

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009 AT NOON
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: A/Mayor McLeman, Councillors Chopra, Douglas, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

EXCUSED: Mayor McRae

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

*Solda/Patterson
That the agenda be approved as circulated.*

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Solda/Whiteman
That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held December 14, 2009 at 1:40 pm and the Regular Council Meeting held December 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm, be approved as circulated.*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS NIL

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION NIL

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Alberni Valley Social Planning Committee**
Minutes of the meeting held December 8, 2009.
- 2. Social Planning Contacts in British Columbia (SPARC BC)**
Letter received December 16, 2009 providing an edition of Social Planning Contacts in BC which contains contact and descriptive information for over 70 Community Social Planning organizations and Municipal Citizen Advisory Committees in BC.

3. **Emergency Management BC**
Copy of a letter from the Fire Commissioner to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District dated December 11, 2009 informing that there is no grant money available for conducting an Alberni Valley Fire Strategic Plan.
4. **BC Forestry, Climate Change Working Group**
Letter dated December 10, 2009 enclosing a "tool kit" as a way for community leaders to help spread the word to build on the "Wood First" policies being adopted in many BC communities by using forest products.
5. **Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development**
Letter dated December 10, 2009 regarding the Grants in Lieu of Property Taxes program and post-secondary education opportunities.
6. **Sean Hopkins**
Letter dated September 18, 2009 to the School Board and the Mayor regarding the importance of education and requesting increased funding for schools, teachers and staff.
7. **Fire Services Liaison Group**
Letter dated December 10, 2009 enclosing a DVD, "Public Safety in British Columbia: Transforming the Fire/Rescue Services Report".
8. **Ucluth Development Corporation**
Release dated December 10, 2009 announcing the acquisition of "Lot 468", a piece of property that gives the Corporation access to Willowbrae Road and the Trail Head to Pacific Rim Park, for a proposed destination resort.
9. **BC Progress Board**
Letter dated December 17, 2009 providing a Summary Report of the Ninth Annual BC Progress Board Benchmark Report.
10. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
 - Executive Release dated December 16, 2009 providing Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held November 26-27, 2009.
 - Member Notice dated December 15, 2009 providing a registration form for the "RCMP Contract Meeting: Municipal Police Unit Agreements" on January 20, 2010.
 - Memorandum dated December 9, 2009 inviting input on the proposed new framework for dealing with Off Road Vehicles (ORVs).
 - Letter dated December 8, 2009 providing a statement of the UBCM-administered grants that were active in 2009.

*Patterson/Douglas
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 10
be received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(From Dec. 14/09 Regular Council Meeting)

1. "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735"

The matter was not considered by Council.

H. BYLAWS

1. City Clerk – Public Hearing Report for Bylaws #4733 and #4734

Solda/Chopra

That the report of the Public Hearing held December 21, 2009 at 5:00 pm regarding "Zoning Text Amendment No. T30 (3680 - 3rd Ave - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4733" and "Zoning Amendment No. 78 (3680 - 3rd Ave - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4734", be received.

Carried

2. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T30 (3680 - 3rd Ave - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4733"

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T30 (3680 - 3rd Ave - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4733", be read a third time.

Carried

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T30 (3680 - 3rd Ave - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4733", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4733.

Carried

3. "Zoning Amendment No. 78 (3680 - 3rd Ave - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4734"

Solda/Whiteman

That "Zoning Amendment No. 78 (3680 - 3rd Avenue - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4734", be read a third time.

Carried

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 78 (3680 - 3rd Avenue - Ashby/Mather), Bylaw No. 4734", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4734.

Carried

4. "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4741"

Chopra/Whiteman

That "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4741", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4741", be read a second time.

Carried

Chopra/Solda

That "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4741", be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated December 29, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 108441 to 108628 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$1,039,384.96 be approved.

Carried

2. OHS/Emergency Co-ordinator – Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Solda/Chopra

That the report from the OHS/Emergency Co-ordinator dated December 21, 2009 requesting approval for a contribution of \$15,000 of in kind services and resources to the Regional District's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, for a total project value of \$60,000, be received and the request approved.

Carried

Whiteman/Chopra

That staff provide a report for Council outlining the details of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the contributions being made by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

There were none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Councillor McLeman indicated he would be bringing forward a resolution regarding the City's revenue shortfall and a proposal to borrow operating costs through temporary wage reductions and increased commercial and residential tax rates.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chopra/Douglas

That the meeting adjourn at 12:32 pm.

Mayor

Clerk