

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

EXCUSED: Councillor Solda

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

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

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Whiteman/Patterson
That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held February 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm, be received.*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Economic Development Manager representing the World U-17 Hockey Challenge

Pat Deakin presented a marketing video prepared from the World U-17 Hockey Challenge. It will market the 6 partner communities for similar events.

2. David MacFadden, Alberni Valley Employment Centre

David MacFadden, Resource Centre Advisor, Alberni Valley Employment Centre, requested support for their Alberni Valley Career and Hiring Fair being planned for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at their office. He requested Council proclaim Wednesday, March 25, 2009 as "Hiring Day" in Port Alberni.

*Chopra/Patterson
That the e-mail dated February 9, 2009 from David McFadden, Resource Centre Advisor, Alberni Valley Employment Centre, be received and March 25, 2009 be proclaimed as "Hiring Day" in Port Alberni.*

Carried

3. Bob Cole

Outlined concerns regarding the proposal of the Hupacasath First Nation leasing part of the Clutesi Haven Marina to build the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre. Dan Washington representing the Salmon Festival also expressed concern.

4. **Bill Markin**
Bill Markin discussed various issues including timber and mineral rights associated with rail service and railway rights-of-way on Vancouver Island.
5. **Marc Hunter**
Marc Hunter discussed generating electricity at Papermill Dam.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. **BC Government and Service Employees' Union, Hospital/Hospital Employee's Union/Canadian Union of Public Employees BC/Health Sciences Association**

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated January 30, 2009 from the BC Government and Service Employees' Union, Hospital/Hospital Employee's Union/Canadian Union of Public Employees BC/Health Sciences Association and the letter dated February 6, 2009 from the BC Government and Service Employees' Union be received and March be proclaimed as "Community Social Services Awareness Month" in Port Alberni.

Carried

2. **Canadian Red Cross**

McLeman/Whiteman

That the letter received February 13, 2009 from the Canadian Red Cross requesting Council to proclaim March as "Red Cross Month" in honour of their 100th anniversary, be received and March be proclaimed as "Red Cross Month" in Port Alberni.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. **Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics**

Whiteman/Chopra

That the letter dated February 4, 2009 from the Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics be received and the information be forwarded to Donna Brett, Chair, Torch Relay Committee.

Carried

2. BC Housing

McLeman/Patterson

That the letter dated February 6, 2009 from BC Housing be received and the City assist where possible by making Rental Assistance brochures available.

Carried

3. Port Alberni Association for Community Living

Whiteman/Chopra

That the letter dated February 4, 2009 from the Port Alberni Association for Community Living providing information regarding their Art Auction on June 6, 2009, be received.

Carried

4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada

Douglas/Chopra

That the e-mail dated February 12, 2009 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada be received and the City of Port Alberni encourage the community to celebrate "Earth Hour" on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Carried

5. Port Alberni Shelter Society

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated February 9, 2009 from the Port Alberni Shelter Society be received and Council receive the organization's quarterly reports.

Carried

6. Alberni Valley Hospice Society

McLeman/Patterson

That the letter dated February 9, 2009 from the Alberni Valley Hospice Society requesting that Ty Watson House at 2649 2nd Avenue be given priority for street snow removal, be received.

Carried

7. Canwest Canspell 2009

Patterson/Chopra

That the letter dated February 12, 2009 from Canwest Canspell 2009 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the initiative as requested.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Alexandra Pazitch**
E-mail dated February 8, 2009 concerning a retaining wall at 2829 1st Avenue.
2. **Vancouver Island Economic Alliance/WelcomeBC**
News Release advising of a Welcoming & Inclusive Community & Workplace Programs Project focusing on a Regional Immigrant Integration Strategy for Vancouver Island.
3. **Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AMEBC)**
Letter dated February 5, 2009 providing their 2009 Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AMEBC) Calendar (*in "Reading File"*), profiling some of the potential and existing green uses of minerals in each month of the calendar.
4. **Ipsos Reid Public Affairs**
Letter dated January 30, 2009 advising their Municipal Affairs team offers a scientific form of public consultation that ensures that the entire public is heard from rather than just a vocal minority.
5. **Jennifer Fisher Bradley, Women's' Food & Water Initiative (WFWI)**
Information regarding a women-run, multi-stakeholder cooperative to create a safe, secure and sustainable local food source marketed as the "Vancouver Island Diet", to be held bi-weekly at North Island College from February 16 to June 22, 2009.
6. **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
News Release dated February 13, 2009 advising the VIHA Aboriginal Health Council have solidified their commitment to improving the health conditions of all Aboriginal people through the signing of a Memorandum of Friendship and Mutual Respect.
7. **Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (BC)**
Letter dated February 6, 2009 thanking our municipality for its support in requesting the Province to have the highest home inspection standards and attaching a document on how to spot the warning signs that a house may have been used as a marijuana grow operation.
8. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Fax dated February 12, 2009 attaching material from the Consulting Engineers of BC regarding procuring engineering consulting services under TILMA (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement).
9. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Local Government Program Services**
Letter dated February 5, 2009 advising a cheque for \$2,479.93, representing final payment of the "Community Responses to Methamphetamine Funding Program" grant, will be sent shortly.

10. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)/Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts/Knowledge Network Corporation**
News Release dated February 13, 2009 advising of a new website to support community tourism efforts called "Picture BC".

Patterson/Douglas
That staff provide a report regarding Alexandra Pazitch's claims of trees being removed from City property.

Carried

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

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS Nil

H. BYLAWS

1. City Clerk - Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4670

McLeman/Whiteman
That the first three readings of "Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2007, Bylaw No. 4670" be rescinded.

Carried

McLeman/Patterson
That "Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4670" be introduced and read a first time.

Carried

McLeman/Patterson
That "Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4670" be read a second time.

Carried

McLeman/Chopra
That "Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4670" be read a third time.

Carried

2. Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk - Council Remuneration Amendment Bylaw

Chopra/Whiteman

That "Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4711" be introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That "Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4711" be read a second time.

Carried

Chopra/Whiteman

That "Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4711" be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 23, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 104301 to 104535 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$1,885,759.29 be approved.

Carried

2. City Engineer - Document Signatures - Maitland Street Control Valve and Wallace Street Grit Chamber Contract

McLeman/Chopra

That the report dated February 9, 2009 from the City Engineer be received and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract with Knappet Industries for the Maitland Street Control Valve and Wallace Street Grit Chamber project.

Carried

3. City Clerk - Tag Days

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the 2009 tag day allocations outlined in the report from the City Clerk dated February 17, 2009.

Carried

4. City Engineer - Renewal of Contract with Rodney Wade to provide Bus Benches

Mealey/Whiteman

That the report dated February 18, 2009 from the City Engineer be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni enter into an agreement with Bus Stop Media (Rodney Wade) subject to finalization of insurance requirements and Appendix A - Bench Locations.

Carried

5. City Manager - Community Forest

Mealey/Chopra

That the report dated February 17, 2009 from the City Manager be received.

Carried

6. Current Status Report

Chopra/Patterson

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

7. Mayor's Report

Patterson/Chopra

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

8. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

Chopra/Patterson

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/Chopra

That the monthly report from the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

Patterson/Chopra

That the minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission held February 4, 2009, be received.

Carried

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

McLeman/Chopra

That the monthly report from the RCMP OIC providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

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

Whiteman/Patterson

That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

Whiteman/Chopra

That the monthly report from the Economic Development Manager providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council. There were none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Councillor McLeman - Municipal Watersheds

McLeman/Whiteman

WHEREAS dramatic changes in land use and property ownership are impacting private lands within the watersheds of our municipal water sources;

WHEREAS the Provincial Health Authorities are increasing the requirements for clean water in municipal water systems and water quality is more difficult to manage on account of poor land use practices and changing ownership of land within our watersheds.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Communities request the provincial government to develop, implement and fund a strategy whereby the appropriate mix of land use regulation and local ownership of community watersheds be applied for the security of our precious municipal water sources.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Patterson/Whiteman
That the meeting adjourn at 8:50 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk