

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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)

Patterson/Whiteman

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Whiteman

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held January 26, 2009, be received.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Recognition of Champions

Sharon Macauley introduced champions from the Alberni Valley Track Club.

2. New Chief Administrative Officer, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Hira Chopra, Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District introduced new Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Sabine.

3. Robert Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Hupacasath First Nation

Robert Duncan made a presentation regarding the proposed Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre at Clutesi Haven Marina.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Kidney Foundation of Canada

Chopra/Solda

That the letter from the Kidney Foundation of Canada dated January 22, 2009 requesting that March be proclaimed as "Kidney Month" in Port Alberni, be received and the month proclaimed as requested.

Carried

2. Public Works Association of British Columbia

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from the Public Works Association of British Columbia dated January 19, 2009 requesting that May 17 to 23, 2009 be proclaimed as "National Public Works Week" in Port Alberni, be received and the week proclaimed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)

Chopra/Patterson

That the letter from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities dated January 22, 2009 regarding the resolution deadline extension to February 27, 2009, be received.

Carried

2. Coast Forest Products Association

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from Coast Forest Products Association dated January 23, 2009 requesting a meeting with Council to discuss the coastal forest industry be received, and that a meeting be arranged as requested.

Carried

3. Rodney Wade

McLeman/Chopra

That the email from Rodney Wade regarding renewal of the bus stop benches advertising agreement and requesting comments and feedback from staff and Council regarding bench distribution and density, be referred to the City Engineer to provide a draft Agreement for the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BC Hockey League

Chopra/Solda

That the request from the BC Hockey League for advertising in the Smart Hockey Magazine, be received.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

News Release dated January 21, 2009 announcing the completion of the integrated electronic health record system which provides authorized health professionals electronic access to secure, complete patient health records.

2. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

News Release dated January 28, 2009 announcing that the VIHA Board has endorsed a new model for the delivery of acute care (hospital) services on the North Island and proposing that 2 hospitals be built in the Comox Strathcona area, one in Campbell River and one in the Comox Valley.

3. Ombudsman

Letter dated January 5, 2009 providing a copy of the 2007/08 Annual Report.

4. Provincial Emergency Program (PEP)

Providing information on the upcoming PEP sponsored Elected Official Workshops taking place in March and April 2009 - more details to follow.

5. Minister of Community Development

Copy of a letter to Richard Garneau, President and CEO, Catalyst Paper Corporation, dated January 20, 2009 responding to Catalyst's letter (attached) regarding municipal property taxes and their impact on Catalyst.

6. The Honourable Gary Lunn, MP, Minister of State (Sport)

Letter dated January 8, 2009 congratulating the City on being selected as one of the designated communities along the route of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

- 7. Ruth Turner, Courtenay Resident**
Letter received January 22, 2009 providing newspaper clippings from Courtenay regarding snow removal.
- 8. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Members Advisory dated January 28, 2009 announcing that the 2009 Federal Budget delivers significant new funding for municipal priorities.
- 9. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Email dated January 23, 2009 confirming receipt of the City's list of infrastructure projects requiring funding.
- 10. BC Hydro**
Winter 2008/2009 Edition of the Vancouver Island Regional update from BC Hydro Community Relations.
- 11. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
Letter dated January 19, 2009 providing an update on the Sustainable Community Awards and a DVD containing a database of past winners and the 2008 Awards video.
- 12. Shaw Cablesystems**
Letter dated January 26, 2009 advising that Shaw will be contacting the City to arrange a meeting to discuss their activities and investments in the community.
- 13. British Columbia Ambulance Service**
Letter dated January 30, 2009 responding to recent communications from the Ambulance Paramedics of BC – CUPE Local 873 regarding upcoming contract negotiations and providing budget, salary and recruitment information.
- 14. Minister of Forests and Range**
Letter dated January 17, 2009 providing information about the Community Forest Agreement Application deadline (May 17, 2009).
- 15. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
News Release dated February 2, 2009 providing information on "Burn Awareness Week" activities.
- 16. Heritage BC**
Letter dated January 19, 2009 advising that information regarding Heritage Week (February 16 – 22) is available at www.heritagebc.ca.

- 17. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**
Email dated January 29, 2009 advising that the Regional District Board passed a resolution to apply to the 2009 Bear Aware Program and committed \$2,500 towards the program.
- 18. Abashiri-Port Alberni Sister City Society**
Letter dated January 24, 2009 thanking the City and Twinning Society members for their hospitality during their recent visit.
- 19. Ministry of Health Services - HealthLinkBC**
Letter dated January 25, 2009 providing an order form for materials to promote the HealthLinkBC program (a phone in and on-line service that makes accessing health advice easier).
- 20. Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism**
Letter dated January 15, 2009 providing a copy of "Diverse Communities: History and Milestone of the Aboriginal Peoples of British Columbia"
- 21. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)**
Memorandum dated February 3, 2009 advising of the Forestry Forum to be held on April 3, 2009 in Nanaimo.
- 22. Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation's (CPIEC)**
Letter dated January 23, 2009 providing a copy of their 2008 annual report.
- 23. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**

 - Member Release dated January 23, 2009 regarding accelerated infrastructure funding.
 - Memorandum dated January 23, 2009 providing deadline information for various grant opportunities and programs
 - Release dated January 27, 2009 providing details of the 2009 Federal Budget.
 - News Release dated January 28, 2009 providing UBCM's response to the 2009 Federal Budget.
 - Member Notice dated January 29, 2009 providing a joint letter to the Fire Service Liaison Group from the LGMA and UBCM requesting an extension for the proposed Fire/Rescue System Model until April 15, 2009. (*Note: Port Alberni Input already provided.*)
 - Letter dated January 27, 2009 acknowledging receipt of the 2005 Community Tourism Grant (Phase 1) Alberni Valley Tourism reporting package, noting final payment of the grant will be forwarded shortly.

*Solda/Patterson
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 23 be
received and filed.*

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2007, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4710"

Chopra/Whiteman

That "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2007, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4710", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4710.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 9, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 104109 to 104300 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$581,086.10 be approved.

Carried

2. Director of Finance – Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Patterson

That the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Audit Committee Meeting and the financial statements ending December 31, 2008, be received.

Carried

3. Five Year Financial Plan – Public Input

Chopra/Patterson

That the correspondence received from the public and input forms submitted from the February 2, 2009 public input meeting at Echo Centre regarding the Five Year Financial Plan, be received.

Carried

4. Director of Parks and Recreation – Klitsa Baseball Field Design Fees

Whiteman/Solda

That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated January 20, 2009 be received, and that Council for the City of Port Alberni grant early Capital Budget approval to the Klitsa Park design project and an expenditure of \$70,000 to assist with the design of the new Klitsa baseball fields with funding from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve.

Carried

5. Director of Parks and Recreation – Taylor Road Park Status Report

Whiteman/Patterson

That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 3, 2009 providing an update of the Taylor Road Park site be received, and Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to complete the landscape improvements, including grading, seeding and fencing at the site, and continue to pursue grants for further development of the site.

Carried

6. City Clerk – City's Bylaws No. 4702 and No. 4703

Chopra/Solda

That the report from the City Clerk dated January 29, 2009 providing information regarding the Petition against the City's Bylaws No. 4702 and No. 4703, be received and filed.

Carried

7. City Planner and City Engineer – Development Cost Charges

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the City Planner and City Engineer dated February 3, 2009 regarding Development Cost Charges and direct staff to prepare the required bylaw to implement Development Cost Charges as outlined in the report.

Carried

8. City Clerk – Council Remuneration

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend remuneration rates for the Mayor and Council whereby a 2% annual increase is applied commencing in 2009 until the rates reach the average for similar municipalities being \$13,777 per year for Council and \$33,568 per year for the Mayor.

Carried

9. Current Status Report

Chopra/Patterson

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

10. Mayor's Report

Solda/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

11. Councillor Chopra

12. Councillor Douglas

13. Councillor McLeman

McLeman/Patterson

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

Carried

14. Councillor Patterson

15. Councillor Solda

Solda/McLeman

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

16. Councillor Whiteman

J. QUESTION PERIOD

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

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Councillor Douglas - Request of Vancouver Island Health Authority

Douglas/McLeman
That Council for the City of Port Alberni request the Vancouver Island Health Authority to install a covered bus shelter for public transit users at West Coast General Hospital.

Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Solda
That the meeting adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk