

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Mealey/Patterson

That the agenda be adopted as circulated with late item C.2, Alexandra Pazitch.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mealey/Whiteman

That the minutes of the June 23, 2008 Regular Council Meeting and the Special Meeting of Council held July 7, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Bill Surry and Derek McGregor, "Thunder in the Valley"

Presented information regarding this year's "Thunder in the Valley" event which will be held the August 9th/10th weekend with a car show to be held August 8th at Chances Rim Rock.

2. Alexandra Pazitch

In attendance to discuss her e-mail dated July 3, 2008 and late item e-mail dated July 13, 2008 regarding reporting of discrepancy in the number of City parks and open spaces.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. G. Terry, Bowser, BC

Whiteman/McLeman

That the letter received June 23, 2008 requesting that financial help not be provided to groups wanting to destroy flowers blooming along highways because they are not indigenous to Vancouver Island be received and filed.

Carried

2. Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Chopra/Whiteman

That the letter received June 26, 2008 requesting that Council consider passing a resolution opposing deregulation of Canada Post be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni write to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation and requesting proper consultation with the public.

Carried

3. Terasen Gas

McLeman/Solda

That the e-mail dated July 2, 2008 advising they have recently filed an application with BC Utilities Commission to seek funding for Energy Efficiency and conservation and seeking Council's support of their application, be received and staff be directed to seek more information for Council's consideration.

Carried

4. Province of British Columbia

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter dated July 2, 2008 providing information regarding requesting meetings with Ministers at this year's UBCM Convention be received and Council coordinate meeting requests with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and advise the Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk of additional meeting requests.

Carried

5. Patrick Marshall

Mealey/Solda

That the e-mail dated June 26, 2008 requesting support of a resolution the City of Campbell River will present at the UBCM Conference this fall in Penticton regarding wave and in-stream tidal current technologies be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni provide their support.

Carried

6. Alberni District Fall Fair Association

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated July 3, 2008 requesting to close City streets along 10th Avenue from Burde Street to the Fair Grounds from 11:00 am to the conclusion of the parade on Saturday, September 6th, 2008, be received and Council concur with the request subject to the City's stated road closure conditions.

Carried

7. Alberni District Fall Fair Association

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter dated July 3, 2008 requesting permission to utilize City-owned property adjacent to the Batstar Café on the corner of Beaver Creek and River Roads during the Salmon Festival weekend to display the 2008 Fall Fair car, be received and the request approved.

Carried

8. Harold & Priscella Schut

Whiteman/Chopra

That the letter dated July 8, 2008 expressing concern over a possible park being developed on Taylor Road be received, and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation for comment along with a request by Council for a separate report regarding the potential use of Weaver Park as a recreational vehicle park.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Encorp Pacific (Canada)

Letter dated June 13, 2008 providing a copy of their annual report for the year 2007.

2. Ministry of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform

Letter dated June 23, 2008 advising of the status of the provincial Mobile Business Licence project and enclosing an article from the Thompson Business Examine

3. Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics, Colin Hansen

E-mail dated July 3, 2008 announcing the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Community Marks program.

4. Provincial Health Services Authority

Letter dated June 25, 2008 providing a copy of *Stepsforward 2008*, a progress report highlighting how the Provincial Health Services Authority is improving specialized health services for British Columbians.

5. Muscular Dystrophy Canada

Letter dated June 27, 2008 offering their sincere thanks to the Port Alberni Fire Fighters, Local 1667, on their outstanding contributions to Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

6. Ministry of Advanced Education

Letter dated July 3, 2008 responding to the letter Council sent to the ministry regarding funding to North Island College.

7. Liz Stonard

E-mail dated July 2, 2008 expressing support of the Habitat for Humanity's initiative to build a home at 8th Avenue and Melrose Street.

8. Island Coastal Trust

E-mail dated July 7, 2008 providing a news release and backgrounder on the Building Canada Fund, noting that the deadline for first round applications is September 5, 2008.

9. Kevin Hanson, Catalyst Paper Corporation

E-mail dated July 7, 2008 providing a copy of a news release issued by Catalyst Paper Corporation regarding municipal taxation and its impacts on the competitiveness of value-added manufacturing in British Columbia.

10. Association of BC Forest Professionals

Letter dated June 25, 2008 inviting communities around British Columbia to apply to be named the 2009 Forest Capital of BC.

The Economic Development Manager was directed to look into the potential benefits of an application.

11. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Fax dated June 20, 2008 advising of the 2008 Energy Action Awards.

12. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Report dated June 25, 2008 providing a copy of a resource guide on Food Secure Communities.

Mealey/Patterson

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

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700"

Chopra/Mealey

That the report dated July 2, 2008 requesting that Council amend the election bylaw to provide the Chief Election Officer with the authority to designate the location of advance polls be received.

Carried

Chopra/Solda

That "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700" be now introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700" be read a second time.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey

That "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700" be read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated July 14, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 101266 to 101413 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$579,556.48 be approved.

Carried

2. Director of Finance - Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Patterson

That the minutes of the June 23, 2008 Audit Committee Meeting, the letter dated May 30, 2008 from Don Jones of Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners LLP providing comments regarding independence matters, as well as the financial statements ending May 31, 2008, be received.

Carried

3. Director of Finance – Information regarding City Funding Contributions to McLean Mill and Alberni Valley Museum

Chopra/Patterson

That the report dated June 30, 2008 providing comment on the contents of emails that had been brought forward by Councillor McLeman regarding venues and expenditures at the McLean Mill and Alberni Valley Museum be received.

Carried

4. Director of Finance – Vehicle Mileage Allowance Rates

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve an increase in the mileage allowance rate paid to Council and staff for use of personal vehicle for work-related travel outside of City boundaries from \$0.46 to \$0.55 per kilometre.

Carried

5. Director of Finance – Municipal Pension Retirees Association

Chopra/Mealey

That the report dated July 9, 2008 responding to correspondence from the Municipal Retirees Association requesting support of a resolution put forward by the City of Langford to the UBCM regarding increased funding for group health benefits for municipal retirees be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni agree to meet with representatives of the Municipal Pension Retirees Association to discuss their concerns.

Carried

6. Economic Development Manager – Ad Campaign to Attract New Residents to the Alberni Valley

The Economic Development Manager provided a report dated July 9, 2009 regarding an ad campaign he is undertaking to attract new residents to the Alberni Valley.

7. Councillor McLeman – Community Forest Meeting, Kamloops

Chopra/Mealey

That Councillor McLeman be authorized attendance at the Community Forest Meeting in Kamloops on July 23, 2008.

Carried

8. City Manager – Verbal Report, Boundary Study Meeting

The City Manager provided a report of the Boundary Study Committee Meeting held on July 14, 2008 to discuss water service at 3131 - 21st Avenue.

9. Current Status Report

Chopra/Whiteman

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

10. Mayor's Report

*Mealey/Whiteman
That the Mayor's report be received.*

Carried

11. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

12. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

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

Carried

13. Councillor Mealey - Planning, Environmental Services and Library Report

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

Carried

14. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

15. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

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

Carried

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

*McLeman/Patterson
That the Councillors' reports be received.*

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

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

Neil Anderson, 4213 8th Avenue, expressed his opposition to the proposed site for the new ADSS building.

Gillian Shearwater commented on the social aspects of planning and drew Council's attention to a recent Alberni Valley Times article written by Barry Miller.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 9:06 pm.*

Carried