

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

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

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Solda/Patterson
That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held January 11,
2010, be approved as circulated.*

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Fire Chief

Tim Pley, Fire Chief, presented a summary of the Fire Service Liaison Group's recently released "Transforming the Fire/Rescue Services Report".

2. John Mayba

John Mayba, on behalf of the Alberni Environmental Coalition and the Alberni Transition Town Society, advised of the upcoming presentation by Dr. Richard Hebda called "Climate Change: Impacts and New Strategies for Forest Management" on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Echo Centre.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Heritage BC

*Patterson/Solda
That the letter dated January 11, 2010 from Heritage BC requesting that
Council declare February 15 to 21, 2010 as "Heritage Week 2010" in Port
Alberni (with the theme being "Sport and Recreation" in honour of the
Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games), be received and the week
proclaimed as requested.*

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Jeff Bray, Shaw Communications Inc.

Whiteman/Chopra

That the e-mail dated January 15, 2010 from Jeff Bray of Shaw Communications Inc. advising that the CRTC (Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission) is holding a hearing in April 2010 to review the community channel and the role it plays in our community and requesting a letter of support, be received and a letter of support be provided expressing the benefits of community television for the City of Port Alberni.

Carried

2. Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon

McLeman/Douglas

That the letter dated January 8, 2010 from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon requesting permission to use City streets for the "Heart & Stroke Big Bike" event on June 9, 2010 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and advising that the route begins and ends at Buy Low Food parking lot, be received and the request endorsed by Council subject to the event assuming full responsibility, including liability insurance, for the event.

Carried

3. Diversified Transportation Ltd., Port Alberni Transit System

McLeman/Douglas

That the letter dated January 6, 2010 from Diversified Transportation Ltd., Port Alberni Transit System, requesting to have a "Stuff the Bus" day on February 6, 2010 where in place of their fare, customers could bring a non-perishable food item to promote our local Food Bank, be endorsed subject to the support of Diversified Transportation Ltd. for lost revenue.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mike Hill

E-mail received January 11, 2010 regarding government borrowing and the Bank of Canada.

2. Jacques A. Savard

Letter dated January 3, 2010 concerned about a public safety risk regarding handguns.

3. **Catherine Matheson, British Columbia Lottery Corporation**
E-mail dated January 14, 2010 attaching the Port Alberni Community Engagement meeting report.
4. **VIHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority)**
News Release and Backgrounder dated January 15, 2010 advising that VIHA will expand housing options for mental health and addictions clients in Cowichan.
5. **Minister of Community and Rural Development**
Letter dated January 7, 2010 providing the signed Memorandum of Agreement on Community Economic Development.
6. **Atlantur Group of Companies, Ankara**
Letter received January 12, 2009 offering to meet with Council to discuss the services they offer to help municipalities.
7. **Letters received regarding PRIME-BC (Police Records Information Management Environment British Columbia)**
 - Copy of a letter from the City of Richmond dated January 8, 2010 to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General providing resolutions objecting to the significant fee increases for PRIME-BC (Police Records Information Management Environment British Columbia).
 - Copy of a letter from the District of Maple Ridge dated January 14, 2010 to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General concerned about the lack of local government representation on the PRIME-BC Board.
8. **Vancouver Island Economic Alliance**
Letter dated January 6, 2010 advising the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance has obtained provincial funding for their Link Project to study economic development on Vancouver Island and identify a strategy for Vancouver Island Leadership in the area of economic development.
9. **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
News Release dated January 18, 2010 advising of the many duties Environmental Health Officers working for the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) perform and that the Province of British Columbia has proclaimed January 18 to 24, 2010 as "Environmental Public Health Week".
10. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
 - E-mail dated January 6, 2010 enclosing information from John Slater, Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation regarding the engagement and consultation strategies for proposed policy options under the Living Water Smart plan.
 - Member Release dated January 8, 2010 responding to the report from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business regarding "Red Tape Awareness".

11. **Gil Parker, Vancouver Island "Spine" Trail Association**
E-mail dated January 14, 2010 attaching the 2009 Annual Report for the Vancouver Island Spine Wilderness Trail Society, and advising their goal is to provide a continuous multi-use, non-motorized wilderness trail from Victoria, up the middle of the Island all the way to Cape Scott.
12. **Building Canada Fund - Communities Component**
 - Letter dated January 15, 2010 advising that our application for financial assistance for the Argyle Street Bank Stabilization Project, under the Flood Protection Program and Building Canada Fund - Communities Component, was not successful.
 - Letter dated January 15, 2010 advising that our funding application for the Argyle Street Uptown Revitalization Project, under the Building Canada Fund - Communities Component, was not approved.

Solda/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 12, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **"Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735" - Setting a Public Hearing**

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735" be advanced to a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Carried

Solda/Patterson

That staff be directed to bring forward a report for the Public Hearing summarizing public input regarding commercial designation on Johnston Road during the adoption of the Official Community Plan.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. **"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 finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4742.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 25, 2010 be received and the cheques numbered 108773 to 108957 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$818,367.85 be approved.

Carried

2. City Clerk - 2010 Arena Parcel Tax Court of Revision for 2010

Solda/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni establish that the 2010 Court of Revision, to deal with complaints respecting the assessment roll and authentication of the assessment roll for the Arena Parcel Tax, meet at 10:00 am, March 8, 2010 in the Council Chambers at 4850 Argyle Street.

Carried

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Councilors Solda and Patterson, with Councillor Douglas as alternate to the 2010 Court of Revision, Chaired by Raymond Kwok.

Carried

3. City Clerk - Lease Renewal of #5 Alberni Harbour Quay (Cecilia's Deli & Cafe)

Chopra/McLeman

That, under the Authority of Section 8 (1) of the Community Charter, the City of Port Alberni renew its lease agreement with Ernst Joss (Cecilia's Deli & Café) for Unit #5 of Alberni Harbour Quay, for a five year term at a monthly rent of \$657.90 + GST (plus annual cost of living increases), and the lease agreement as prepared by staff be approved, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried

4. City Planner - Closing of Inactive Development Files

Solda/Patterson

That the report dated January 19, 2010 from the City Planner be received, and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the closing of inactive development files as outlined.

Carried

Solda/Douglas

That all previous readings of "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 33 (3750 Dundalk Avenue South - Samborksi), Bylaw No. 4603" and "Zoning Amendment No. 36 (3750 Dundalk Avenue South - Samborski), Bylaw No. 4604" be rescinded, the application denied and the file closed.

Carried

Solda/Patterson

That all previous readings of "Zoning Amendment No. 45 (4866 Bute Street - R. Currie), Bylaw No. 4623" be rescinded, the applicant denied and the file closed.

Carried

Solda/McLeman

That the rezoning application for Mr. Randall Hartford (Lot 4, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 18431 - located at 4663 Durant Street), be denied and the file closed.

Carried

5. Current Status Report

Chopra/Douglas

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

6. Mayor's Report

Chopra/Patterson

That the Mayor's Report be received.

Carried

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

Whiteman/Solda

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

Carried

Whiteman/Solda

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

Carried

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

9. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/McLeman

That the minutes of the December 2, 2009 and January 6, 2010 Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meetings, be received.

Carried

Patterson/Chopra

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

Carried

10. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

11. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report

12. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

J. QUESTION PERIOD

There were none.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Whiteman

That the meeting adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk