

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Patterson/Whiteman

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items as outlined.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Whiteman

That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held December 29, 2009, be approved as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Alberni Valley Tourism

Richard Hudson and representatives of Alberni Valley Tourism presented their marketing plan to Council.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Family Literacy Day

Patterson/Douglas

That the letter dated December 16, 2009 from the Port Alberni Family Literacy Day Organizing Committee requesting that Council declare January 23, 2010 as "Family Literacy Day" in Port Alberni, be received and the day proclaimed as requested.

Carried

2. Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon

Solda/Chopra

That the letter from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon dated November 23, 2009 requesting that Council declare the month of February 2010 as "Heart Month" in Port Alberni, be received and the month proclaimed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Operation Clean Sweep, Pitch-In

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from Operation Clean Sweep received December 14, 2009 inviting the City to become a member of Pitch-In British Columbia, be received.

Carried

2. South Fraser, Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

Whiteman/Solda

That the letter from South Fraser, Family Court & Youth Justice Committee dated December 21, 2009 requesting support by participating in a letter writing campaign to the province regarding treatment options for youths with substance abuse, be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correctional Service

Letter received December 17, 2009 thanking Council for proclaiming Restorative Justice Week in 2009 and providing a brochure entitled "Communities Responding to Human Needs". *(Note: Brochure in Reading File.)*

2. Chris Ashby, Appello Properties Inc

Email dated December 30, 2009 thanking Council for approval of the relocation of his liquor store to 3rd Avenue.

3. Vancouver Island Health

News Release dated December 30, 2009 advising of a new Tuberculosis case in Port Alberni.

4. **Association for Mineral Exploration British**
Letter dated December 17, 2009 providing a DVD copy of their Aboriginal Engagement Toolkit.
5. **Ministry of Housing and Social**
Letter received December 4, 2009 advising that office hours for the public at the 8th Avenue office are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with the exception of cheque-issue week when the office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on the Wednesday and Thursday.
6. **Freshwater Fisheries Society of**
Letter received December 9, 2009 providing a report on the economic impact of freshwater fishing in BC.
7. **Environment**
Letter dated January 4, 2009 inviting comment from the public on the proposed addition of species to the *Species at Risk Act*.
8. **City of Nanaimo**
Copy of a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting a meeting to discuss the reduction in the Monday to Thursday ferry service during the winter months between Nanaimo and West Vancouver.

*Solda/Patterson
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 8, be
received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Councillor McLeman excused himself from the meeting at approximately 7:20 pm on account of the perception of bias as he lives in proximity of the subject property.

(From Dec. 14/09 and Dec 29/09 Regular Council Meetings)

*Solda/Chopra
That the discussion regarding "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston
Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735" be lifted from the table.*

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni refer "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735", to a Public Hearing and staff bring forward possible dates at the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried

Councillor McLeman returned to the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm.

2. Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy

(From November 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting)

Chopra/Whiteman

That the discussion regarding the Draft Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy be lifted from the table.

Carried

Chopra/McLeman

That the report from the City Clerk dated January 6, 2010 regarding a proposed Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment policy and including correspondence on the matter from the owner of the Sunshine Motel and Trailer Park Inc. and Wayne Oliver, be received.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That the email from Debbie Molloy dated January 6, 2010 requesting Council's action on this matter, be received.

Carried

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni adopt Policy A for the conversion of Manufactured Home Parks as outlined in the City Clerk's January 6, 2010 report.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

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

Chopra/Solda

That "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4741", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4741.

Carried

2. "5 Year Financial Plan 2009 - 2013, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4742"

Chopra/Douglas

That "5 Year Financial Plan 2009 - 2013, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4742", be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That "5 Year Financial Plan 2009 - 2013, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4742", be read a second time.

Carried

Chopra/Whiteman

That "5 Year Financial Plan 2009 - 2013, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4742", be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 11, 2010 be received and the cheques numbered 108629 to 108772 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$484,925.34, be approved.

Carried

2. City Clerk – Tag Days for 2010

Chopra/Solda

That the report from the City Clerk regarding Tag Days for 2010 be received and the assigned Tag Days approved.

Carried

3. Fire Chief – Mutual Aid

Solda/Whiteman

That the report from the Fire Chief dated December 17, 2009 regarding a new Mutual Aid Agreement with the Alberni Valley Fire Departments be received and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement on the City's behalf.

Carried

4. City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission

Solda/Patterson

That City Council give notice of intent to consider the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for Lot B, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 32610, (4963 Angus Street), to vary Zoning Bylaw #4395 as follows:

- a. Vary Section 7.7 Required Amount of Parking from 76 required parking spaces to 51 required parking spaces on Lot B, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 32610, (4963 Angus Street).*
- b. Vary Section 6.25.4 (i)(d) Conditions of Use from 76 required private balconies to 13 required private balconies on Lot B, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 32610, (4963 Angus Street).*
- c. Vary Section 6.25.4 (ii) Density Bonusing Maximum Height from a maximum height of 18 metres permitted to a maximum height of 26 metres permitted on Lot B, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 32610, (4963 Angus Street).*

Carried

5. Director of Finance – Draft 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan

Chopra/Solda

That the report from the Director of Finance dated January 4, 2010 providing the draft 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan, be received.

Carried

Chopra/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni refer the draft 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan for public consideration and comment in a series of meetings January 12, 18, 19 and 20 with public input of the plan received by February 4, 2010 in order that Council provide final direction for the plan at its regular meeting February 8, 2010.

Carried

6. Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of the Alberni Valley Museum – Job Opportunities Program (JOP) Grant Application

Whiteman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Job Opportunities Program grant application request for the McLean Mill restoration project in the amount of \$250,000 with additional funding provided from the existing Departmental Reserve.

Carried

Whiteman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Job Opportunities Program grant application request for Rogers Creek Ravine trails project in the amount of \$250,000 with an additional \$150,000 from existing Gas Tax Reserve Funds.

Carried

7. OIC RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment – Crime Rates Statistics

Solda/Patterson

That the letter from the OIC RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment dated December 18, 2009 providing crime rates and statistics and caseload comparison between Port Alberni and Nanaimo, be received.

Carried

8. Current Status Report

Chopra/Solda

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

9. Mayor's Report

Solda/Chopra

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

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

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

Solda/Whiteman

That the monthly report from the City Planner providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

Solda/Patterson

That the monthly report from the Fire Chief providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

12. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

13. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

McLeman/Solda

That the monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

14. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report

15. 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

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Richard Berg, 3077 9th Avenue, asked what Council's plan was regarding Catalyst's intention to pay only 1.5 million in taxes. The Mayor said he would be making a statement at the January 12th budget meeting at which time the draft financial plan will be described.

Wayne Oliver, 4360 Morton Street, asked about the proposal to ship coal from Port Alberni. He suggested Council encourage the use of rail rather than trucks to transport the materials.

Sandy McRuer, 4728 Southgate, asked if consideration is being given to tourism before the community commits to exporting coal. The Mayor indicated that no decision has been made and there will be more public consultation.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Councillor McLeman

A Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor McLeman at the December 29, 2009 meeting of Council. The resolution was outlined on the agenda of this meeting. Councillor McLeman proposed that Council delay consideration of the resolution.

Patterson/Chopra

That Council reject the resolution proposed by Councillor McLeman proposing to address a the temporary financial shortfall through a temporary 10% wage reduction and temporary increase to the commercial and residential tax classes.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Whiteman

That the meeting adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk