June, 2008.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA)

E-mail dated February 26, 2008 concerned about the 2008 Budget affecting the Housing Crisis.

2. Letters Received Objecting to Relocation of High School

- Richard Berg
- Michael Redford
- Deb Anglos
- W. Janzen

3. Letters Received in Support of Relocation of High School

- G. Mussato, President, Principals and Vice-Principals Association (School District #70 Alberni)

- 4. BC Transit**
Letter dated February 28, 2008 providing information about their 2008/09 - 2010/11 Service Plan.
- 5. Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund**
Letter dated February 26, 2008 advising that funding has been approved for the Port Alberni-Argyle Street Sewage Pump Station Upgrade Project.
- 6. Liquor Control and Licensing Branch**
Fax dated February 27, 2008 providing information for regarding cancellations of Licensee Retail Store Licenses.
- 7. SmartGrowthBC**
Letter dated February 27, 2008 enclosing a report entitled "Innovative Infrastructure Financing Mechanisms for Smart Growth".
- 8. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**
News Release dated February 28, 2008 advising that communities across BC will share in \$500,000 forfeited as a result of unlawful activity, and will provide a one-time-only grant of up to \$20,000 to help prevent and address the effect of crime in our community.
- 9. The International Awards for Liveable Communities**
Letter received March 3, 2008 providing information on the International Awards for Liveable Communities which focuses on management of the local environment.
- 10. Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform**
Letter dated February 28, 2008 responding to interest expressed at the Small Business Roundtable consultation in Port Alberni on January 31, 2008 regarding information on resources for small business and the provincial sales tax.
- 11. Chris Bowers, Stop TILMA Coalition**
E-mail dated March 2, 2008 providing information regarding the TILMA (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement).
- 12. Alexandra Pazitch**
E-mail dated March 3, 2008 thanking the Mayor and Council for the successful completion of the bus shelter project.
- 13. Ted Kennedy, CBC Radio**
E-mail dated March 4, 2008 advising that the Heritage Standing Committee has released its report on the Mandate Review of the CBC Local Radio Plan.

- 14. Prime Minister of Canada**
Copy of a letter dated February 20, 2008 to Dr. James Lunney, MP (Nanaimo-Alberni) from the Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, thanking him for the invitation to attend the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Port Alberni later this year.
- 15. Provincial Government**
Providing their Budget Package on a CD dated February 19, 2008.
- 16. BC Ferries**
Letter dated February 29, 2008 advising they will attend the annual meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort from April 11 to 13, 2008 and have set aside Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to meet with municipalities who wish to meet privately with senior officials of BC Ferries.
- 17. BC 150**
Letter dated February 26 2008 from Brett Manlove of Global BC/E! - BC Broadcast Operations and Kevin Bent, President and Publisher, Pacific Newspaper Group, advising that 2008 is the 150th anniversary of British Columbia becoming a crown colony and including an invitation to join them in showcasing British Columbia's accomplishments.
- 18. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Local Government Program Services**
Letter dated February 26, 2008 advising that a cheque for \$5,188.60 will be sent representing the final payment on the approved grant for the 2008 West Nile Virus Prevention final report.
- 19. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - In The House**
News Release dated February 27, 2008 outlining several items of interest to BC local governments from the 2008 Federal Budget, particularly the Government's decision to make the Gas Tax Fund permanent.
- 20. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Fax dated February 26, 2008 advising that the Federal Government's Budget 2008 has announced that the gas tax transfer to municipalities has been made permanent, and will also provide funding for public transit and police recruiting.

*Mealey/Patterson
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 20 be
received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS Nil

H. BYLAWS

1. City Planner - Advisory Planning Commission

Mealey/McLeman

That the summary report of the February 21, 2008 meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission be received.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That the Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with the necessary Development Variance Permit to vary Zoning Bylaw #4395 as follows:

Vary Section 5.3.1 Location of Buildings and Structures Adjacent to Watercourses Setback from 15 metres to 5 metres for 4959 Indian Avenue, (Parcel B (Being a consolidation of Lots 32, 33 and 34), block A, District Lot 11, Alberni District Plan 1728).

and that the City give notice of intent to consider the issuance of a Development Variance Permit No. 65 for 4959 Indian Avenue, (Parcel B (Being a consolidation of Lots 32, 33 and 34), block A, District Lot 11, Alberni District Plan 1728).

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That the Council for the City of Port Alberni respond to the letter dated January 10, 2008 from Mr. McKeown, regarding a second access into Pacific Rim Centre Mall from Cherry Creek Road, advising him of the status of the site to the north of Pacific Rim Centre with respect to the City's intent to ensure that an encompassing traffic plan be required for future development of the site if the City is successful with their application for exclusion of the lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Carried

2. "5 Year Financial Plan 2008-2012, Bylaw No. 4689"

Report from the City Clerk and the Director of Finance dated March 6, 2008 regarding preparation of the Budget Bylaw.

Chopra/Solda

That "5 Year Financial Plan 2008-2012, Bylaw No. 4689", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That "5 Year Financial Plan 2008-2012, Bylaw No. 4689", be read a second time.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey/

That "5 Year Financial Plan 2008-2012, Bylaw No. 4689", be read a third time.

Carried

3. "Leasing Bylaw (Former RCMP Premises, 4110 - 6th Avenue) Repeal Bylaw, No. 4688"

Solda/Mealey

That "Leasing Bylaw (Former RCMP Premises, 4110 - 6th Avenue) Repeal Bylaw, No. 4688", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Solda/Chopra

That "Leasing Bylaw (Former RCMP Premises, 4110 - 6th Avenue) Repeal Bylaw, No. 4688", be read a second time.

Carried

Solda/Whiteman

That "Leasing Bylaw (Former RCMP Premises, 4110 - 6th Avenue) Repeal Bylaw, No. 4688", be read a third time.

Carried

Lease of RCMP Accommodation

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the lease agreement for the Port Alberni RCMP detachment and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the lease agreement.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 99688 to 99866 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$850,260.84 be approved.

Carried

2. City Planner - Development Permit #08-01 (3774 - 12th Avenue)

Mealey/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve Development Permit No. 08-01 and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign Development Permit No. 08-01 including the following Schedule B development plans subject to the receipt of the required security:

- 1. Site Plan and Landscape Plan - Sheet No. P1.1 dated December 17, 2007.*
- 2. Elevation Plans -Sheet No. 3 and A6 dated January 8, 2008.*
- 3. Landscape cost estimate details (date Stamped March 5, 2008).*

Carried

3. City Planner - Development Permit #08-02 (4311 Kendall Avenue)

Mealey/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve Development Permit No. 08-02 and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign Development Permit No. 08-02 including the following Schedule B development plans subject to the receipt of the required security:

- 1. Site Plans - Sheet No. A-001 and A-002 dated January 12, 2008.*
- 2. Landscape Plan - Sheet No. A-019 dated January 12, 2008.*
- 3. Elevation Plans – Sheet No. A-007, A-008, A-009, A-010 and A-011 dated January 12, 2008.*

Carried

4. Current Status Report

Chopra/Mealey

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

5. Mayor's Report

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

6. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

7. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

McLeman/Mealey

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

Carried

8. Councillor Mealey - Planning, Environmental Services and Library Report

Mealey/Patterson

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

Carried

9. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

10. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

11. Councillor Whiteman - Community Services, Economic Development & Tourism Report

Whiteman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct the Economic Development Manager to prepare a report of the opportunities, costs and benefits for the City following the recent Think Asia workshop.

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Neil Anderson of 4213 8th Avenue expressed concern about the proposed relocation of the high school. He is disappointed in the lack of preparation of School Trustees. He asked what the opinion was of Council. The Mayor responded that Council may be considering the matter as a rezoning application and comment may prejudice the consideration of the rezoning application.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/McLeman
That the meeting adjourn at 9:08 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk