

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007 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/Whiteman

That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of Delegations C.3 Postal Workers and C.4 Childcare Network.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Patterson

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 22,2007 at 7:00 pm be received.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Gillian Trumper

Gillian Trumper was in attendance to present an update on the Crystal Meth Task Force.

2. Drew Hadfield, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, provided an update regarding the status of the Regional District's Solid Waste Management Plan Review.

3. Gary Poirier, representing the Local of the Canada Postal Workers

Mr. Poirier explained the problems with the existing building on Argyle Street and the employees desire to relocate.

4. Julie Spencer, Childcare Network

Julie Spencer discussed the services cut to child care and the impact it will have within the community.

Whiteman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni write a letter to the Premier with copies to the Minister of Children and Family Development, the MP and the MLA stating the importance of Childcare in the Province.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Robert and Sandy Waters

Solda/Mealey

That the e-mail dated January 20, 2007 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim September as "Autism Month" and September 8th as "Candy's Day" in Port Alberni.

Carried

2. The Kidney Foundation of Canada

Solda/Mealey

That the letter dated January 15, 2007 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim March as "Kidney Month" in Port Alberni.

Carried

**3. North Central Vancouver Island Chapter
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Society of British Columbia**

Solda/Mealey

That the letter dated January 18, 2007 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim June as "ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) Month" in Port Alberni.

Carried

4. Port Alberni Gymnastics Academy

Solda/Mealey

That the letter dated January 16, 2007 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim February 10 to 18, 2007 as "National Gymnastics Week" in Port Alberni.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Gloria Baird, The Ink Spot

Mealey/Chopra

That the e-mail dated January 19, 2007 requesting that Port Alberni City Council deny a request for the rezoning of Pacific Rim Centre to allow the relocation of the Federal Post Office, and consent to public input prior to any decisions being made be received.

Carried

2. Keith Wyton

Chopra/McLeman

That the e-mail dated January 24, 2007 attaching copy of a petition calling for a tariff on log exports and requesting that City Hall be a location where people can come and sign the petition be received and the request be endorsed.

Carried

3. Bear Aware

Chopra/Patterson

That the "Bear Aware" application information for a public education program be received and referred to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for their views on making an application.

Carried

4. Dorothy Symons

Solda/Mealey

That the Letter dated January 23, 2007 requesting clean up of a property on Brown Road and the report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer dated February 7, 2006 be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. District of North Vancouver

Copy of a letter dated January 23, 2007 to the Fraser River Debris Trap Operating Committee advising of their resolution supporting the Committee's initiative to secure funding from the provincial and federal governments.

2. **Pamela Day**
E-mail dated January 25, 2007 objecting to the possibility of the Post Office on Argyle Street moving to the Pacific Rim Mall on Johnston Road.
3. **Letters received in support of efforts to maintain the Martin Mars Water Bombers**
 - City of Richmond
 - City of Powell River
 - Town of View Royal
 - Village of Zeballos
 - City of Quesnel
4. **License Inspectors' & Bylaw Officers' Association of British Columbia**
Letter received January 23, 2007 inviting the City of Port Alberni to host the 2007 License Inspectors' & Bylaw Officers' Association of British Columbia (LIBOA) Conference and Annual General Meeting at the end of May.
5. **Corporation of the Village of Cumberland**
Letter dated January 19, 2007 inviting members of Council to attend their official opening of the "Taiwanese Lantern Festival" on February 17, 2007 and their "Annual Lunar New Years" celebration on February 24, 2007.
6. **Port Alberni Port Authority**
Letter dated January 16, 2007 advising of their payment of \$88,000 to the Accord between the City of Port Alberni and the Port Alberni Port Authority.
7. **Homeowner Protection Office**
Letter dated January 18, 2007 attaching a paper which addresses the need to approach the possible application of green roof technology in new residential development with caution.
8. **Celebrate Canada Day Committee for British Columbia**
Letter received January 22, 2007 attaching a funding application form for "Celebrate Canada 2007" and a nomination form for the "Canada Day Youth Award" program.
9. **North Island College**
Letter dated January 19, 2007 thanking Port Alberni City Council for donating 3 computers to "Literacy Alberni".
10. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Member Notice dated January 18, 2007 advising that the RCMP will undertake a Community Performance Plan which will focus on ongoing communication/consultation between the community, elected representatives and the RCMP.

- 11. Local Government Program Services**
Copy of a letter dated January 23, 2007 to School District 70 (Alberni) regarding the "School Community Connections Program" to make greater utilization of school facilities for community services.
- 12. Government Finance Officers Association**
Letter dated January 9, 2007 advising that the City of Port Alberni's annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 qualifies for a "Canadian Award for Financial Reporting" and that the plaque will be shipped under separate cover.
- 13. Federation of Canadian Municipalities**
News Release dated January 17, 2007 advising of a new funding opportunity for municipal government's solid waste projects under the Green Municipal Fund Request for Proposals.
- 14. City of Burnaby**
Letter dated January 26, 2007 advising of their resolution supporting the report entitled "Wildlife Rescue and Ecosystem Recovery Cost Accountability"
- 15. Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC)**
Memo dated January 24, 2007 advising that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention will be held in Qualicum Beach on April 13, 14 and 15, 2007 and including a draft program of the event.
- 16. Veterans Affairs Canada**
Letter received January 24, 2007 regarding 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and encouraging a local event to honour this significant date in Canadian history.
- 17. Environmental Health Action**
Letters dated February 1, 2007 concerned about air quality in Port Alberni; requesting a bylaw to limit and monitor indoor stove wood burning and suggesting that residents heat their homes with portable electric heaters.
- 18. City of Quesnel**
Letter dated January 24, 2007 advising that their letter has been carried over the original route by a dog sled team as part of their local heritage celebrating the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run and providing a short history of the event.
- 19. Operation Clean Sweep**
Letter received February 1, 2007 providing information on this year's "Pitch-In Canada Week", April 23 to 29, 2007, and inviting Council to become a member.

- 20. British Columbia Transmission Corporation**
An invitation and agenda to their Electrical Transmission System Planning Meeting on February 22, 2007 in Nanaimo.
- 21. West Coast Environment Law**
Letter dated January 21, 2007 advising of the "Green Buildings Guide: Tools for Local Governments to Promote Site Sustainability".

Chopra/Mealey
That Council for the City of Port Alberni refer the School Community Connections Program of Local Government Program Services to School District 70 (Alberni) for comment.

Carried

McLeman/Chopra
That Council for the City of Port Alberni refer the Veterans Affairs Canada 90th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge correspondence to both local Legions for information.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 21 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City Planner and City Engineer – Way Finding Sign Plan

At the January 22, 2007 Regular Council Meeting, Council tabled a resolution regarding the response to call for proposal to supply signs for the City's Way Finding Signage Plan which consists of 2 Gateway Signs and 28 Way Finding Signs. The matter must be lifted from the table and the resolution considered by Council.

McLeman/Solda
That Council for the City of Port Alberni lift the following resolution from the table.

That the City of Port Alberni Request for Proposal 049-06 for the Way Finding Sign Plan project be awarded to Signworks as outlined by their proposal dated January 4, 2007 for the price of \$35,000.

Carried

The resolution to award the contract to Signworks was defeated.

McLeman/Solda

That the City of Port Alberni Request for Proposal 049-06 for the Way Finding Sign Plan project be awarded to Devlin Electric Sign Company as outlined by their proposal dated January 4, 2007 for the price of \$46,311.40.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson) Bylaw No. 4655"

Mealey/McLeman

That "Zoning Amendment No. 57 (6003 River Road – Craig, Croucher and Wilson) Bylaw No. 4655", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4655.

Carried

2. "Zoning Amendment No. 51 (D. Beecroft and D. Paquette), Bylaw No. 4642"

Mealey/Whiteman

That the report from the City Planner dated February 6, 2007 advising that the conditions for final approval of "Zoning Amendment No. 51 (D. Beecroft and D. Paquette), Bylaw No. 4642" have been met, be received.

Carried

Mealey/Whiteman

That "Zoning Amendment No. 51 (D. Beecroft and D. Paquette), Bylaw No. 4642", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4642.

Carried

3. "Zoning Amendment No. 46 (4833 Southgate Road - Alberni Design Associates) Bylaw No. 4625"

Mealey/Chopra

That the report from the City Planner dated February 2, 2007 advising that the conditions for final approval of "Zoning Amendment No. 46 (4833 Southgate Road - Alberni Design Associates) Bylaw No. 4625" have been met, be received.

Carried

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 46 (4833 Southgate Road - Alberni Design Associates) Bylaw No. 4625" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4625.

Carried

4. City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission

Mealey/Chopra

That the summary report of the January 18, 2007 meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission be received.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 12, 2007 be received and the cheques numbered 94289 to 94582 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$996,251.95 be approved.

Carried

2. Engineering and Public Works

McLeman/Solda

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

Carried

3. Planning

Mealey/Patterson

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

Carried

4. Fire Department

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

5. Director of Finance - Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Mealey

That the minutes of the January 22, 2007 Audit Committee Meeting, the reports dated December 4, 2006 and December 12, 2006 from the Director of Finance responding to questions asked at the October 30, 2006 Audit Committee Meeting and the December, 2006 financial statements be received.

Carried

6. City Clerk - Membership in the Pacific Rim Health Co-operative

Solda/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni confirm that their \$350 contribution is a grant in aid to support the establishment of the Pacific Rim Health Co-Operative and return to the Co-operative the shares and voting rights advising that Council prefers to have a member act as a liaison only on the Co-operative.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Councillor Solda as the liaison to the Pacific Rim Health Co-Operative.

Carried

Councillor Solda declared a potential conflict of interest regarding item I. 7. on account of being an employee of the developer. She left the meeting at 8:48 pm.

**7. City Planner: Development Permit
3555 Johnston Road - (Pacific Rim Shopping Centre)**

Mealey/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni amend Development Permit No. 0-5-01 by replacing the corresponding Schedule B development plans with the following revised development plans:

- 1. Site Plan - Drawing No. AO (dated January 30, 2007)*
- 2. Landscape Plan - Drawing CDL-1 (dated February 6, 2007)*
- 3. Building B - Drawing No. A1, A2 & A3 (dated January 24, 2007).*

Carried

Councillor Solda returned to the meeting at 8:55 pm.

8. Director of Parks and Recreation - Tree Removal and Log Sales

Whiteman/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to continue with current forest management operations and logs be sold locally where possible at market pricing.

Carried

9. City Clerk - Tag Days

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the 2007 tag day allocations outlined in the report from the City Clerk dated February 6, 2007.

Carried

10. Bylaw Enforcement Officer/Business Licence Inspector - Nuisance Premises at 5165 Golden Street

Solda/Mealey

That the Council of the City of Port Alberni pursuant to Division 12 of Part 3 of the Community Charter hereby resolves that:

- 1. the property located at 5165 Golden Street, Port Alberni, British Columbia, legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 10, Alberni District, Plan 7034, PID 005-806-445, is hereby declared a nuisance; and*
- 2. the Owners of the property are hereby ordered to take the following remedial action by midnight on March 19, 2007:*

Clear the property of accumulations of discarded items, garbage, burnt materials and burnt items, burnt materials from a garage fire, one dismantled travel trailer, one partial boat hull and 10 dismantled, unregistered vehicles.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk of the City of Port Alberni ***BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED*** in default of such remedial measures being undertaken by the owners, to carry out or have such work carried out and the expense charged to the owners. If unpaid on December 31 in the year in which the work is done, the expense shall be added to and form part of the taxes to be paid on the real property as taxes in arrears or be collected as a debt.

Carried

11. City Engineer - 4503 Margaret Street (Lucky Printers)

McLeman/Solda

That the report advising this matter will be closed once the boulevard trees are trimmed this year, be received.

Carried

12. City Engineer - Resolutions from Council for Grant Applications

China Creek Watermain Replacement Project

McLeman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the China Creek Watermain Replacement Project Infrastructure Grant Application having a total project cost of \$1,750,000, \$1,166,666 of which is to be provided as an infrastructure grant, with the City's contribution being \$583,333 from the water fund and the project being planned and budgeted for in 2007.

Carried

Argyle Street Sewer Pumphouse Upgrade Project

McLeman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Argyle Street Sewer Pumphouse Upgrade Project Infrastructure Grant Application having a total project cost of \$795,000, \$530,000 of which is to be provided as a infrastructure grant, with the City's contribution being \$265,000 from Short Term Borrowing and the project being planned and budgeted for in 2007.

Carried

13. City Manager - Award of consulting Services Contract for Community Forest License Application

McLeman/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni retain DRH Forest Consulting to undertake a viability study of the proposed Port Alberni Community Forest for the estimated cost of \$18,303.

Carried

14. Current Status Report

Chopra/Mealey

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

15. Mayor's Report

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

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

Carried

16. 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.

Keith Dawe, a local Canada Post employee stated that the reason they wanted a new building was on account of a health and safety issue. They appreciate Council's support.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Canada Post

*McLeman/Whiteman
That Council for the City of Port Alberni consult with the employees and management of Canada Post to find a new facility.*

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 9:44 pm.*

Carried