

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JULY 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 approved as circulated with the addition of late items E.2 - UBCM Workshop Proposal Update and I.3.5 - 4160 Bruce Street lease assignment.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Patterson/Mealey

That the Special Meeting held July 14, 2008 at 1:00 pm and the Regular Meeting held at 7:00 pm be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

- 1. 2308 Royal Canadian Army Cadets** were in attendance to have the Mayor draw the winning ticket from their fund-raising raffle. The winner was Gerry Gionette from Ucluelet.
- 2. Presentation to Fire Chief, Larry McGifford**
The Mayor made a presentation from The Office of the Fire Commissioner to Fire Chief, Larry McGifford to recognize his 34 years of service, upon his retirement July 31, 2008.
- 3. John Rampanen, AV SafetyNet**
John Rampanen from the AV SafetyNet discussed a community event entitled "Making Connections" scheduled for Saturday, October 25th at ADSS and requested that October 20 to 26, 2008 be declared as "Social Responsibility Week".

Solda/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni proclaim October 20 to 26, 2008 as "Social Responsibility Week".

Carried

4. Russell McKenzie, Canada World Youth

Russell McKenzie from Canada World Youth introduced himself as the Project Supervisor for the program and thanked Council for their support. Youth between the ages of 17 to 24 will be in attendance in the community to provide volunteer work between November and March.

5. Ron Paulson, World Under-17 Hockey Challenge

Ron Paulson from the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge updated Council on the progress to prepare for the event.

**6. Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services,
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

At the request of the Mayor, Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, provided an update on the new Recycling Service for the Alberni Valley which is to commence in September with curbside recycling in the City.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Chopra/Solda

That the fax dated July 11, 2008 inviting topics to be discussed at the "Mid-Sized Communities Forum" to be held Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in conjunction with the Annual UBCM Convention in Vancouver be received.

Carried

2. David Lewis, Truck Loggers Association

Chopra/McLeman

That the e-mail dated July 23, 2008 from David Lewis, Executive Director of the Truck Loggers Association, be received and Council propose a discussion regarding the forest industry for the mid-sized community form at UBCM.

Carried

3. SmartGrowthBC

Chopra/Solda

That the letter dated July 16, 2008 enclosing their 2007 Annual Report (in "Reading File") and inviting our municipality to join their "1,000 Friends of BC" by becoming a 2008 Municipal Friend be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

Letter dated July 7, 2008 providing the RCMP General Salary Revision for the Year 2008, 2009 and 2010.

2. Community Futures Alberni Clayoquot

Community Futures Alberni Clayoquot providing its June 17 to July 15, 2008 Program Activities Highlights.

3. Emergency Management BC - Office of the Fire Commissioner

Letter dated July 17, 2008 providing a Bulletin from the Office of the Fire Commissioner as a reference tool for all elected officials in the Province of BC who have established and operate a Fire Department.

4. Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley

Letter dated July 15, 2008 thanking the City of Port Alberni for their 2008 grant-in-aid that assists them with ongoing programs and the upkeep of the public gardens at the Rollin Art Centre.

5. Pacific Pilotage Authority

Letter dated July 16, 2008 enclosing documentation and a DVD introducing the Authority and an explanation of the service they operate through our community which is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient marine pilotage service.

6. Official Opposition

Letter dated July 22, 2008 from the Official Opposition enclosing copy of a letter to the Minister of Community Development urging the delivery of guides and forms on changes that Bill 7 made to civic electoral laws.

7. Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts

Letter dated July 15, 2008 providing a copy of the BC 150 Commemorative book "*British Columbia: Spirit of the People*."

8. **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
News Release dated July 21, 2008 advising that VIHA is seeking a service provider for youth withdrawal management and supported residential services on Central Vancouver Island.
9. **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
News Release dated July 22, 2008 advising that VIHA is enhancing community-based food security initiatives with a Request for Proposal (RFP) aimed at ensuring Vancouver Island residents have access to nutritious healthy foods every day.
10. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**
Letter dated July 7, 2008 expressing appreciation for the City of Port Alberni's continuing support of the Canada/Sri Lanka Municipal Cooperation Program through the participation of Guy Cicon, City Engineer, who recently returned from a technical mission in Galle.
11. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Centre for Sustainable Community Development**
Fax dated July 11, 2008 advising of the FCM's Green Municipal Fund which is offering low-interest loans to municipal governments and their partners for the remediation of brownfield sites.
12. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Fax dated July 16, 2008 advising of an on-line tool (*FCM Infrastructure Calculator*) that local governments can use to estimate how many jobs they will create when they invest in specific infrastructure projects.
13. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Providing a program and registration for its 2008 Annual Convention in Penticton from September 23 to 26, 2008.
14. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) -
Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services**
Letter dated July 21, 2008 enclosing the first of two Community Works Fund payments for fiscal 2008 in the amount of \$191,404.02.

Mealey/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 14 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Terasen Gas

McLeman/Solda

That the report dated July 23, 2008 from the City Manager be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni adopt the recommendation to send a letter of support for Terasen's program.

Carried

2. Pacific Rim Centre

McLeman/Chopra

That the report from the City Engineer regarding the unfinished works at Pacific Rim Mall be received.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700"

Chopra/Whiteman

That "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4700.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated July 28, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 101487 to 101642 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$2,745,232.05 be approved.

Carried

2. City Engineer - Argyle Street Pumpstation

McLeman/Solda

That the report dated July 22, 2008 from the City Engineer be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the recommendation to award the contract for the Argyle Street Pumpstation improvements project to Rocky Point Metalcraft Ltd. for \$781,102.35 (including GST).

Carried

3. Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk - Garbage Dumping at Falls Road and Papermill Dam Road

McLeman/Mealey

That the report dated July 22, 2008 from the Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk be received.

Carried

3.5. City Clerk - Assignment of Lease, 4160 Bruce Street

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni has approved the transferring of the lease for Lot 1, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 11491 (4160 Bruce Street) from Curtis Smecher and Heather Washburn to Catherine Harris and Jonathan Harris.

Carried

4. Current Status Report

Chopra/Solda

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

5. Mayor's Report

Mealey/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

6. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

Chopra/McLeman

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

Carried

7. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

Mealey/Patterson

That the verbal report for Councillor McLeman be received.

Carried

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

Whiteman/Patterson

That the verbal report for Councillor Mealey be received.

Carried

9. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/Solda

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

Carried

10. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

McLeman/Chopra

That the verbal report for Councillor Solda be received.

Carried

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

Whiteman/Solda

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

1. North Island College

Solda/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni requests the Board of Governors of North Island College to consider expanding the scope of programs offered through their Port Alberni Campus to facilitate and encourage local enrolment in advanced education programs for young people unable to afford to travel or relocate to other communities to attend school.

Carried

2. Greenwood Cemetery

Mealey/Chopra

That staff be directed to bring back a report regarding the potential of installing upright grave stones at Greenwood Cemetery.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Patterson

That the meeting adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Mayor

Clerk