

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010 AT 2:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

EXCUSED: Councillor Solda

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

Patterson/Whiteman

That the agenda be approved to include late items I.3 letter from Alberni Community and Women's Services Society and I.4 Financial Input Form received July 12, 2010.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Whiteman/Patterson

That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting at 4:00 pm and Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 pm on June 28, 2010, be approved as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS Nil

D. PROCLAMATIONS Nil

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Dale A. Douglas Sr.

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated June 27, 2010 from Dale A. Douglas Senior requesting use of the recycling site across from the bottle depot to provide garbage drop-off services for residents to dispose of their non-recyclable waste between the two week cycle of regular garbage pickup, be received and referred to the City Engineer and CUPE Local 118.

Carried

2. Bi-Weekly Garbage Concerns

McLeman/Douglas

That the correspondence received from Wendy Whyte, Darren Saare and T. Berry expressing concerns about bi-weekly garbage be referred to the City Manager to provide a response and further, that the issue of bi-weekly garbage pickup be revisited at the September 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

3. Objection to Summer Pool Closure

Brian Daniels addressed Council regarding concerns about a nine week closure.

Whiteman/Patterson

That the letter received June 25, 2010 and the petition containing 419 signatures opposing the decision to close the Echo Pool for 9 weeks during the summer, be received.

Carried

4. Cat Benzie, Port Alberni Youth Council

Whiteman/Chopra

That the e-mail advising the Port Alberni Youth Council is no longer in operation and final report dated June 30, 2010 from Cat Benzie, Youth Council Coordinator of the Port Alberni Youth Council, be received and a letter of thanks provided.

Carried

5. British Columbia Activity Coordinator's Association

McLeman/Whiteman

That the letter received July 2, 2010 from the British Columbia Activity Coordinator's Association requesting 100 to 150 City pins for their Conference in September, be received and the request approved.

Carried

6. Shaw

Chopra/Whiteman

That the letter dated June 30, 2010 from Shaw advising it has entered into agreements to acquire Canwest Global Communications Corp. (Canwest), be received.

Carried

7. Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Chopra/Whiteman

That the letter dated June 28, 2010 from CUPW, be received.

Carried

McLeman/Douglas

That Council for the City of Port Alberni write a letter to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post and ask that he instruct Canada Post to stop cutting public postal service and jobs and start acting like the public service people want it to be, and consult with the public, municipalities, members of Parliament, postal unions and other major stakeholders to dramatically improve the Canadian Postal Service Charter.

Carried

McLeman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni agree to sign the People's Postal Declaration which calls on Canada Post to share the benefits of postal modernization with the people who own Canada Post – the public, and to pursue more socially responsible objectives as it transforms our post office for the future.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Response dated June 24, 2010 to CSIS allegations.

2. City of Vancouver

Providing copy of its resolutions for submission to the 2010 UBCM Convention (BC Bicycling Development Program and a Call for a Poverty Reduction Plan for BC).

3. City of Duncan

Providing copy of its resolution to the 2010 UBCM Convention requesting "Local Government Studies" be added to the Grades 8 to 12 school curriculum.

4. Monique Begg

Copy of an e-mail to Rachel Shaw, Project Assessment Manager at the Ministry of Environment, in opposition to bringing coal to Port Alberni and requesting a BC Environmental Assessment meeting for Port Alberni. (Note: Public Open House being held July 13th, 6 pm to 8:30 pm at the Barclay Hotel).

5. Vancouver Island Health Authority

- Public Service Announcement dated June 30, 2010 regarding Sun and Water Summer Safety Tips.
- News Release dated June 30, 2010 advising that VIHA has give approval for the Cowichan Lodge Redevelopment for Mental Health Care.

6. Catalyst

Letter dated July 2, 2010 enclosing its 2010 tax payment of \$5,022,521.27 and expressing ongoing concern regarding municipal taxation of major industry. (Note: Catalyst's **municipal** tax portion amounts to \$4,457,916.01).

7. Government Finance Officers Association

Letter dated June 15, 2010 congratulating former Director of Finance Ann Hopkins and the City of Port Alberni for earning the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

8. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Brochure and registration form for 2010 UBCM Convention in Whistler, BC from September 27 to October 1, 2010. (Note: Councillors are requested to return completed registration forms to Davina as soon as possible to meet early bird deadline).

Chopra/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 8, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS Nil

H. BYLAWS

1. City Clerk - Public Hearing Report for Bylaw No. 4753

McLeman/Chopra

That the verbal report of the Public Hearing held July 12, 2010 at 1:30 pm regarding "Zoning Amendment No. 83 (4422 Redford St - Grace Lutheran Church), Bylaw No. 4753", be received.

Carried

**2. "Zoning Amendment No. 83 (4422 Redford St - Grace Lutheran Church),
Bylaw No. 4753"**

McLeman/Patterson

That "Zoning Amendment No. 83 (4422 Redford St - Grace Lutheran Church), Bylaw No. 4753" be read a third time.

Carried

3. City Planner - OCP and Zoning Amendment Applications (Tomswood Road)

McLeman/Chopra

That the report dated June 30, 2010 from the City Planner recommending adoption of the relevant bylaws, be received.

Carried

"Official Community Plan Amendment No. 7 (Tomswood Road - C. and E. Power), Bylaw No. 4739"

McLeman/Douglas

That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 7 (Tomswood Road - C. and E. Power), Bylaw No. 4739", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4739.

Carried

"Zoning Amendment No. 80 (Tomswood Road - C. and E. Power), Bylaw No. 4740"

McLeman/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 80 (Tomswood Road - C. and E. Power), Bylaw No. 4740", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4740.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Patterson

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated July 12, 2010 be received and the cheques numbered 110746 to 110898 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$689,640.51, be approved.

Carried

2. Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk - Water Service Agreement

McLeman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report dated July 5, 2010 and that the City not pursue the recommendation to establish a service area for the provision of water by the City to residents of Franklin River Road through the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District at this time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to pursue contracts with the individual property owners on Franklin River Road previously approved for water connections, for provision of water.

Carried

3. Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk - Chances RimRock - Expanded Gaming Opportunities

Chopra/Patterson

That the letter from BCLC dated July 5th, 2010 supporting Chances RimRock's request to remove the limit of 75 slot machines, be received.

Carried

Chopra/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the letter dated July 8, 2010 from the Alberni Community and Women's Services Society and allow Ms. Graboski to address Council.

Carried

Ms. Graboski requested that Council consider donating 50% of additional revenue from any extra slots to an endowment fund to support local organizations working to alleviate poverty and homelessness.

Whiteman/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to review the opportunities and implications of donating revenues from gaming to an endowment fund to support local organizations working to alleviate poverty, homelessness, violence, addictions and other social ills.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the request from Chances RimRock dated June 21, 2010 to remove the limit of 75 slot machines at Chances RimRock Community Gaming Centre in order to permit expanded gaming opportunities.

Carried

4. Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk - Financial Input Received

Chopra/Patterson

That the report dated July 5, 2010 from the Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk attaching input forms from the public, including the late item received July 12, 2010, regarding ideas for future revenues and expenditures including tax rates, be received and considered as part of the 2011-2015 financial plan process.

Carried

5. Director of Finance - Financial Update regarding Revenue and Expenditures to date and Property Tax Collection

Chopra/Whiteman

That the report dated July 6, 2010 from the Director of Finance providing preliminary actual revenues and expenditures compared to budgeted revenues and expenditures up to June 2010 and information on 2010 taxes levied and collected, be received.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni continue to follow its 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan as previously approved and retain surplus arising from Catalyst's payment in order to provide for tax level stabilization or reductions in future years.

Carried

6. Western Forest Products - Lease Agreement

Chopra/Douglas

That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with the renewal of the lease with Western Forest Products. Inc. for the closed up portion of First Avenue for a three year term at a rate of \$1,174.00 per year plus taxes, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the required lease documents.

Carried

7. Fire Chief - Firehall HVAC Tender

McLeman/Whiteman

That the report dated July 8, 2010 from the Fire Chief be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the award of the Firehall HVAC project contract to the low bidder, West Bay Mechanical at the bid price of \$247,787.00 plus tax; that Council approve a contingency budget for this project in the amount of 10% of the contract price (\$24,778.70 plus tax), and that a total expenditure of \$277,335.59 including tax, be approved.

Carried

8. Current Status Report

Chopra/Douglas

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

9. Mayor's Report

Chopra/Patterson

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

McLeman/Patterson

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

Carried

McLeman/Chopra

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

Carried

McLeman/Patterson

That the monthly report from the RCMP 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/Patterson

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

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Joan Hutchinson, resident, asked questions regarding the length of the pool closure and whether the HVAC project would be completed sooner allowing the facility to be opened earlier in September.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Douglas

That the meeting adjourn at 4:05 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk