

2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Solda/Whiteman

That the letter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) dated December 12, 2008 acknowledging the City of Port Alberni's contribution to the tsunami disaster in South and Southeast Asia, be received and the City of Port Alberni agree to participate as requested by generating a press release highlighting the specific contribution from staff.

Carried

3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

McLeman/Chopra

That the Members' Advisory from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) dated December 16, 2008 outlining the urgency for new money for infrastructure for municipalities be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni emphasize the importance of forestry and endorse the following recommendations:

- develop a short list of infrastructure projects and send the list to FCM to be sent country-wide, and*
- write to our MP and local media to reiterate how important a national economic stimulus plan is needed.*

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mental Health Foundation

Letter dated December 1, 2008 inviting nominations for the 2009 "Courage to Come Back" awards, a province-wide campaign that celebrates ordinary people who have demonstrated extra-ordinary courage in their recovery from adversity.

2. 2020 Legacies Now

Letter dated December 5, 2008 congratulating our community on our selection as a celebration community for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

3. Minister of Education and Deputy Premier

Letter dated November 27, 2008 following up on a meeting held during the recent Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Conference regarding the proposed replacement of Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) in School District No. 70 (Alberni).

4. Western Canada Wilderness Committee

Letter dated November 28, 2008 enclosing their educational newspaper entitled "Power Grab" and asking for a resolution calling for a moratorium on private power projects until hydropower is publicly owned, regionally planned and environmentally appropriate.

- 5. Premier Gordon Campbell**
Letter dated December 5, 2008 congratulating Council members on their election to City Council and advising of government programs available to assist local governments in the months ahead - "Towns for Tomorrow", "LocalMotion" and "Trees for Tomorrow" and that the RuralBC Secretariat of the Ministry of Community Development has been established to identify appropriate funding programs.
- 6. Minister of Community Development**
Letter dated December 4, 2008 advising that funding is available for the province-wide initiative called "Trees for Tomorrow".
- 7. Minister of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources**
E-mail dated December 2, 2008 congratulating Mayor McRae on his re-election; expressing appreciation for discussing local issues while he was in Port Alberni recently and for support of their offshore and mining agendas.
- 8. The University of British Columbia**
Letter dated December 8, 2008 enclosing a copy of its Annual Report titled "Not Me. We."
- 9. 2010 Legacies Now**
Letter dated December 11, 2008 congratulating Council members on their election to City Council and enclosing the 2010 Legacies Now annual review for 2007/08.
- 10. Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Living and Sport**
E-mail dated December 16, 2008 advising a letter is being sent from the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport, inviting the City to an information meeting outlining the process to determine which British Columbia community will host the 2015 Canada Winter Games.
- 10.1 Minister of Healthy Living and Sport**
Letter dated December 12, 2008 inviting the City to an information meeting to outline the process in choosing a community to host the 2015 Canada Winter Games and attaching an agenda of the meeting to be held January 8, 2009 in Richmond.
- 11. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Fax dated November 27, 2008 providing highlights from their "In The House" Release including Economic Incentives and Stabilization Measures regarding Property Tax Deferral, School Tax Credit and Property Value Assessment.

- 12. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Fax dated December 12, 2008 advising that Phase 2 of the Built Environmental & Active Transportation Community Initiative is now available to assist local governments to develop new plans or amend existing plans for active transportation. (Deadline for expressions of Interest is January 30, 2009).
- 13. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)/
First Nations Summit**
Fax dated December 9, 2008 advising that funding is available for the Newly Elected Community To Community (C2C) Forum program that helps build a relationship between newly elected officials and neighbouring First Nations.
- 14. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)/
Local Government Program Services**
Letter dated December 10, 2008 advising that the City's application for funding through Phase 2 of the Community Tourism granting program for Decorative Banners is now approved in the amount of \$54,531.23.
- 15. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)/
Passenger Transportation Board**
Municipal Advisory dated December 17, 2008 informing that the Passenger Transportation Board is ending the 3.5% temporary fuel surcharges for taxis, limousines and other passenger directed vehicles.
- 16. Consulate General of Japan**
Letter dated December 12, 2008 advising of the 80th anniversary of Japan-Canada diplomatic relations and of the events planned to celebrate this milestone.
- 17. Nestlè Waters Canada**
Letter dated December 3, 2008 advising they have an agreement with the government of Quebec and municipalities across that province to collect and recycle plastic beverage containers and inviting the City to pursue the program, if interested.

*Chopra/Solda
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 17 be
received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2008-2012, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4709"

Chopra/Patterson

That "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2008-2012, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4709", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4709.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated December 22, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 103509 to 103702 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$1,761,649.91 be approved.

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

The public and the press were provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Mayor and Council. There were none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. BC Community Forest Association

Solda/Patterson

That Councillor McLeman be authorized to attend the BC Community Forest Association meeting in Cranbrook, January 21st and 22nd, 2009, with a portion of the costs being paid by the City of Port Alberni.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Whiteman/Patterson

That the meeting adjourn at 12:25 pm.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk