

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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 late item H.2, e-mail from Mrs. Pazitch.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Solda

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

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Don Jones – Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners

Don Jones from Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners was in attendance to present the Audited Financial Statements for the year 2007.

Chopra/McLeman

That the Auditor's Report, including the 2007 Audited Financial Statements, be received.

Carried

2. Erwin Mani

Erwin Mani provided a petition in opposition of the proposed location of a Habitat for Humanity home in Port Alberni (City owned property on Melrose Street between 7th and 8th Avenue, Lot 5, Plan 16421). A report from the City Planner and letters in support of Habitat for Humanity from Pamela Day and Liz Stonard were also included.

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the City Planner's report dated May 22, 2008 regarding a Habitat for Humanity home to be located on City owned property at 4556 Melrose Street and the letters in support of the proposal as well as a petition against the proposed location submitted by Mr. E. Mani.

Carried

3. Alberni Valley Stakeholders Initiative to End Homelessness

Patty Edwards and Myron Jespersen presented their plan to end homelessness in the Alberni Valley.

Solda/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the Alberni Valley Stakeholders Initiative to End Homelessness package, and the matter be referred to the City Planner.

Carried

4. Wilde Youth Group

Representatives from the Wilde Youth Group were in attendance to request Council to proclaim Friday, June 27 to Sunday, June 29, 2008 as "Pride Weekend" in Port Alberni and fly the group's official flag at City Hall during that weekend.

Whiteman/Mealey

That the letter be received, the weekend proclaimed and the City fly the flag as requested.

Carried

5. Chris Alemany

Chris Alemany discussed the impacts of Peak Oil and introduced the "Transition Town Primer" for consideration.

McLeman/Mealey

That the e-mail dated May 28, 2008 from Chris Alemany be received and the PowerPoint presentation regarding Peak Oil, "Transition Town Primer" be received.

Carried

6. Rodney Rogers

Rodney Rogers was in attendance to object to Sunday and holiday bus service and request streetsweeper service and pothole repairs on 10th Avenue.

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated June 2, 2008 from Rodney Rogers opposing Sunday bus service and his presentation be received.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics

Whiteman/Chopra

That the e-mail dated May 28, 2008 requesting a contact person for the BC Stories program at the British Columbia Pavilion in Beijing, China to receive and respond to international media inquires, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Pat Deakin, Economic Development Manager, as the City's point of contact for the British Columbia Canada Pavilion in Beijing, China.

Carried

2. Sue Granneman

Whiteman/Solda

That the E-mail dated June 4, 2008 opposing the City establishing business alliance with China, be received.

Carried

3. Gary Robertson, Chair, Uptown Merchants Association

McLeman/Whiteman

That the Letter received May 26, 2008 requesting to close off 3rd Avenue from Argyle Street to Mar Street from traffic in order to hold a street fair on July 11 and 12, 2008 to coincide with the Tall Ships visit this summer, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni concur with the request of the Uptown Merchants Association for the closure of traffic from Argyle Street to Mar Street on Friday, July 11 and Saturday July 12, 2008 subject to consultation with the merchants in the area and the Association providing liability insurance.

Carried

4. Landworks Consultants Inc.

Mealey/Patterson

That the letter from Landworks Consultants Inc., in partnership with Ducks Unlimited Canada; Environment Canada, Ministry of Environment, The Wetland Stewardship Partnership and the Grasslands Conservation Council of British Columbia, regarding a series of workshops to introduce the Green Bylaws Toolkit to help protect sensitive ecosystems, and inviting local government to participate in a workshop called "The Forum" in Parksville on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, be received and arrangements will be made to have City staff attend.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. BC Healthy Communities

Invitation to the BC Healthy Communities 2008 Provincial Conference at the University of British Columbia on June 12 and 13, 2008.

2. Alexandra Pazitch

E-mail dated May 29, 2008 advising that she has spoken with the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the possibility of having a bus shelter at the Spirit Square location.

3. Vancouver Island Health Authority

E-mail dated May 30, 2008 advising that fresh fiddleheads should be properly cooked before being eaten, as there may be an unidentified natural toxin in them.

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

Fax dated May 30, 2008 advising that \$177,026 is granted to the City under the Small Community Grants program.

5. Honourable Mobina Jaffer, Senate Canada

Letter dated May 21, 2008 thanking Council for proclaiming April 25, 2008 as "World Malaria Day".

6. Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

E-mail dated June 4, 2008 advising that BC Municipal spending is soaring, but that smaller communities like Port Alberni increased spending at rates lower than population and inflation growth.

7. Canada Revenue Agency

Fax dated June 2, 2008 advising that as part of this year's Community Visit Program, representatives from the Canada Revenue Agency will be visiting Port Alberni between June 9 and 13, 2008 to educate taxpayers of their rights and obligations under Federal Legislation.

8. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Fax dated May 30, 2008 advising that the provincial Community Development Trust is now accepting Expressions of Interest for the Job Opportunities Program to create new jobs in forest-dependent communities.

**9. Union of British Columbia Municipalities
Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services**

Letter dated May 21, 2008 enclosing the Public Transit Agreement and Public Transit Infrastructure Program Funding Agreement, as well as a cheque for \$75,415, the full allocation of the funding for the BC Transit and City of Port Alberni transit system under this Agreement.

10. KUU-US Crisis Line Society

Letter dated May 17, 2008 thanking Council for granting them permission to hold their successful "Tag Days 2008" fundraiser on April 18 and 19, 2008.

11. Scott Fraser, MLA

Copy of a letter dated May 23, 2008 to the Minister of Health regarding funding for the Kakawis Family Development Center.

Chopra/Mealey

That the City write a letter of support to the Minister of Health for funding for the Kakawis Family Development Centre.

Carried

Mealey/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 11 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Director of Parks and Recreation - Uptown Light Purchase

Mealey/McLeman

That the report dated June 3, 2008 from the Director of Parks and Recreation be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the purchase of the new decorative street lights and poles from Metrolume Lighting System Inc. at a cost of \$224,872 plus appropriate taxes and freight.

Carried

2. Director of Parks and Recreation - Fruit and Nut Trees on City Boulevards

Whiteman/Mealey

That the report dated May 21, 2008 from the Director of Parks and Recreation be received and that the City of Port Alberni Parks and Recreation Department not proceed with planting additional nut and fruit trees on City boulevards.

Carried

H. **BYLAWS**

1. **Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2008, Bylaw No. 4699**

Whiteman/Solda

That "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2008, Bylaw No. 4699" be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Whiteman/Patterson

That "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2008, Bylaw No. 4699" be read a second time.

Carried

Whiteman/Solda

That "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2008, Bylaw No. 4699" be read a third time.

Carried

2. **Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 4691, and Save Our City Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 4698**

Chopra/Solda

That the report dated June 3, 2008 from the City Clerk be received.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey

That the letters from Dave McCormick, Debbie Molloy, Monique Begg and Alexandra Pazitch regarding the uptown revitalization bylaws be received.

Carried

City of Port Alberni Comprehensive Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4691

Chopra/Mealey

That "City of Port Alberni Comprehensive Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4691", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That "City of Port Alberni Comprehensive Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4691", be read a second time.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey
That "City of Port Alberni Comprehensive Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4691", be read a third time.

Carried

Save Our City Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 4698

Chopra/Mealey
That "Save Our City Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 4698", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson
That "Save Our City Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 4698", be read a second time.

Carried

Chopra/Solda
That "Save Our City Uptown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 4698", be read a third time.

Carried

3. City Planner - Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Applications - Burde Street (Lot A, District Lot 48, Alberni District, Plan VIP68122

Mealey/Whiteman
That the report dated June 4, 2008 from the City Planner be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni give final adoption to "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 2 (Burde Street - McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4694", and Zoning Amendment No. 68 (Burde Street - McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4695".

Carried

4. Official Community Plan Amendment No. 2 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4694

Mealey/Patterson
That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 2 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4694", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4694.

Carried

5. Zoning Amendment No. 68 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4695

Mealey/Solda

That "Zoning Amendment No. 68 (Burde Street – McManus Development Planning), Bylaw No. 4695", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4695.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated June 9, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 100860 to 101099 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$812,268.90, be approved.

Carried

2. Director of Finance - Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Mealey

That the minutes of the May 26, 2008 Audit Committee Meeting, the report dated May 20, 2008 from the Director of Finance and a report dated May 14, 2008 from the City Engineer responding to questions arising from the April 28, 2008 meeting as well as the financial statements ending April 30, 2008, be received.

Carried

3. City Clerk - Rental of Unit #10, 5440 Argyle Street (Alberni Harbour Quay)

Chopra/Whiteman

That the proposal dated June 4, 2008 from Carmen Akerly be received and Council rent Unit #10 to Carmen Akerly as a Candy Store for a term ending November, 2008.

Carried

4. City Clerk - Disposition of City (Portion of Paper Mill Dam Park)

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with the sale of 288 m² (3,100 ft²) of 5570 Falls Street (Paper Mill Dam Park), Parcel G (DD 336541) of District Lot 7, Alberni District for the price of \$3,976.20 to Michael and Grainne Vincent, which will be amalgamated to their property at 5544 Park Place.

Carried

5. Director of Finance - Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2007

Chopra/Whiteman

That the report dated June 4, 2008 from the Director of Finance be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve all the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information, produced under the Financial Information Act for the year 2007, as outlined in the Director of Finance's June 4, 2008 report.

Carried

6. City Manager – Annual Report

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Annual Report for the year 2007 as presented by the City Manager Ken Watson; the 2007 annual report be made available for public inspection immediately and that the report be referred to the regular meeting of Council Monday June 23, 2008 for public questions and comments.

Carried

7. Director of Finance - 2007 Sewer Revenue (Operating) Fund Deficit

Chopra/Mealey

That the report dated June 4, 2008 from the Director of Finance be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the transfer of \$470,000 from the General Revenue Fund Operating Surplus account to the Sewer Revenue Fund for the purpose of establishing a Sewer Revenue Fund Operating Surplus account.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to amend the 2008-2012 Financial Plan to include an amount to offset the resulting deficiency of the 2007 expenditures exceeding 2007 revenues in the amount of \$60,610.

Carried

8. Current Status Report

Chopra/Mealey

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

9. Mayor's Report

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

Carried

10 Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

*Chopra/Mealey
That the verbal report from Councillor Chopra be received.*

Carried

11. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

*McLeman/Chopra
That the monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about current departmental operations, be received.*

Carried

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

*Mealey/Patterson
That the monthly report from the City Planner providing information about current operations, be received.*

Carried

13. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

*Mealey/Whiteman
That the verbal report from Councillor Patterson be received.*

Carried

14. 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

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

*Mealey/Patterson
That the verbal report from Councillor Whiteman be received.*

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Fred Boyko Jr. spoke about the proposed Habitat for Humanity project at 8th and Melrose. He asked that Council manage this property as a park in perpetuity.

Andy Rowe of 8th Avenue expressed concern about the City chasing the homeless out of Dry Creek Park.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

*Whiteman/Mealey
That the City write a letter to Trevor Jones complimenting his
professionalism and ability as the past Chief Executive Officer of the
Hupacasath First Nations.*

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 10:00 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk