

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008 AT 1:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

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.

Carried

B. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Hugh Grist, Alberni Valley Community Foundation

Solda/Mealey

That the letter from the Alberni Valley Community Foundation offering up to \$1,500 towards a Community Climate Change forum, be tabled.

Carried

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion was held regarding the recommendations contained in the Climate Change Committee Report and the following resolutions adopted:

1. *Patterson/Mealey*

That the City Manager meet with management staff and appoint the most appropriate person or persons to be responsible for managing emission reduction and offset activities and accounting and reporting on the City's commitment to be carbon neutral.

Carried

2. *Mealey/Patterson*

That Council reserve judgement on establishment of a Climate Action Team until item 6 is reviewed.

Carried

3. *McLeman/Solda*
That Council for the City of Port Alberni adopt least cost, highest impact measures to reduce City GHG emissions and reduce energy costs and utilize dividend monies received from the Upnit Power Corporation in this regard on an experimental basis.

Carried
4. *Mealey/Patterson*
That discussion regarding recommendation 4, establish a carbon offset/reduction fund as an internal account and earmark sufficient start up funds, be tabled until buy-in from other agencies is determined.

Carried
5. *Solda/Mealey*
That staff be directed to review how other communities are undertaking updating of purchasing policy, planning and development regulations and bylaws to encourage low carbon development.

Carried
6. *Mealey/Whiteman*
That Council for the City of Port Alberni hold a public forum to discuss the Climate Change Report, develop community priorities for energy saving and energy efficiency and identify groups that would be willing to combine efforts with the City to take on longer term community project development (such as commuter trails and local food production) and public education functions, that up to \$1,500 offered by the Alberni Valley Community for this event be utilized and that the City seek other sponsors for the event.

Carried
7. *Mealey/Patterson*
That staff be directed to research the previous master plan prepared in the 1990s, and make a grant application to have an updated master plan for bike and walking trails.

Carried

Mealey/Solda

That B.1. letter from Alberni Valley Community Foundation be lifted from the table.

Carried

Mealey/Solda

That the letter from the Alberni Valley Community Foundation offering to donate up to \$1,500 towards a Community Climate Change forum, be received and Council write to the Foundation accepting their offer. Funds to be utilized to host forum but not applied to rental of rooms to be supplied by City.

Carried

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk