

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY,
AUGUST 11, 2008 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Alternate Mayor Patterson, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Mealey, Solda and Whiteman

EXCUSED: Mayor McRae

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)

Mealey/Chopra

*That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items
D.1 Proclamation for Travis Cross and I.2 Correspondence from A.
Fleming.*

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Whiteman

*That the minutes of the August 11, 2008 Regular Council meeting be
adopted as circulated.*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Gillian Trumper

Gillian Trumper was in attendance to provide a briefing on the progress of Woodtech 21 and to invite Mayor and Council to attend an information session on September 8th, 2008 at 10:00 am beginning at the Catalyst site.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Travis Cross

Chopra/Mealey

*That August 20 & 21, 2008 be proclaimed as Travis Cross Day's in Port
Alberni to celebrate his Olympic Wrestling debut and Echo Centre be
available with a large screen television to welcome the community to
cheer him on between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm on August 20, 2008.*

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. John Douglas

Mealey/Chopra

That the letter dated July 20, 2008 requesting the City's interest in a Multi-Casualty Unit to be used by the Search and Rescue Squad be received and referred to the Fire Chief and Emergency Planning Coordinator for a report.

Carried

2. Alberni Valley Lions Club

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter dated July 28, 2008 inviting the Mayor and Council members to assist in judging at the Port Alberni Salmon Festival Bullhead Derby on Sunday, August 31, 2008 at Clutesi Haven Marina from 9:30 am – 11:00 am, be received and all available Councillors participate in the event.

Carried

3. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Solda/Mealey

That the fax dated July 30, 2008 providing a questionnaire on the affordable housing and homelessness issue be received and that Council for the City of Port Alberni provide feedback based on local experience for the questionnaire by the deadline of August 22, 2008.

Carried

4. Marion Fraser – Donation of Picture

Mealey/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni accept the picture donated by Marion Fraser and that a letter of thanks be provided.

Carried

5. Debbie Molloy

Mealey/Whiteman

That the email dated August 6, 2008 providing a recent editorial from the Victoria Times Colonist newspaper referring to a process that Victoria City Council has taken regarding a development proposal and requesting that Council consider Victoria City Council's process when reviewing development proposals be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ministry of Community Development

Copy of a letter dated July 28, 2008 to Scott Fraser, MLA from the Honourable Ida Chong providing an explanation as to why the Chamber of Commerce did not receive funding to assist with the construction of a new visitor centre.

2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Excerpt from the Canadian Municipal Engagement in FCM's International Program 2007-2008, which staff from the City have been involved with.

3. Canadian Heritage

Letter dated August 1, 2008 announcing a funding program *Building Communities through Arts and Heritage* which funds local arts and heritage festivals and community historical anniversaries.

Whiteman/Solda

That Council refer the letter dated August 1, 2008 announcing a funding program Building Communities through Arts and Heritage which funds local arts and heritage festivals and community historical anniversaries to the Manager of the AV Museum for the consideration of the Heritage Commission.

Carried

4. Société du 400 Anniversaire de Québec

Letter dated July 31, 2008 thanking communities across Canada for participating in ringing bells on July 3, 2008 marking the arrival of Samuel de Champlain at Québec 400 years ago.

5. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Letter dated July 15, 2008 providing a copy of a DVD "*After the Tsunami: Cities Helping Cities*" produced by CTV.

6. Premier of British Columbia

Letter dated August 5, 2008 thanking the City for signing the British Columbia Climate Action Charter.

7. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Fax received July 29, 2008 providing highlights of the Executive Meeting held July 16 – 18, 2008.

8. Union of British Columbia Municipalities – TILMA

a) Fax received July 25, 2008 advising that the Province of British Columbia and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) have reached an agreement with respect to the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement.

- b) Fax received July 25, 2008 providing a breakdown of the key elements of the agreement reached between the Province of British Columbia and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.
- c) Fax received July 29, 2008 providing a copy of a letter issued by Lidstone, Young, Anderson Barristers & Solicitors providing a breakdown of the agreement reached between the province and the UBCM.

Mealey/Whiteman
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 8 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. City Planner – Zoning Amendment Applications – 5350 Falls Street

Mealey/Whiteman
That the City Planners report dated July 24, 2008 regarding the Amendment Application of 5350 Falls Street be received and Council agree to the proposed restrictive covenant to require a geotechnical report of the river bank clarifying that dwelling unit sites may be used safely for their intended use with input from the DFO and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the covenant.

Carried

2. “Zoning Text Amendment No. T28 (Maximum of 2.5 Building Storeys in the RM1 District), Bylaw No. 4668”

Mealey/Chopra
That “Zoning Text Amendment No. T28 (Maximum of 2.5 Building Storeys in the RM1 District, Bylaw No. 4668” be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate seal and numbered 4668.

Carried

**3. “Zoning Amendment No. 60 (5350 Falls Street – McManus Development),
Bylaw No. 4669”**

Mealey/Chopra

That “Zoning Amendment No. 60 (5350 Falls Street – McManus Development), Bylaw No. 4669” be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate seal and numbered 4669.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated August 11, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 101643 to 101836 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$753,492.41 be approved.

Carried

2. City Clerk – Transfer of Liquor Licences – Beaufort Hotel

Hank Bramwell, applicant, spoke to Council and outlined the intention of the licensee and property owner. Ann Fleming expressed concerns that nothing will change with the transfer of the licence.

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni support the applications for a Transfer of Location, for Liquor Primary Licence No.’s 044839 and 106203 on the condition that the old Beaufort Hotel at 3009 Third Avenue is to be demolished.

Carried

Solda/McLeman

That the City of Port Alberni refer the email from Ann Fleming regarding the Transfer of Liquor Licence No.’s 044839 and 106203 to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch.

Carried

3. Mayor's Report

Mealey/Whiteman

That the Mayor’s report be received.

Carried

4. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

5. 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

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

7. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

8. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

Solda/Mealey

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

Carried

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

J. QUESTION PERIOD

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Molloy, 5350 Falls Street expressed concern for the health of seniors living at 5350 Falls Street following Council's adoption of Bylaw No.'s 4668 and 4669.

Mrs. Molloy, 5350 Falls Street asked about a policy for the development of mobile home parks. Councillor Mealey responded that it is in the works and is intended for future development within the City of Port Alberni. It was never intended to apply to 5350 Falls Street.

Jens Van Draby of Qualicum House, 3042 3rd Avenue, commented that Port Alberni is a nice place and is appreciated by those living here but it has a poor image that needs to be improved with better public landscaping like other island communities.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Whiteman
That the meeting adjourn at 8:30 pm.*

Mayor

Clerk