

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 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

Mealey/Patterson

*That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition item I.5,
Current Status report.*

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Whiteman

*That the minutes of the March 4, 2008 Special Council Meeting and March
10, 2008 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Canadian Award for Financial Reporting

The Mayor presented the Canadian Award for Financial reporting to Ann Hopkins, Director of Finance, for the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2006.

2. Island Timberlands

Jon Slater and Makenzie Leine of Island Timberlands. Mr. Slater made a presentation regarding the remediation work for the slide at the China Creek water intake.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley

Patterson/Chopra

*That the letter from the Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley
dated March 3, 2008 requesting that the week of April 20 to 26, 2008 be
proclaimed as "Arts and Culture Week" in Port Alberni be received and the
week proclaimed as requested.*

Carried

2. Canadian Hemochromatosis Society

Solda/Mealey

That the letter from the Canadian Hemochromatosis Society dated March 11, 2008 requesting that the month of May be proclaimed as "Hemochromatosis Awareness Month" in Port Alberni be received and the month proclaimed as requested.

Carried

3. Public Works Association of British Columbia

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from the Public Works Association of British Columbia dated March 10, 2008 requesting that May 18 to 24, 2008 be proclaimed as "National Public Works Week" in Port Alberni be received the week proclaimed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Save Our Valley Alliance (SOVA) Public Education Committee

Whiteman/Patterson

That the letter from Save of Valley Alliance (SOVA) Public Education Committee dated March 11, 2008 requesting that the City waive the rental fee for the Dogwood Room at Echo Centre on April 23, 2008 from 7 – 9 pm for SOVA's public panel discussion of the Valley's watersheds and purveyor systems, be received and referred to the Grants-In-Aid Committee.

Carried

2. Jen Fisher-Bradley

Chopra/Mealey

That the email from Jen Fisher-Bradley dated March 12, 2008 asking why the City has not planned any events to recognize International Day for the Elimination of Racism on March 21, be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. City of Vancouver

Letter dated March 5, 2008 providing a copy of their resolution regarding funding for Municipal Police Forces' Beat Officers.

- 2. Ministry of Community Services and Union of British Columbia Municipalities**
News releases regarding introduction of Bill 7, a series of legislative changes to local government elections.
- 3. Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia**
Letter dated February 25, 2008 regarding the Municipal Finance Authority's Program Dividends and Port Alberni's February 2008 payment of \$315.27.
- 4. BC Healthy Communities (BCHC)**
Providing a copy of the first issue of the 2008 BCHC newsletter.
- 5. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources**
Letter dated March 10, 2008 providing a copy of "The BC Bioenergy Strategy: Growing Our Natural Energy Advantage" and advising the information is available on their web site www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca/bioenergy.
- 6. Vancouver Island Health Authority**
Letter dated March 7, 2008 regarding the proposed distribution of mouthpieces and push sticks for crack cocaine pipes to reduce the spread of communicable diseases such as Hepatitis C among users.
- 7. Lori Shirreff, 3577 Huff Drive**
Email dated March 12, 2008 expressing concerns about the proposed development permit for the multi family unit at 4311 Kendall Avenue.
- 8. Christopher Massop**
Letter received March 17, 2008 expressing concerns about the litter at the Pacific Rim Shopping Centre.
- 9. City Planner**
Copy of a letter from the City Planner dated March 17, 2008 to Mr. McKeown responding to his concerns regarding the lack of access between Pacific Rim Centre and Cherry Creek Road.
- 10. Town of Comox**
Copy of a letter to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities requesting consideration of a resolution supporting the Tsolum River Partnership.
- 11. Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot**
Providing an Activity Highlights Memo for the period February 20 to March 20, 2008.
- 12. Port Alberni Lawn Bowling Club**
Letter dated March 18, 2008 opposing the proposed location of the new high school at Sweeny Field.

13. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated March 10, 2008 advising that UBCM is working with the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) to manage the community grant portion of the Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Initiative.
14. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated March 15, 2008 reminding local governments of the upcoming grant deadlines and new programs.
15. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Letter dated March 7, 2008 enclosing a cheque for \$3,661.30 representing the City's share of proceeds of the 2007 Commercial Vehicle Licensing Program.
16. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Notice dated February 28, 2008 providing information regarding the preparation of the 2008 Resolutions Process.

*Mealey/Patterson
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 16 be
received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "5 Year Financial Plan 2008 – 2012, Bylaw No. 4689"

*Chopra/Mealey
That "5 Year Financial Plan 2008 – 2012, Bylaw No. 4689", be now finally
adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal
and numbered 4689.*

Carried

2. City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission

Mealey/Solda

The summary report of the March 13, 2008 meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission be received.

Carried

Mealey/Solda

That the Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with a map amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to rezone Lot A (DDEH141280), Block 25, District Lot 139, Alberni District, Plan 1562 (located at 2600 Burde Street) from FD – Future Development District to R4 – Semi Rural Residential District.

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 6.1.3 Bulk and Site Regulations Rear Yard Setbacks from 9 metres to 5 metres and Front Yard Setback from 7.5 metres to 6.3 metres for 2799 Anderson Avenue (Lot 13, Block 2, District Lot 113, Alberni District, Plan 1044).

and that the City give notice of intent to consider the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 2799 Anderson Avenue (Lot 13, Block 2, District Lot 113, Alberni District, Plan 1044).

Carried

Mealey/Solda

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 6.6.3 Bulk and Site Regulations for the North Side Yard Setback from 3 metres to 1.52 metres for 3580 32nd Avenue (Lot D (DDEX35467), Block 29, District Lot 139, Alberni District, Plan 1562.)

and that the City give notice of intent to consider the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 3580 32nd Avenue (Lot D (DDEX35467), Block 29, District Lot 139, Alberni District, Plan 1562.)

Carried

3. "Zoning Amendment No. 67 (2600 Burde Street– Groot), Bylaw No. 4690"

Mealey/Whiteman

That "Zoning Amendment No. 67 (2600 Burde Street– Groot), Bylaw No. 4690", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 67 (2600 Burde Street– Groot), Bylaw No. 4690", be read a second time.

Carried

4. City Planner – Setting Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4690

Mealey/Patterson

That "Zoning Amendment No. 67 (2600 Burde Street– Groot), Bylaw No. 4690", be advanced to a Public Hearing on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated March 25, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 99867 to 100065 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$574,003.01, be approved.

Carried

2. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Patterson/Whiteman

That the minutes of the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting held March 5, 2008 be received.

Carried

3. City Planner – Development Variance Permit No. 65 – 4959 Indian Avenue

Mealey/Solda

That the report from the City Planner dated March 17, 2008 regarding proposed Development Variance Permit No. 65 be received and Council proceed with consideration of the Development Variance Permit.

Carried

The Mayor provided an opportunity for the applicant and the public to comment. There was none.

Mealey/Whiteman

That Development Variance Permit No. 65 to vary section 5.3.1 of Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw #4395, Buildings and Structures adjacent to Watercourses, by reducing the setback requirement from 15 metres (49.2 ft) to 5 metres (16.4 ft), a variance of 10 metres (32.8 ft) for the land legally described as Parcel B (being a consolidation of Lots 32, 33 and 34, See FB61146), Block A, District Lot 11, Alberni District, Plan 1728 (4959 Indian Avenue) be authorized by the City Council on March 25, 2008.

Carried

4. City Engineer – Solid Waste Management Plan Update, March 2008

McLeman/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report of the City Engineer dated March 18, 2008 regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Carried

McLeman/Solda

That the City of Port Alberni continue to support the efforts of the Regional District in their Solid Waste Management Plan.

Carried

Staff were requested to bring forward the report to the next regular meeting of Council along with information from the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District regarding the term of the proposed recycling collection contract.

5. Current Status Report

Chopra/Mealey

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

6. Mayor's Report - Ken McRae

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

Chopra/Mealey

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

7. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

Chopra/Mealey

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

Carried

8. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

Solda/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to bring forward a report regarding the status of the clean up of 3118 Third Avenue and invite the owner to attend the meeting in order that Council consider declaring the property a nuisance and undertaking remedial action at the owner's expense.

Carried

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

10. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/Mealey

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

Carried

11. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

Councillor Solda left the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm on account of a potential conflict of interest as she has a relative that works for Tofino Bus.

McLeman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni invite the owner of Tofino Bus to attend a regular meeting of Council to discuss local operations.

Carried

Councillor Solda returned to the meeting at approximately 8:35 pm.

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

Whiteman/Mealey

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

Carried

Whiteman/Mealey
That the monthly report from the Economic Development Manager
providing information about current departmental operations, be received.
Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Neil Anderson spoke regarding School District #70 and the new high school and asked what consideration is being given to a new location. The Mayor indicated that staff are meeting with the School District to share technical information regarding different options at this time.

Dean Fisher asked Mayor and Council to improve recycling in the community in order that citizens can help the environment. The Mayor indicated that a program for recycling is to start in September.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Whiteman/Solda
That the City of Port Alberni request the Alberni Clayoquot Regional
District develop a policy regarding signs in the corridors in and out of the
City.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk