

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 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)**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of late item I.11, verbal report from Councillor McLeman.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the minutes of April 28, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Minna Khtaria and Amy Sawyer, ADSS Students**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the April 25, 2008 letters from Minna Khtaria and Amy Sawyer of Alberni District Secondary School and direct staff to consult with the business community regarding a plastic bag ban.*

*Carried*

**2. Donna Brett, Habitat for Humanity**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That the presentation from Donna Brett, Stacey Manson and Teresa Pring (Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, mid-Vancouver Island area) requesting a portion of the City owned property on Melrose Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Lot 5, Plan 16421) for construction of Port Alberni's first Habitat for Humanity Home, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to work with the group and prepare a report regarding feasibility of this project.*

*Carried*

- 3. Ray Bartram/Cindy Hutchison, DRH Forest Consulting**  
Ray Bartram of DRH Forest Consulting presented a final Draft of the Community Forest application.

*McLeman/Mealey*  
*That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Community Forest Application as presented for submission at a later date following further consultation with the Hupacasath First Nation.*

*Carried*

- 4. Arnie Gillespie**  
Arnie Gillespie was in attendance to address Council on behalf of the residents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues regarding the proposed new "Nuisance House Bylaw".

- 5. Pat Dahlquist, School Trustee**  
Pat Dahlquist in attendance to speak in support of the proposed "Nuisance House Bylaw".

City Clerk's report I.5 was brought forward for discussion.

- 6. City Clerk - Nuisance Bylaw**

*Solda/Mealey*  
*That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the May 8, 2008 report from the City Clerk outlining a program that identifies the issues and processes required to implement a Nuisance Bylaw.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Whiteman*  
*That staff be directed to develop a pilot project on a year's trial basis in conjunction with the City's solicitor.*

*Carried*

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

- 1. Environment Canada, Pacific and Yukon Region**

*Mealey/Solda*  
*That the e-mail dated May 5, 2008 be received and that June 1 to 7, 2008 be proclaimed as "Canadian Environment Week" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**2. City of North Vancouver**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the e-mail dated April 25, 2008 be received and that September, 2008 be proclaimed as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**3. Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of BC**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the e-mail dated May 7, 2008 be received and that June, 2008 be proclaimed as "National Awareness Month for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Western Canada Wilderness Committee**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That the letter dated April 30, 2008 providing their educational newspaper related to the Provincial Gateway Project, suggesting the money that may be spent on the Gateway could be better spent, be received and forwarded to the MLA.*

*Carried*

**2. Jacques Louis Swann**

*Whiteman/Mealey*

*That the letter dated April 16, 2008 expressing concern about sustainability of our community and suggesting the City start to landscape with nut trees when planting new trees be received and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation.*

*Carried*

**3. Island Corridor Foundation**

*Whiteman/Chopra*

*That the e-mail dated May 5, 2008 requesting support for their campaign to upgrade the Island Railway Corridor on Vancouver Island, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni support the Island Corridor Foundation coalition to upgrade the Island Railway Corridor on Vancouver Island by providing a letter of support to the Coalition and make the "Friends of the Campaign" sign up sheet available at City Hall.*

*Carried*

**4. Mayor, City of Burnaby**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That the letter dated April 22, 2008 requesting Council endorsement of a resolution requesting enhanced monitoring and reporting of highways maintenance be received, and a copy of Council's resolution of January 14, 2008 be forwarded to the City of Burnaby.*

*Carried*

**5. Kristi Dobson - Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That the letter dated May 8, 2008 be received, and the request to waive the provisions of the Noise Bylaw for the night of June 20, 2008 be approved as requested subject to notification being provided to local residents.*

*Carried*

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Echo Village Ladies Auxiliary to the Echo Village Long Term Care Facility**

Copy of a petition dated April 21, 2008 to the The Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, requesting that the 16 bed secure unit for seniors with mental health challenges (known as the "Pink Wing") be preserved.

**2. Premier Gordon Campbell**

Letter dated May 2, 2008 responding to the Mayor's letter dated April 23, 2008 regarding Spirit Square Program funding.

**3. Vancouver Island Health Authority**

News Release dated April 25, 2008 reminding parents to stay up to date on immunizations and boosters for children aged four to six.

**4. Canada World Youth**

Letter dated April 25, 2008 thanking the Mayor and Council for their support and endorsement in bringing the Canada World Youth Ukraine exchange program to Port Alberni this year.

**5. Karen Hrycenko**

E-mail dated May 2, 2008 responding to the article about Port Alberni ranking last in the "Money Sense" rankings of the best Canadian cities to live in, and indicating she is looking forward to moving from the mainland to Port Alberni.

- 6. Ville de Québec, Commissariat aux relations internationales**  
Letter dated April 21, 2008 thanking Council for approving their request to celebrate their 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary with them on July 3, 2008.
- 7. Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group**  
Letter dated April 24, 2008 thanking Council for their support on the issue of World Malaria Day in Port Alberni and enclosing information regarding the "World Malaria Day Net a Village Canadian City Championship Challenge".
- 8. Vancouver Island Health Authority**  
Copy of a letter to Gerri Thomas, Site Manager, Rainbow Gardens, West Coast Native Health Care Society, advising that there are no current plans to place an MRI unit at West Coast General Hospital, but a CT scanner will be installed this summer.
- 9. BC Transmission Corporation**  
Letter dated May 5, 2008 announcing that the during "Emergency Preparedness Week" in BC (May 4 to 10, 2008), the Justice Institute of British Columbia will announce the British Columbia Transmission Corporation as the title sponsor of their Community Safety Scholarship.
- 10. Mining Association of BC**  
E-mail dated May 6, 2008 advising of the events planned to celebrate BC Mining Week, May 11 to 17, 2008.
- 11. Union of British Columbia Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**  
Memorandum dated April 25, 2008 providing copy of the response from Finance Minister Carol Taylor regarding the impact of the carbon tax on local governments.
- 12. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**  
Fax dated April 25, 2008 providing Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held April 9 to 11, 2008.
- 13. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**  
Copy of a letter dated April 25, 2008 providing a response to the City of Trail's letter regarding negotiations on the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA), advising TILMA is a priority for UBCM, consultation with provincial officials is ongoing and a thorough review will be provided to the membership when they are in a position to report out.
- 14. BC Hydro**  
E-mail dated May 7, 1008 enclosing BC Hydro's first annual 2008 Regional Report to Communities.

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That with respect to F.5, Council respond to Ms. Hrycenko thanking her for her correspondence and inviting her to attend a Council meeting when she is settled in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Solda*

*That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 14 be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL**

**H. BYLAWS**

**1. City Clerk - Public Hearing Report - May 12, 2008**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the verbal report from the City Clerk outlining input received at the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm, be received.*

*Carried*

**2. Official Community Plan Amendment No. 2 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4694**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 2 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4694", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**3. Zoning Amendment No. 68 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4695**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 68 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4695, be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**4. Zoning Amendment No. 69 (4404 Elizabeth Street – John Ruissen and Kathleen Nordstrom), Bylaw No. 4696**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 69 (4404 Elizabeth Street – John Ruissen and Kathleen Nordstrom), Bylaw No. 4696, be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**5. Fire Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 4 (Outdoor Burning), Bylaw No. 4697**

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the report dated May 1, 2008 from the Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk, be received.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Mealey*

*That "Fire Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 4 (Outdoor Burning), Bylaw No. 4697", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Mealey*

*That "Fire Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 4 (Outdoor Burning), Bylaw No. 4697", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Patterson*

*That "Fire Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 4 (Outdoor Burning), Bylaw No. 4697", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated May 12, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 100516 to 100672 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$476,824.30 be approved.*

*Carried*

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

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the minutes of the April 28, 2008 Audit Committee Meeting, the City Engineer's response to questions arising from the March 25, 2008 meeting and the financial statements ending March 31, 2008, be received.*

*Carried*

**3. City Planner - Development Variance Permit No. 68  
4311 Kendall Avenue (Doug MacFarlane dba 676869 BC Ltd.)**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the report from the City Planner dated May 2, 2008 regarding proposed Development Variance Permit No. 68 be received and Council proceed with consideration of the Development Variance Permit.*

*Carried*

The applicant was in attendance and provided a brief outline of the proposal.

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That Development Variance Permit No. 68 to vary section 5.15.3, Minimum Dwelling Width, by reducing the minimum dwelling unit width from 5 metres (16.4 feet) to 4.26 metres (13.97 feet) for a multi-family residential development on 4311 Kendall Avenue, be authorized by the City Council on May 12, 2008.*

*Carried*

**4. Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk - Disposition of Property at 4<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue and Napier Street to LB Woodchoppers Ltd.**

*Mealey/Chopra*

*That the report dated May 1, 2008, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with sale of that part of Lot 2, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 25605 to LB Woodchoppers Ltd. for the price of \$23,485 plus taxes, all survey costs and legal fees, subject to the property being amalgamated with Lot 1, District Lot 1, Alberni, Plan 24505.*

*Carried*

**5. City Clerk - Update on the Uptown Revitalization Bylaw**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the report from the City Clerk be received, and Council for the City of Port Alberni agree in principle to the two proposed Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaws as outlined in the City Clerks May 5, 2008 report and refer the bylaws to a public meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 26, 2008 in the Council Chambers.*

*Carried*

**6. Administrative Assistant - Report from SICC - Rental of Units - Alberni Harbour Quay**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the report dated May 1, 2008 from the Administrative Assistant, regarding rental of units at the Alberni Harbour Quay, be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**7. Rail Track Licence**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement with the Island Corridor Foundation for use of the licensed track between mile 33.25, Port Alberni subdivision Smith Road Rail Crossing and mile 37.9 Port Alberni subdivision (Stamp Avenue rail crossing) for the sole purpose of operating a rail passenger service.*

*Carried*

**8. City Engineer - Capital Project Changes**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the report dated May 6, 2008 recommending three changes to the 2008 Capital Works program, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the changes to the 2008 Capital Works program as described in the City Engineer's report dated May 7, 2008.*

*Carried*

**9. City Clerk - "Bear Smart" Community Program**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Application for Bear Smart Community Program Funding, 2008-2009.*

*Carried*

**10. Councillor McLeman**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That Councillor McLeman's verbal report regarding health care at West Coast General Hospital and closure of the psychiatric unit be received and that a representative of the Pacific Rim Co-op also be invited to attend any meeting that may be arranged.*

*Carried*

**11. Current Status Report**

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

*Carried*

**12. Mayor's Report**

*Mealey/Patterson  
That the Mayor's report be received.*

*Carried*

**13. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report**

**14. 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*

**15. Councillor Mealey - Planning, Environmental Services and Library Report**

*Mealey/Patterson  
That the monthly report from the City Planner providing information about  
current operations, be received.*

*Carried*

**16. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report**

**17. 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 RCMP OIC providing information about  
current departmental operations, be received.*

*Carried*

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

*Mealey/Patterson  
That the Councillors' verbal reports be received.*

*Carried*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public or the press.

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS                      NIL**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chopra/Mealey  
That the meeting adjourn at 9:32 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

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Clerk