

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009 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)

Solda/Patterson

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items F.6. emails regarding disposition of the former Government Agent's building on Elizabeth Street and I.9.1. report regarding grant application to Brownfield Renewal Funding Program.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Patterson

That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting regarding City property at 4706 and 4711 Elizabeth Street and the Regular Council Meeting held May 25, 2009, be approved as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

Mayor McRae acknowledged Gillian Trumper's award to the 2009 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Roll of Honour.

1. Tom Weegar, Principal, North Island College and Tim Pley, Fire Chief

Tom Weegar and Tim Pley discussed a partnership between North Island College and the Port Alberni Fire Department to bring affordable and accessible fire training to the Alberni Valley.

2. Paul Wicki, Pastor, Gateway Community Church

Paul Wicki discussed the Missions Trip Team of 60 people coming from Fresno California to Port Alberni, June 26 – July 5, to serve in the community.

3. Seana Wright and Students of the Senior Alternate Program

The City Clerk reported Ms. Wright was unable to attend and will be rescheduled to the next regular meeting.

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Polaris Institute

McLeman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the email from Polaris Institute dated May 28, 2009 and encourage consumption of tap water in City facilities.

Carried

2. Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society

Patterson/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the letter from the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society regarding their Third Annual Antiques truck show and the 80th Birthday party for the “Number Seven” steam locomotive and Councillors participate in the celebratory events.

Carried

3. Steve Ball

McLeman/Patterson

That the email from Steve Ball dated June 1, 2009 requesting that the Province and the City fund transportation costs for Port Alberni residents commuting to Ucluelet to work, be referred to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Carried

4. Dennis See, Seegroup of Companies

McLeman/Solda

That the letter from Dennis See, Seegroup of Companies, dated May 20, 2009, expressing concerns about the award of a bid to an out of town company and comments made during the May 11, 2009 Regular Council meeting and report from the City Manager dated June 8, 2009 regarding the matter and attaching a copy of the bid summary and the City’s purchasing policy and the report from the City Manager, be received.

Carried

Solda/Whiteman

That staff investigate whereby a local preference policy award contracts to local bids within \$1,000 of the lowest bid price.

Carried

5. Honourable Jim Karygiannis, M.P., Scarborough-Agincourt

Chopra/Solda

That the letter from the Honourable Jim Karygiannis, M.P., Scarborough-Agincourt requesting support for Private Member's Bill C-319 which will amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, be received with no further action.

Carried

6. BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

Chopra/Douglas

That the letter from the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities dated May 28, 2009 requesting support for a ban on the use of handheld communication devices while operating a motor vehicle, with exemption provided for police and other emergency personnel, be received and a letter of support provided.

Carried

7. Access to Media Education Society

Patterson/Chopra

That the email from Kama Money on behalf of the Access to Media Education Society dated June 1, 2009 inviting attendance at a "Dialogue on Racism in the Alberni Valley" session at the Gyro Youth Centre on June 12, be received and available staff and Councillors attend.

Carried

8. City of Richmond, Family and Youth Court Committee

Whiteman/McLeman

That the letter from the Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee dated May 2009 inviting a representative to the 2009 Conference for the B.C. Family and Youth Court Committee in Richmond on October 16 and 17, be received with no further action.

Carried

9. Cities Fit for Children Summit

Chopra/Solda

That the information on the Cities Fit for Children Provincial Summit of Municipal Leaders in Langley on October 22 and 23, be received and Councillor Whiteman be authorized to attend.

Carried

10. BC Bottle Depot Association

McLeman/Patterson

That the letter from the BC Bottle Depot Association dated June 2, 2009 be referred to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for consideration.

Carried

11. Richard Pesik and Jana Pesikova-Lehmannova

McLeman/Douglas

That the letter from Richard Pesik and Jana Pesikova-Lehmannova dated May 29, 2009 regarding water intake upgrades to their residence at 2851 8th Avenue and the verbal report from the City Engineer be received and no further action taken.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Deputy Minister of Healthy Living and Sport

Email dated May 25, 2009 advising that Recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15, 2009) promotional materials are on the BC Seniors website www.hls.gov.bc.ca/seniors.

2. District of Ucluelet

Copy of a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans dated May 19, 2009 requesting that the Ministry dedicate a portion of compensation monies collected through the Pacific Salmon Treaty to the rehabilitation and enhancement of Chinook stock on the west coast.

3. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

- News Release dated May 29, 2009 advising that Mike Conroy, VIHA Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer is leaving VIHA and returning to Alberta as Executive VP of Corporate Services for Alberta Health Services.

- News Release dated May 29, 2009 advising of the Canadian Mental Health Association's new Warmland Housing project in Duncan, which includes a daytime drop-in program, due to open January 2010.
- News Release dated May 27, 2009 advising they have approved a modified plan to build two new state of the art acute care hospitals in Campbell River and the Comox Valley.

4. Canadian Groundfish Fishery

Letter dated May 19, 2009 providing copies of a video produced by the Canadian Groundfish Research and Conservation Society regarding groundfish.

5. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held May 14 and 15, 2009.

6. Disposition of former Government Agent's Building on Elizabeth Street

Emails from Barbara Cooper, Colin Frazer, Dan Schubart and Alice Schoffer urging Council to "gift" the former Government Agent's building on Elizabeth Street to the Pacific Rim Health Services Cooperative.

Solda/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 6, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2009, Bylaw No. 4719"

Whiteman/Chopra

That "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2009, Bylaw No. 4719", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4719.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated June 8, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 105714 to 105917 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$697,087.50 be approved.

Carried

2. City Clerk – Lease of City owned property to Alberni Valley Childcare Society

Chopra/Patterson

That, under authority of Section 8 of the Community Charter, the City of Port Alberni renew the lease agreement for City owned property legally described as a portion of Lot 15, Block 5, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 11410, excepting the former Glenwood Elementary School building and excepting the former playfields at 4210 Cedarwood Street to Alberni Valley Childcare Society for the purposes of operating Stepping Stones Daycare for a term of ten years commencing May 15, 2009 at an annual lease rate of \$1.00, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the lease.

Carried

3. City Clerk – Property Tax Exemption, 4471 Margaret Street – Port Alberni Association for Community Living

Whiteman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide a grant equivalent to the value of municipal taxes (\$5,187.72) for the property at 4471 Margaret Street, to the Port Alberni Association for Community Living.

Carried

4. Director of Parks and Recreation – Harbour Quay Community Futures (WestCCAP) Agreement

Whiteman/Chopra

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement with Community Future of Alberni-Clayoquot for a wharf and boardwalk addition at Harbour Quay and direct staff to proceed with the project.

Carried

Whiteman/Chopra

That the 2009 Capital Budget for Harbour Quay be amended to reflect the additional funding received from WestCCAP.

Carried

5. City Clerk – Appointment to the Board of Variance

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Boris Lehner, Chris Hayhurst, and Gerry Hickey to the Board of Variance for a three year term.

Carried

6. Committee for Approval of Public Events (CAPES)

Solda/Whiteman

That the report from the City Clerk dated regarding the Committee for Approval of Public Events meeting on June 2, 2009 to consider 2009 applications for Special Events, be received and the recommendations be endorsed.

Carried

7. Director of Finance – Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/McLeman

That the minutes of the May 25, 2009 Audit Committee Meeting and the April 2009 financial statements, be received.

Carried

8. City Clerk – Lease of City owned property North Island College

Chopra/Solda

That, under authority of Section 8 of the Community Charter, the City of Port Alberni renew the lease agreement for City owned property legally described as a portion of Lot 1, District Lot 92, Plan 27429, adjacent to 3699 Roger Street to North island College for the purposes of a parking lot for students and staff of the College for a term of ten years commencing June 1, 2009 at an annual lease rate of \$1.00, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the lease.

Carried

9. City Planner and Alberni Valley Museum Director – Location for Public Art

Patterson/Solda

That the report from the City Planner and Alberni Valley Museum Director dated June 2, 2009 requesting consideration of a location for a piece of public art, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the location for a piece of public art at 4th Avenue and Argyle Street on City Hall grounds and that Museum Director, Jean McIntosh and Councillor Patterson be part of the selection committee.

Carried

9.1. Economic Development Manager – Grant Application to Brownfield Renewal Funding Program

Whiteman/Douglas

That the report from the Economic Development Manager dated June 8, 2009 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the City's application to the Brownfield Renewal Funding Program and commit up to \$66,076.50 from the Land Sale Reserve Fund to the project.

Carried

10. Current Status Report

Chopra/Patterson

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

11. Mayor's Report

Solda/McLeman

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

12. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

13. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report

14. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

McLeman/Douglas

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

Carried

15. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

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

Solda/McLeman

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

Carried

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

J. QUESTION PERIOD

An opportunity for the public and the press to ask questions of the Mayor and Council.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

McLeman/Solda

That a letter be written to the Province and copied to the Union of BC Municipalities requesting changes to the building code to require renovation of buildings for people with disabilities to facilitate emergency exiting.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Chopra

That the meeting adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk