

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY, MAY 26, 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

*Mealey/Patterson
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Solda/Whiteman
That the minutes of the May 26, 2008 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Climate Change Committee

Committee members were in attendance to present their report.

*Mealey/Chopra
That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the final report of the Climate Change Committee and schedule a meeting at 3:00 pm on June 9, 2008 to discuss with the Committee possible implementation of the recommendations and that the report be provided to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, Hupacasath First Nation and Tseshah First Nation for information.*

Carried

2. North Island College Faculty Association

Mac Newton, Faculty Steward for the Port Alberni campus, North Island College, in attendance to discuss budget reductions and the impact on the College.

*Chopra/Patterson
That Council for the City of Port Alberni write the Minister of Advanced Education and express its concern over the proposed cuts to operating grants for post-secondary institutions and the impacts that those cuts will have on the affordability and access for students from this community and on the ability of North Island College to continue serving our community.*

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Falun Dafa and Consulate General of the People's Republic of China

a) *Patterson/Whiteman*

That the letter from Falun Dafa dated May 4, 2008 requesting that the month of May, 2008 be proclaimed as "Falun Dafa Month" in Port Alberni, be received.

Carried

b) *Patterson/Whiteman*

That the letter from the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver dated May 15, 2008 urging the City to not support the proclamation request from Falun Dafa, be received.

Carried

2. Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC) and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter from Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC) and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) dated April 30, 2008 requesting that June 7, 2008 be proclaimed as "Access Awareness Day" in Port Alberni, be received and the day proclaimed as requested.

Carried

3. Ocean Industries British Columbia (OIBC)

Chopra/Patterson

That the email dated May 17, 2008 from Ocean Industries British Columbia requesting that the week of June 2 to 8, 2008 be proclaimed as "Ocean and Marinespace Week" in Port Alberni, be received and the week proclaimed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Margaret and Bob Mealey

Whiteman/Mealey

That the letter from Margaret and Bob Mealey dated May 8, 2008 requesting that the City develop a park/playground on the City owned property on Taylor Road and that local residents would participate by fund raising for the project, be received and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation to report regarding the implications of costs and resources.

Carried

2. Tim Hortons

Chopra/Patterson

That the letter from Tim Hortons received May 8, 2008 requesting that Council members participate in the Tim Hortons Camp Day event at the local restaurant on June 4 by pouring coffee and greeting customers be received and Council concur with the request.

Carried

3. BC Bike Race

McLeman/Mealey

That the letter dated May 13, 2008 from BC Bike Race requesting use of City streets, traffic control devices and police car escort on June 29 and 30, 2008 to conduct the Port Alberni area part of the BC Bike Race, be received and Council agree to provide the resources as requested.

Carried

4. The Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC

Solda/McLeman

That the letter dated May 11, 2008 from the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC providing information and a registration form for the Seniors Health, Housing and Income in a Global Age-Friendly Community conference in September, inviting a Council and/or staff member to attend and requesting that the City sponsor a local seniors' group leader to attend, be received and forwarded to the Sunshine Club for their information.

Carried

5. Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

Chopra/Mealey

That the invoice for membership with the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance in the amount of \$1,000 be received and filed.

Carried

6. Kiwanis Cycles Kilometres for Diabetes

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from Robin Nadig dated May 16, 2008 regarding the Kiwanis Cycles Kilometers for Diabetes Island Cycling tour on May 30 and requesting Fire Department and RCMP escort and use of City streets from the McDonalds Restaurant on Johnston Road to EJ Dunn School on Argyle Street via Gertrude Street and 3rd Avenue to Argyle Street, be received and Council endorse the request.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Smart Growth BC

Letter dated April 30, 2008 providing a copy of their publication "Creating Market and Non-Market Affordable Housing: A Smart Growth Toolkit for BC Municipalities" and advising that the publication is also available at www.smartgrowth.bc.ca.

2. RCMP, Corporate Management Branch, Pacific Region

Letter dated May 1, 2008 providing budget update information relating to their Back-Up Policy, Prime Training and Real Time Identification.

3. Minister of Tourism, Sport and Arts

Providing a copy of a letter to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification supporting the application for a \$450,000 grant to assist with financing for the proposed excursions stream train operating between Port Alberni and Parksville/Qualicum Beach (the Arrowsmith Explorer).

4. City of Langley

Providing a copy of a letter to the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development regarding their resolution that the allocation of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy and Homelessness Partnership Initiative to the Fraser Valley Regional District be given serious review for more equitable funding.

5. Minister of Community Services and Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues

Providing copies of a brochure entitled "Donating to Charities – Get the Facts Before You Give".

6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Letter dated April 30, 2008 thanking Council for nominating Ken Watson for the 2008 Mike Badham Award for Outstanding International Volunteer.

7. Community Futures Alberni Clayoquot

Providing a copy of the April 16 to May 14, 2008 - Program Activities Highlights.

8. Catalyst Paper

Letter dated May 7, 2008 advising that Catalyst has completed the acquisition of the recycled newsprint mill in Snowflake, Arizona and providing a copy of the 2007 Sustainability Report.

9. Official Opposition, NDP Local Government Critic and NDP Forestry Critic

Letter dated May 15, 2008 providing information regarding provincial funding for communities affected by the decline of the forest industry.

10. **Vancouver Island Health Authority**
News Release dated May 21, 2008 announcing the graduation of the first ever Vancouver Island trained group of 22 doctors.
11. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated May 1, 2008 providing a copy of the Recreation Trails Strategy for British Columbia, April 2008 Progress Update.
12. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Memorandum dated May 14, 2008 announcing the launch of the 2008 School Community Connections (SCC) funding program.

Mealey/Chopra

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 12 be received and filed.

Carried

Solda/McLeman

That Informational Correspondence item numbered 4 be referred to the Sunshine Club and local seniors' facilities.

Carried

Chopra/McLeman

That Informational Correspondence item numbered 12 be referred to the School District 70.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

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

Solda/Patterson

That "Fire Regulation Bylaw Amendment No. 4 (Outdoor Burning), Bylaw No. 4697", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4697.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated May 26, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 100673 to 100859 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$1,759,927.79 be approved.

Carried

2. Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission

Patterson/Solda

That the minutes of the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting held May 7, 2008 be received.

Carried

3. City Clerk – Public Hearing Report

Mealey/Solda

That the report of the Public Hearing held May 12, 2008 be received and filed.

Carried

4. Committee for Approval of Public Events (CAPES)

Solda/Mealey

That Port Alberni City Council endorse the recommendations of the Committee for the Approval of Public Events with respect to the six applications for Special Occasion Licences for 2008 as outlined in the report of their meeting held May 8, 2008.

Carried

5. Director of Parks and Recreation - Parks and Recreation 2008 Fees and Charges

Whiteman/Patterson

That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated May 21, 2008 requesting Council amend the Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw 4660 and approve the 2008 Schedule of Fees and Charges be received.

Carried

Whiteman/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the designation for seniors remain at the current age of 65.

Carried

Whiteman/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni replace Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw 4660, approve the 2008 Schedule of Fees and Charges as presented and direct staff to bring forward the required bylaw for the June 9, 2008 regular meeting.

Carried

6. City Clerk – Maggie Paquet, Bear-People Conflict Management Plan

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the proposal provided by Maggie Paquet and endorse the Bear-People Conflict Management Plan for the City of Port Alberni with the total cost not exceeding the grants provided by the province.

Carried

7. Director of Parks and Recreation – Uptown Light Purchase

Mealey/Patterson

That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated May 21, 2008 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni and consider the matter at the June 9, 2008 regular meeting.

Carried

8. Development Permit No. 08-01 Schedule Amendment

The original design has been modified from 15 units (3 fourplexes and 1 triplex to 12 units (4 triplexes). The form and character of the development remains the same. Council are requested to amend the Development Permit by replacing the schedules to reflect the new layout.

Mealey/Solda

That Development Permit No. 08-01 be amended to replace all schedules to reflect the 12 unit design as outlined on the attached development plans dated May 2008.

Carried

9. Current Status Report

The report will be circulated to Council following the meeting.

10. Mayor's Report - Ken McRae

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

11. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

Chopra/Mealey

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

Carried

Council requested staff bring forward a report on current hiring.

12. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

Councillor Solda reported on the status of the nuisance property program. Council met with Maurice Brodeur of the Edmonton Police and will be meeting with their lawyer to discuss options for a nuisance bylaw on June 9.

13. Councillor Mealey - Planning, Environmental Services and Library Report

14. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/Mealey

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

Carried

15. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

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

Whiteman/Mealey

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

Carried

Whiteman/Mealey

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

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council. There were none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk