

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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.*

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Mealey/Solda
That the minutes of the January 28, 2008 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Recognition of Champions

Sharon Macauley introduced champions from the Alberni Valley Track Club.

2. Jaden Keitlah

Jaden Keitlah, representative from the North Island Student's Union, was not in attendance.

3. BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)

Reg Dyer, Local 1002 Chairperson, representing Highways' maintenance workers, was not in attendance.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Richard Pesik and Jana Pesikova-Lehmannova

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated January 27, 2008 objecting to the proposed partial reconstruction of 8th Avenue, between China Creek Road and South Crescent, and requesting the reconstruction follow the same street pattern as is done on 8th Avenue from South Crescent towards the south or by constructing a green zone (boulevard), be received and referred to the City Engineer to discuss with the neighborhood.

Carried

2. BC Housing

Solda/Mealey

That the Letter dated January 21, 2008 inviting Council to attend their Annual Congress in Vancouver from April 2 to 5, 2008 that will address housing needs for vulnerable people; green housing practices, Aboriginal Housing and overcoming NIMBY, be received.

Carried

3. Vancouver Humane Society

Solda/Chopra

That the letter dated January 21, 2008 requesting Council to pass a resolution to improve the lives of animals by opposing battery cage egg production, be received.

Carried

4. Tricia McAuley

Mealey/Patterson

That the letter dated January 23, 2008 from Tricia McAuley, grade 3 and 4 teacher at haahuupayak School, enclosing letters and pictures from students concerned about the environment and proposing ideas the City could adopt to help their vision of a "Dream Port Alberni", be received and a letter of thanks to the students from the Mayor be sent.

Carried

5. Craig & Cheryl Peterson - Turtle Island Fish & Chips

Solda/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni agree to the request of Craig & Cheryl Peterson of Turtle Island Fish & Chips to assign their lease to the new owners, Irene & John Keil of Port Alberni.

Carried

6. Neil Abrahamson

Whiteman/Mealey

That the e-mail dated February 4, 2008 from Neil Abrahamson, Treasurer, Alberni Athletic Association, requesting a grant-in-aid in lieu of water use equivalent to \$870, be received and the request approved through funding from contingency.

Carried

7. Beaver Creek Improvement District

McLeman/Solda

That the letter dated January 28, 2008 requesting to enter into an agreement with the City to provide working alone check-in; rescue from confined spaces and response to chlorine gas incidents, be received and the requests be referred to staff for a report.

Carried

8. Tsawaayuus (Rainbow Gardens) Westcoast Native Health Care Society

Solda/Chopra

That the letter dated February 1, 2008 providing endorsement for an MRI machine to be implemented at West Coast General Hospital, be received.

Carried

9. Keith Wyton, Save Our Valley Alliance (SOVA)

McLeman/Chopra

That the e-mail dated February 6, 2008 attaching the Save Our Valley Alliance (SOVA) Response to the Review of the Alberni Forest Industry and requesting joint support between the City, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and SOVA for the approach regarding facilitation as recommended in their report, be received and the request be endorsed in principle.

Carried

10. Jen Fisher-Bradley, Women's Food and Water Initiative

McLeman/Solda

That the e-mail dated January 20, 2008 concerned about the City's watersheds and asking for a report from the engineering consultants hired to assess the damage in China Creek due to the landslide, and enclosing an article from Stephen Hume of the Vancouver Sun regarding salmon runs, be received and the request be referred to the City Engineer to share information with the WFWI (Women's Food and Water Initiative).

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Gail Morton, Save Our Valley Alliance**
E-mail dated January 30, 2008 thanking Council for waiving the room rental fee at Echo Centre for their Speaker Event on Climate Change on February 20, 2008.
- 2. School District 70 (Alberni)**
News Release dated January 30, 2008 advising the Ministry of Education has approved a replacement to Alberni District Secondary School that first opened in 1951. The new school plans to open in September, 2010.
- 3. BC Hydro**
Winter News Release providing information on energy conservation.
- 4. WorkSafe BC**
Letter dated January 22, 2008 providing information on the new "Working Alone or in Isolation" regulations to protect workers, including pre-payment for fuel and late night retail requirements.
- 5. The Natural Step Canada**
E-mail providing information on their workshops and networking event on February 13, 2008 to coincide with the upcoming FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa.
- 6. BC Transit**
Letter dated January 25, 2008 providing information on the new Provincial Transit Plan which includes capital investment in transit infrastructure.
- 7. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memo dated January 31, 2008 advising that the communities of the District of Barriere, Westside District Municipality and the District of Clearwater have recently incorporated and joined the UBCM membership and providing highlights from 2007.
- 8. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Fax dated February 1, 2008 providing Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held January 25, 2008.
- 9. David Suzuki Foundation**
Letter dated January 28, 2008 enclosing a copy of the David Suzuki Foundation's new report: "An Upstream Battle: Declines in 10 Pacific Salmon Stocks and Solutions for their Survival" and presenting solutions and recommendations.

10. **Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC)**
Letter dated January 28, 2008 enclosing their Annual Report: "Seven Ideas that Can Change Your World" which documents Canadian industrial energy efficiency accomplishments during 2005.
11. **Island Coastal Economic Trust**
Copy of reply dated October 23, 2007 to Ron Paulson, Alberni Valley Multiplex, regarding the 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge Society's request for a financial contribution.
12. **Operation Clean Sweep**
Letter providing information on this year's "Pitch-In Canada Week", April 21 to 27, 2008, inviting Council to become a member and enclosing a letter from the Minister of Environment announcing the start of British Columbia's E-waste product stewardship program.
13. **KUU-US Crisis Line Society**
Letter dated January 21, 2008 thanking Council for their time and support during their Annual Festival of Trees to provide less fortunate families with a fully decorated Christmas tree.

*Mealey/Patterson
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 13 be
received and filed.*

Carried

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Nil

H. **BYLAWS**

1. **"Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687"**

*Patterson/Mealey
That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687" be
now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the
corporate seal and numbered 4687.*

Carried

2. **City Clerk - Public Hearing Report - February 11, 2008**

*Mealey/Whiteman
That the City Clerk's verbal report be received.*

Carried

3. "Zoning Amendment No. 66 (3915 - 10th Avenue - Courtney), Bylaw No. 4686"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 66 (3915 - 10th Avenue - Courtney), Bylaw No. 4686", be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 11, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 99276 to 99481 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$528,308.93 be approved.

Carried

2. Director of Finance - Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Mealey

That the minutes of the January 28, 2008 Audit Committee Meeting and the financial statements ending December 31, 2007 be received.

Carried

3. City Clerk - Tag Days

Chopra/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the 2008 tag day allocations outlined in the report from the City Clerk dated February 6, 2008.

Carried

4. City Planner – Development Variance Permit No. 64 - 3527 Galiano Drive

Mealey/Chopra

That the report from the City Planner dated February 1, 2008 regarding proposed Development Variance Permit No. 64 be received and Council proceed with consideration of the Development Variance Permit.

Carried

Mealey/Chopra
That Development Variance Permit No. 64 to vary section 6.1.4 (a) of Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw #4395 as follows:

Vary Section 6.1.4 (a) Conditions of Use Side Yard Setbacks from 5 metres to 3.2 meters

for the land legally described as (Lot 8, District Lot 45, Alberni District, Plan VIP49714) (3527 Galiano Drive) be authorized by the City Council on February 11, 2008.

Carried

5. Appointment of the Chief and Deputy Election Officers

Chopra/Mealey
That the City Clerk, Russell Dyson, be appointed as Chief Election Officer, and Tanya Meek be appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the November 15, 2008 general municipal election.

Carried

6. City Engineer - Argyle Pump Station

McLeman/Solda
That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the 2008 Sewer Capital project, Argyle Pump Station Emergency Bypass Connection for \$62,000.

Carried

7. Current Status Report

Chopra/Mealey
That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

8. Mayor's Report

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

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

Carried

9. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

10. 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

11. 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

12. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

13. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

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

J. QUESTION PERIOD

The public and the press were provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Mayor and Council. There were none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Parks Canada

McLeman/Solda

That City Council invite a member from Parks Canada to discuss McLean Mill funding with the City and the Industrial Heritage Society to explore other means of annual funding for the Mill.

Carried

2. Fire Department Funding

McLeman/Patterson

That the City look in to requesting funding from businesses that require the Fire Department's help with confined space services.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Whiteman

That the meeting adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk