

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

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor John Douglas, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

**ABSENT:** Mayor McRae

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

*Patterson/Whiteman*

*That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late item I.1.1, report regarding Government Agent's Building Rental.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Patterson/Solda*

*That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held March 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm, be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge Society - Board of Directors**

Ron Paulson, Tom McEvay and Colleen Sawyer were in attendance to provide the tournament's legacy including a financial statement and economic summary. The Legacy will provide \$250,000 to be shared amongst the partner communities and BC Hockey to enhance youth participation in hockey.

**2. 2009 Port Alberni North Island Zone Drama Festival**

Peter Wienold outlined the forthcoming Drama Festival and invited Council to attend.

*Patterson/Chopra*

*That the letter dated February 24, 2009 from Peter Wienold, Organizing Chair, 2009 Port Alberni North Island Zone Drama Festival, be received and May 18 to 23, 2009 be proclaimed as "Theatre BC Drama Festival Week" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**3. Community Arts Council - Public Art**

Julie Matte, Community Arts Council, discussed provision of City land and services for a location to place public art.

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the report be received and staff directed to prepare a public art policy, review list of recommended locations and identify criteria regarding placement of art.*

*Carried*

**4. Aquatic Management Board**

Andrew Day, Director, Aquatic Management Board, provided background information related to a budget request for aquatic planning.

*McLeman/Patterson*

*That the report provided by Andrew Day, Director, Aquatic Management Board, requesting funding from the City of Port Alberni in the amount of \$11,000, be received and referred to the Budget Meeting on March 24, 2009 at 2:00 pm.*

*Carried*

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Deb Barr, Recreation Programmer**

*Whiteman/Solda*

*That the letter dated March 10, 2009 from Deb Barr, Recreation Programmer be received; the week of June 7 to 13, 2009 be proclaimed as "Seniors' Week" in Port Alberni and a photo with the Mayor be arranged as requested.*

*Carried*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Save Our Valley Alliance**

*McLeman/Patterson*

*That the letter dated March 4, 2009 from the Save Our Valley Alliance requesting an update on the status of the Port Alberni Forest Review process, and the verbal update from the Economic Development Manager, be received.*

*Carried*

**2. Royal Canadian Legion, Campaign Office**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the e-mail dated March 4, 2009 from the Royal Canadian Legion, Campaign Office enclosing information on their "Military Service Recognition Book" and inviting the City to purchase space for a support message/advertisement, be received and referred to Alberni Valley Tourism for their consideration.*

*Carried*

**3. Chances Rim Rock**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the letter dated March 4, 2009 from Chances Rim Rock requesting a bench be installed on the grass strip located at Johnston Road in front of Starbucks be received and referred to the City Engineer to discuss with Bus Stop Media.*

*Carried*

**4. Kids Help Phone**

*Whiteman/Solda*

*That the letter dated March 9, 2009 from Kids Help Phone requesting help to fund service provided to kids in Port Alberni in the amount of \$300, be received with no action.*

*Carried*

**5. Port Alberni Revitalization Committee**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That the e-mail dated March 16, 2009 from Lesley Silverstone of the Port Alberni Revitalization Committee requesting Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 as Tag Days be received, and the Tag Days approved as requested.*

*Carried*

**6. Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific)**

*Whiteman/Chopra*

*That the letter dated March 11, 2009 from Rod Hughes, Commander, Commanding Officer of the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific), National Defence, requesting that officers that lead the Cadet Corps and Squadrons in Port Alberni attend a Council meeting to be recognized for their service, be received and a suitable date confirmed.*

*Carried*

**7. Alexandra Pazitch**

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That the e-mail dated March 13, 2009 from Alexandra Pazitch requesting that Council retract a "To Whom It May Concern" unsigned letter included in a report at the March 9, 2009 Council meeting, be received with no further action taken.*

*Carried*

**8. Dr. Rachel Carson, Nephrology and Internal Medicine**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That the letter dated March 12, 2009 from Dr. Rachel Carson, Nephrology and Internal Medicine, be received and referred to the Regional Hospital District stating that Council for the City of Port Alberni prefer dialysis services be provided in the Alberni Valley.*

*Carried*

**9. Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon**

*McLeman/Chopra*

*That the letter dated November 27, 2008 from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon be received and the date of their Big Bike Event be changed from Monday, June 1 to Saturday, June 6, 2009.*

*Carried*

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Chris Ashby**

E-mail dated March 9, 2009 complimenting the City on its new website.

**2. Pat Bell, Minister**

Letter dated March 9, 2009 advising the Working Roundtable on Forestry report has released its report and recommendations. The report can be viewed at: [www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/forestry\\_roundtable](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/forestry_roundtable).

**3. Municipal Finance Authority**

E-mail dated March 11, 2009 advising that their credit ratings have earned triple A ("AAA") status with an outlook as "stable" and attaching a letter and press releases from three of their credit rating agencies.

- 4. Royal Canadian Mounted Police**  
Letter dated March 3, 2009 from the new District Commander, Island District RCMP, PR (Randy) Wilson, advising that Chief Superintendent Rick Betker will officially retire on April 2, 2009.
- 5. Ombudsman**  
Letter dated March 5, 2009 from Kim S. Carter, Ombudsman, Province of British Columbia, thanking the Mayor, Councillors and staff for meeting with her on February 25, 2009.
- 6. A-Channel**  
Fax dated March 12, 2009 advising that due to recent changes in news coverage and staff reorganization brought on by the economic downturn and broadcasting regulatory issues, the videographer staff positions in Port Alberni and Campbell River have been removed.
- 7. Minister of Agriculture and Lands**  
Letter dated March 10, 2009 from the Honourable Ron Cantelon, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, replying to the Mayor's letter dated February 5, 2009 congratulating him on his new appointment to the Ministry.
- 8. Catalyst Paper Corporation**

  - Copy of the Municipal Sustainability Model prepared by Catalyst Consultants
  - E-mail dated March 13, 2009 attaching a letter sent to all Members of the Legislative Assembly; as well as the Sustainability Report prepared for Campbell River and a copy of an article from the Vancouver Sun.
  - Copy of a letter dated March 9, 2009 to the Minister of Community Development concerning the uncompetitive property taxes charged by municipalities in which Catalyst operates.
- 9. Correctional Service Canada**  
Letter received March 11, 2009 thanking Council for proclaiming November 16 to 23, 2008 as "Restorative Justice Week 2008" in Port Alberni.
- 10. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)/First Nations Summit**  
Letter dated February 27, 2009 advising funding has been approved for the Community to Community Forum in the amount of \$2,150.00.
- 11. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**  
Fax dated March 16, 2009 regarding the proposed indigenous recognition act that would formally recognize Aboriginal rights and title in BC and advising extensive consultation will take place with the UBCM.

**12. Federation of Canadian Municipalities**

E-mail dated March 10, 2009 encouraging municipalities to reduce the use of bottled water in their own facilities and attaching a News Release, FAQ sheet and Key Messages.

*McLeman/Chopra*

*That with reference to item F.6, a letter be written to A-Channel thanking them for their good work in our area, acknowledging difficulties caused by the current economic downturn and requesting that the videographer position in our area be reinstated as soon as possible.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Solda*

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

*Carried*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL**

**H. BYLAWS NIL**

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated March 23, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 104723 to 104912 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$568,347.18 be approved.*

*Carried*

**1.1 Director of Parks and Recreation - Government Agent's Building Rental**

*Chopra/McLeman*

*That the report dated March 23, 2009 from the Director of Parks and Recreation be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni rent the lobby area of the building located at 4711 Elizabeth Street to the Committee to re-elect Scott Fraser at the rate of \$750 per month for a period of two months and the City proceed with a request for proposals for the sale or lease of the building.*

*Carried*

**2. Current Status Report**

*Chopra/Patterson  
That the Current Status Report be received.*

*Carried*

**3. Mayor's Report**

**4. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report**

**5. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report**

**6. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report**

**7. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report**

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

*Carried*

*Patterson/Solda  
That the minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage  
Commission held March 4, 2009, be received.*

*Carried*

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

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

*Carried*

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

*Carried*

*Whiteman/Patterson*  
*That staff be directed to bring back a report regarding the costs and implications of pursuing the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Crossing.*

*Carried*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

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

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS      NIL**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Solda/Chopra*  
*That the meeting adjourn at 8:58 pm.*