

**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

A. OATHS OF OFFICE

The City Clerk introduced and welcomed Justice of the Peace, Marsha Carlson.

The Mayor and each member of Council were sworn in by Justice of the Peace, Marsha Carlson. Copies of the oaths and certification of the Justice of the Peace are attached hereto and form part of these minutes.

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

*Solda/Whiteman
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

C. REPORTS

1. Mayor – Annual Address

The Mayor delivered his inaugural address, a summary of which is attached hereto and form part of these minutes.

*Solda/Patterson
That the City Council Annual Address, presented by the Mayor, be received.*

Carried

2. Mayor - Appointments to Committees and Commissions

The Mayor read the list of Committee and Acting Mayor appointments.

*Solda/Whiteman
That the appointments to Committees and Council representatives to public bodies, commissions and select committees, be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

3. Regional District Directors

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Mayor McRae (allocated 5 votes) and Councillor Chopra (allocated 4 votes), to the positions of Director of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. Alternates shall be (in order):

Councillor Solda

Councillor Patterson

Councillor McLeman

Councillor Whiteman

Councillor Douglas

And further that where one alternate attends a meeting, they are allocated the voting strength of the Director they replace. Where two alternates attend as Directors, the larger voting share shall be assigned to the Councillor appearing first on the above list.

Carried

4. 25 Year Employee Recognition Awards

The Mayor presented a watch to the following employees who have served 25 years as employees of the City of Port Alberni.

Laurie L'Heureux	OHS/Emergency Planning
Ann Hopkins	Director of Finance

5. Hockeyville Award

Ron Paulson presented the annual award to Stacey McCulloch for her contribution to Minor Hockey.

6. Donation of Picture

The City Clerk provided background regarding the painting by Robert Hurley donated to the people of Port Alberni in memory of Susanna W. Fraser. It was hung in the foyer to the Administration/Finance Department.

7. SCHEDULES OF MEETINGS

Adoption of the Meeting Schedules of Council and its Committees

a) Regular Meetings

*Chopra/Patterson
That the 2009 Annual Regular Meeting Schedule of City Council be approved as circulated.*

Carried

b) Advisory Planning Commission Meetings

*Solda/McLeman
That the 2009 Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Schedule be approved as circulated.*

Carried

c) Audit Committee Meetings

*Chopra/McLeman
That the 2009 Audit Committee Meeting Schedule be approved as circulated.*

Carried

d) Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Meetings

*Patterson/McLeman
That the 2009 Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Meeting Schedule be approved as circulated.*

Carried

e) Advisory Traffic Committee

*Solda/McLeman
That the 2009 Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting Schedule be approved as circulated.*

Carried

8. Mayor – Closing Remarks

The Mayor made closing remarks.

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

Carried

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chopra/McLeman
That the meeting adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk