

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY,
JANUARY 28, 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 adopted as circulated with the addition of late item F.17 a letter from the Pacific Rim Health Services Cooperative.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Whiteman

That the minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Ron Buchhorn, Senior Vice-President, Catalyst Paper

Ron Buchhorn was in attendance at the request of Mayor McRae. He provided a brief presentation regarding Catalyst's operations in the community and competitiveness in the paper industry. He requested that Council increase their tax relief to \$400,000 per year over the next 5 years to a total reduction of \$2 million since the 2006 levels.

2. Reynold Hert, Western Forest Products, President and CEO

Reynold Hert from Western Forest Products was in attendance at the request of Mayor McRae. He provided a brief presentation regarding Western Forest Products operations in the community and competitiveness in the lumber industry. He commented on the synergy between the sawmills and paper mill in the community and expressed support for the tax relief proposed by Mr. Buchhorn.

3. Communications, Energy and Paperworkers' Union - Pete Rayburn, Local 592 President and Roy Plotniko, Local 686 President

Pete Rayburn and Roy Plotniko were in attendance at the request of Mayor McRae and provided comments regarding the City's budget and the new collective agreement between Catalyst and Local #592.

4. **Makenzie Leine, Manager of Sustainability and Community Affairs, Island Timberlands**
At the request of the Mayor, Makenzie Leine, Manager of Sustainability and Community Affairs, Island Timberlands, provided a presentation regarding logging practices in the watershed and described activities in China Creek.
5. **Port Alberni Harm Reduction and Needle Exchange**
At the request of the Mayor, Gordon Cote of NARSF Programs Ltd. discussed the Port Alberni Harm Reduction and Needle Exchange program, which will be provided 2 evenings per week.
6. **Maaike Pen**
Maaike Pen discussed the "Building Green in a Changing Climate Conference and Tradeshow" to be held March 4 and 5 in Courtenay.

McLeman/Patterson

That Councillor Mealey be authorized to attend the "Building Green in a Changing Climate Conference and Tradeshow", March 4 and 5 in Courtenay.

Carried

7. **Save Our Valley Alliance Public Education Committee**
Edna Cox was in attendance to discuss the Climate Change education presentation to be held in the Dogwood Room at Echo Centre on February 20, 2008 and requested that the City waive the room rental fee of \$55 plus GST.

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the request from the Save Our Valley Alliance Public Education Committee to waive the Echo Center, Dogwood Room rental fee of \$55 plus GST for the Climate Change education presentation on February 20, 2008.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. **The Kidney Foundation of Canada**

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter from the Kidney Foundation of Canada dated January 9, 2008 be received and the month of March be proclaimed "Kidney Health Month" in Port Alberni.

Carried

2. Kin Canada

Chopra/Patterson

That the letter from Kin Canada requesting that February 20, 2008 be proclaimed as "Kinsmen and Kinettes Day" and February 17 to 23, 2008 be proclaimed as "Kinsmen and Kinettes Week" in Port Alberni, be received and the day and week proclaimed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Ken McKeown

McLeman/Solda

That the letter from Ken McKeown dated January 10, 2008 expressing concerns that there is no access into and out of the Pacific Rim Centre for traffic heading south on Cherry Creek Road and providing a proposal for consideration, be received and referred to the Advisory Traffic Committee and Advisory Planning Commission for consideration.

Carried

2. Port Alberni Multicultural Folkfest Society

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from the Port Alberni Multicultural Folkfest Society dated January 14, 2008 requesting use of City streets on July 1, 2008 for the Canada Day Parade, be received and Council concur with the request subject to notification of emergency services, consultation with all affected businesses to minimize potential conflict and traffic concerns, provision of qualified traffic control and provision of standard liability insurance.

Carried

3. Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

Whiteman/McLeman

That the letter from Vancouver Island Economic Alliance dated January 11, 2008 advising that Vancouver Island Economic Alliance and BC Business Magazine are producing a special editorial/promotional feature for the April 2008 issue of BC Business Magazine and requesting Council's support by advertising in the issue, be received and filed.

Carried

4. National Defence

Solda/Chopra

That the letter from National Defence dated January 6, 2008 responding to the City's request for a presentation relating to services available during emergencies such as storms and flooding, and suggesting that the City coordinate their request with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District office, be received and referred to the Emergency Planning Committee.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division

Letter dated January 2, 2008 providing a copy of the Annual Activity Report, an update on the Division's activities and accomplishments throughout the fiscal year 2006 – 2007.

2. Vancouver Island Health Authority

Letter dated January 7, 2008 providing a copy of a report published in October 2007 regarding mental illness, addictions and homelessness in Victoria.

3. Gaining Ground Summit

Letter dated January 2, 2008 providing information on the "Gaining Ground Sustainable Urban Development Summit", May 22 – 24 in Victoria.

4. Island Coastal Economic Trust

Release dated January 23, 2008 announcing that the creation of the Trust has given a large boost to economic development on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast areas and that applications to date exceed sixty million dollars.

5. BC Transmission Corporation

News release dated January 10, 2008 regarding plans for \$5.1 billion investment in electricity system upgrades.

6. Honours and Awards Secretariat

Letter dated January 14, 2008 providing information and a nomination form for the Order of British Columbia, the Province's highest award for excellence and outstanding achievement.

7. Heritage BC

Letter dated January 11, 2008 advising that the theme for this year's Heritage Week to be held February 18 to 24, is "*Taking Care of Business*" – the Heritage of Trade and Commerce.

8. **2010 Legacies Now**
Providing a copy of the annual review for the 2006/07 fiscal year.
9. **City of Abashiri**
Letter dated December 28, 2007 thanking the City for hosting a team of hockey players from Abashiri in January 2008 and looking forward to welcoming Port Alberni students in July.
10. **Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot**
Providing the Activity Highlights Memo for the period December 15, 2007 to January 21, 2008.
11. **Provincial Ombudsman**
Letter dated January 15, 2008 providing a copy of the 2006 Annual Report and advising that the information is also available on their website at www.ombudsman.bc.ca.
12. **Canadian Heritage**
Providing a funding application form for "Celebrate Canada 2008" and nomination form for the "Canada Day Youth Award" program. *(Note: Funding application form forwarded to the Port Alberni Multicultural Folkfest Society.)*
13. **BC Pulp and Paper Task Force**
Letter dated January 10, 2008 enclosing a copy of a report on the future development of BC's pulp and paper industry.
14. **Kama Money**
Providing information and registration form for the UNICEF Global Youth Action Day on February 21 and 22, 2008 at ADSS.
15. **Ted Olynyk, BC Hydro**
Letter dated January 22, 2008 regarding BC Hydro's partnership with the City on the SLIM (Street Light Information Management) program, an on-line request management system for streamlining overhead street lighting requests, repairs and new installations.
16. **2008 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference**
City's letter dated January 24, 2008 to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board advising that the 2008 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference will be held in Quebec City from May 30 to June 3, 2008; the theme is "Celebrating our Past, Shaping our Future" and requesting consideration of their traditional cost-sharing of the Mayor's attendance at the Conference. *(Note: Total estimated cost is \$3,000 which includes conference registration, flights, hotel accommodation and per diems.)*

17. Pacific Rim Health Services Cooperative

Copy of a letter dated January 24, 2008 to Howard Waldner, President and CEO of VIHA requesting clarification of VIHA's intentions and commitments regarding the construction and operation of a clinic at the West Coast General Hospital.

Mealey/Whiteman

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 17, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Zoning Amendment No. 65 (3787 – 3rd Avenue – White), Bylaw No. 4683"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 65 (3787 – 3rd Avenue – White), Bylaw No. 4683", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4683.

Carried

2. City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission

Mealey/Solda

That the Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with a map amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to rezone Lot B, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 5310 (located at 3915 10th Avenue) from R1 – Single Family Residential District to R3 – Small Lot Single Family Residential District and that as part of the development process the applicant be required to receive a Preliminary Layout Approval for the proposed subdivision from the City of Port Alberni's Approving Officer.

Carried

Mealey/Chopra

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

a) Vary Section 6.1.4(a) Conditions of Use Side Yard Setbacks from 5 metres to 3.2 metres for 3527 Galiano Drive, (Lot 8, District Lot 45, Alberni District, Plan VIP49714).

b) Give notice of intent to consider the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 3527 Galiano Drive, (Lot 8, District Lot 45, Alberni District, Plan VIP49714).

Carried

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

Mealey/Solda

That "Zoning Amendment No. 66 (3915 – 10th Avenue – Courtney), Bylaw No. 4686", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

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

Carried

4. City Planner – Setting Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4686

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 66 (3915 – 10th Avenue – Courtney), Bylaw No. 4686" be advanced to a Public Hearing on February 11, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Carried

5. "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687"

Patterson/Mealey

That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687" be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Patterson/Mealey

That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687" be read a second time.

Carried

Patterson/Whiteman

That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687" be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Patterson

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 28, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 99046 to 99275 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$735,928.54, be approved.

Carried

2. Fire Department

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

3. Manager of Human Resources and Community Development

Chopra/Solda

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

Carried

4. Director of Parks and Recreation

Whiteman/Mealey

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

Carried

5. Economic Development Manager

Whiteman/Patterson

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

Carried

6. Alberni Valley Museum

Patterson/Mealey

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

Carried

7. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Patterson/Mealey

That the minutes of the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting held January 9, 2008 be received.

Carried

8. Climate Change Committee

Mealey/Whiteman

That the minutes of the Climate Change Committee meeting held January 16, 2008 be received.

Carried

9. Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk – 2008 AVICC Conference

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the Administrative Assistant dated January 16, 2008 regarding the 2008 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention, to be held April 11 – 13, 2008 at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort in Langford and individual Councillors advise staff of their intention to attend the conference.

Carried

10. Director of Parks and Recreation – Library Lease

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the lease document with the Vancouver Island Regional Library dated January 22, 2008 for the renovated and expanded library at Echo Centre and that it be signed and sealed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

Carried

11. City Clerk - Save Our City Committee

Solda/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to review the proposed bylaw of the Save Our City Committee and provide a report to outline how it can be implemented and what the implications of the bylaw are for the City and the Uptown Merchants.

Carried

12. Current Status Report

The Current Status Report will be circulated at the February 11, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

14. Mayor's Report

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

15. 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

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

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 9:25 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk