

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009 AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, Douglas, McLeman, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

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

*Solda/Patterson*

*That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of C.5 - seven letters regarding recreation fees and H.3 a letter from Catalyst regarding tax rates.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held April 14, 2009, be approved as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS**

The Mayor presented a plaque from the BC Ambulance Service to retiring paramedic Don Swerdfeger for 30 years service.

- 1. Shoni Field, Member of Citizens Assembly on Electoral Reform**  
Made a presentation to Council regarding the BC Single Transferable Vote and the upcoming referendum.
- 2. Omega Fish Hatchery**  
At the request of the Mayor, Bruce Kenny was to attend to provide Council with an update on the fish hatchery and enhancing Chinook salmon. He was unavailable.
- 3. Port Alberni Folkfest Multicultural Society**  
Gillian Shearwater in attendance to discuss the 2009 Canada Day parade and inviting the Council's participation.

**4. Air Quality Council**

Bernadette Wyton from the Air Quality Council made a presentation regarding the possibility of a woodstove exchange program. Fire Chief Tim Pley will report back to Council regarding the City's involvement in the program.

**5. Arnold Begg**

Addressed Council regarding the proposed changes to the rate structure at Echo Pool. Correspondence expressing concern has been received from the following people regarding this matter:

- Monique Begg
- Joan Cunliffe
- Beth Brandl
- Raeburn Hurst
- Robert Hunter
- Sally Hodgson
- Rose Windley
- Evelyn Steinbach

Council brought forward item H.7, Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2009, Bylaw No. 4719.

*Whiteman/Solda*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni concur with the recommendation of the Director of Parks and Recreation not to proceed with adoption of the proposed bylaw and for staff to bring forward a revised schedule based on past standards with a cost of living increase.*

*Carried*

*Whiteman/Solda*

*That Council receive the 8 letters of correspondence regarding the Recreation Fee Bylaw and respond with a letter of explanation of Council's direction.*

*Carried*

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

NIL

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Ministry of Housing and Social Development**

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That the letter from Minister of Housing and Social Development dated April 8, 2009 inviting the City of Port Alberni to partner with the Province of British Columbia in the creation of new housing units for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities, be received and referred to existing service providers, First Nations and the Continuing Care Society.*

*Carried*

Councillor Douglas left the meeting at approximately 8:14 pm on account of a conflict of interest as he is an Ambulance Paramedic of BC.

**2. Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the letter dated April 15, 2009 from the Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia requesting support to defend the ambulance emergency response services in our community be received with no further action taken.*

*Carried*

Councillor Douglas returned to the meeting at approximately 8:16 pm.

**3. Alberni Community and Women's Services Society**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That the letter dated April 21, 2009 from the Alberni Community and Women's Services Society inviting Council and City staff to attend the inaugural meeting of the Alberni Valley Social Planning Council, be received, that Councillor Solda be appointed as a liaison and that Council/staff endeavour to attend future meetings.*

*Carried*

**4. Concerned Citizens of Port Alberni**

*Solda/Patterson*

*That the petition presented to Council by Vince Lauzon opposing the Alberni Valley Community Stakeholders Initiative for the former RCMP building at 4110 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**5. Canadian Federation of Independent Business**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That the letter dated April 6, 2009 from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business expressing concern that small businesses in Port Alberni are carrying a disproportionate tax burden through property taxes, be received and staff directed to provide accurate information regarding the comparative rates.*

*Carried*

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**  
Letter dated April 14, 2009 advising that their Board of Directors have approved a grant-in-aid to the City's Economic Development service in the amount of \$18,000.00.
- 2. BC Healthy Communities**  
Email dated April 9, 2009 providing a copy of the April issue of "People. Place. Potential."
- 3. Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities**  
Providing copies of the 2009 Referred Resolutions that were presented at their recent annual meeting.
- 4. Ombudsman**  
Report received April 14, 2009 regarding files closed from January 1 to March 31, 2009.
- 5. Vancouver Island Health Authority**  
Letter dated April 6, 2009 responding to the Mayor's letter dated February 24, 2009 regarding the installation of a bus shelter at West Coast General Hospital.
- 6. Honourable Mobina Jaffer, Senator for British Columbia**  
Letter dated March 27, 2009 providing a copy of the Senator's Statement on Black History Month.
- 7. LADR Landscape Architects**  
Letter dated April 3, 2009 providing a brochure and information on how landscape architecture can help revitalize a community.
- 8. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**  
Letter dated April 15, 2009 responding to a letter Mayor McRae sent to the Premier expressing support for rail on Vancouver Island.
- 9. Debbie Molloy**  
Email dated April 21, 2009 providing a link to a discussion paper entitled "Beyond the 2007 Manufactured Home Study."
- 10. Catalyst Paper Corporation**  
Letter dated April 14, 2009 providing a copy of Catalyst Paper Corporation's 2008 Sustainability Report.
- 11. Office of the Premier**  
Letter received April 14, 2009 announcing "GamesTown 2010".

**12. Fine Arts Planning Committee**

Minutes from their April 9, 2009 meeting regarding the ADSS Replacement Project.

**13. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**

- Email dated April 9, 2009 providing a copy of the BC Utilities Commission Order and Public Notice related to the Transmission Inquiry related to BC's capacity and needs for the next 30 years.
- Providing a copy of the UBCM's Election Readiness Strategy.

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni write a letter to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District thanking them for their contribution of \$18,000 toward Economic Development costs.*

*Carried*

*Patterson/Whiteman*

*That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 13, be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NIL

**H. BYLAWS**

**1. "Zoning Amendment No. 72 (3993 Compton Road - Clark Power), Bylaw No. 4714"**

*Solda/McLeman*

*That the City Clerk's verbal report outlining input received at the Public Hearing held in Council Chambers at 6:00 pm, be received.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Chopra*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 72 (3993 Compton Road - Clark Power), Bylaw No. 4714", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**2. "5 Year Financial Plan 2009 – 2013, Bylaw No. 4715"**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That "5 Year Financial Plan 2009 – 2013, Bylaw No. 4715", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4715.*

*Carried*

**3. "Tax Rates 2009, Bylaw No. 4724"**

The City Clerk indicated there was an error in the Bylaw, that Column V on Schedule A, row one is to read "0.1204". Council proceeded to consider the Bylaw with this correction.

*McLeman/Chopra*

*That Council receive and file the letter dated April 27, 2009 from Catalyst regarding the major industry tax rate.*

*Carried*

*Solda/McLeman*

*That "Tax Rates 2009, Bylaw No. 4724", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Patterson*

*That "Tax Rates 2009, Bylaw No. 4724", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Chopra*

*That "Tax Rates 2009, Bylaw No. 4724", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**4. "Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 5 (Rates) 2009, Bylaw No. 4716"**

*McLeman/Whiteman*

*That "Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw, Amendment No. 5 (Rates) 2009, Bylaw No. 4716", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4716.*

*Carried*

**5. "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 5 (Sewer Rates) 2009, Bylaw No. 4717"**

*McLeman/Chopra*

*That "Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw, Amendment No. 5 (Sewer Rates) 2009, Bylaw No. 4717, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4717.*

*Carried*

**6. "Noise Control Bylaw 2009, No. 4718"**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That "Noise Control Bylaw 2009, No. 4718", be now finally adopted signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4718.*

*Carried*

**7. "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2009, Bylaw No. 4719"**

Considered under item C.5.

**8. "Property Maintenance Bylaw 2009, No. 4712"**

*Solda/Douglas*

*That "Property Maintenance Bylaw 2009, No 4712", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That "Property Maintenance Bylaw 2009, No 4712", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

**9. "Pesticide Reduction Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4720"**

*Douglas/McLeman*

*That "Pesticide Reduction Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4720", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Douglas/Solda*

*That "Pesticide Reduction Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4720", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Douglas/Patterson*

*That "Pesticide Reduction Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4720", be read a third time.*

*Carried*

## **10. City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission**

*Development Application - City of Port Alberni for NIDMAR  
(National Institute of Disability Management and Research)*

*Solda/Chopra*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with an amendment to the Schedule A (Land Use Map) which forms an integral part of Port Alberni Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4602 by changing the designation of 4755 Cherry Creek Road from Industrial to Institutional as shown in the City Planner's report.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Chopra*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with an amendment to the Schedule A (Zoning District Map) of the Zoning Bylaw to rezone 4755 Cherry Creek Road from M2 – Medium Industry District to P1 – Institutional District as shown in the City Planner's report.*

*Carried*

*Solda/McLeman*

*That as part of the development process for 4755 Cherry Creek Road the applicant be required to complete the following before final adoption of the bylaws:*

- a) That a cost estimate be prepared for the necessary municipal infrastructure works and that security be provided based on the cost estimate for the works.*
- b) Submission of a cost estimate and security for the installation of a winding trail along the Roger Creek Ravine.*

*Carried*

*Development Application - Habitat for Humanity*

*Solda/McLeman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with an amendment to Schedule A (map) of the Zoning Bylaw to rezone 4453 and 4465 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue from P2 Parks and Recreation District to R1 – Single Family Residential District.*

*Carried*

**11. “Official Community Plan Amendment No. 4 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4721”**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That “Official Community Plan Amendment No. 4 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4721”, be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/McLeman*

*That “Official Community Plan Amendment No. 4 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4721”, be read a second time.*

*Carried*

**12. “Zoning Amendment No. 73 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4722”**

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That “Zoning Amendment No. 73 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4722”, be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/McLeman*

*That “Zoning Amendment No. 73 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4722”, be read a second time.*

*Carried*

**13. “Zoning Amendment No. 74 (4465 and 4453 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Habitat for Humanity) Bylaw No. 4723”**

*Solda/McLeman*

*That “Zoning Amendment No. 74 (4465 and 4453 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Habitat for Humanity) Bylaw No. 4723”, be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Chopra*

*That “Zoning Amendment No. 74 (4465 and 4453 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Habitat for Humanity) Bylaw No. 4723”, be read a second time.*

*Carried*

**14. Setting Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4721, 4722 & 4723**

*Solda/Douglas*

*That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 4 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4721", "Zoning Amendment No. 73 (4755 Cherry Creek Road – NIDMAR) Bylaw No. 4722" and "Zoning Amendment No. 74 (4465 and 4453 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Habitat for Humanity) Bylaw No. 4723", be advanced to a Public Hearing on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.*

*Carried*

**15. "Development Cost Charge 2009, Bylaw No. 4713"**

*Solda/McLeman*

*That "Development Cost Charge Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4713", be now introduced and read a first time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That "Development Cost Charge Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4713", be read a second time.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Chopra*

*That "Development Cost Charge Bylaw 2009, Bylaw No. 4713", be referred to the City Solicitor for review and comments.*

*Carried*

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated April 27, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 105153 to 105316 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$472,054.69 be approved.*

*Carried*

**2. City Clerk – Freedom of Information Request**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the report from the City Clerk dated April 21, 2009 providing information from special in-camera meetings related to the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre, be received.*

*Carried*

**3. Director of Finance - 2009/10 Port Alberni Transit Annual Operating Agreement**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the report from the Director of Finance dated April 14, 2009 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the 2009/10 Annual Operating Agreement for transit services in Port Alberni and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.*

*Carried*

**4. Economic Development Manager - Future of the MV Lady Rose**

*Patterson/Chopra*

*That the report from the Economic Development Manager dated April 27, 2009 be received and a delegation of Council will meet with the owner of the MV Lady Rose, and:*

- thank him for, but decline his offer to make the vessel available for a static display for \$80,000 in cash and a \$40,000 tax receipt;*
- advise him of the efforts that have been made to save the vessel,*
- advise him that Council appreciates his concern for the heritage of the community, and*
- advise him that Council also acknowledges the disposition of the MV Lady Rose as a business decision.*

*Carried*

**5. Economic Development Manager - Status of Recommendations from Review of Port Alberni Forest Industry**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the report from the Economic Development Manager dated April 27, 2009 be received and a recommendation be deferred until after the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Ministry of Forests and Range and the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Rural BC Secretariat.*

*Carried*

**6. Current Status Report**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the Current Status Report be received.*

*Carried*

**7. Mayor's Report**

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

*Carried*

**8. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report**

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

*Carried*

**9. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report**

**10. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report**

**11. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report**

*Patterson/Solda  
That the minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage  
Commission held April 1, 2009.*

*Carried*

**12. Councillor Solda - Planning, Health and Protective Services Report**

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

*Whiteman/McLeman  
That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation  
providing information about current departmental operations.*

*Carried*

*Whiteman/McLeman  
That the monthly report from the Economic Development Manager  
providing information about current departmental operations.*

*Carried*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were none.

K. **OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS** NIL

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Patterson/Douglas  
That the meeting adjourn at 9:43 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

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Clerk