

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Patterson/McLeman

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late item E.1.c email from Jason Pley.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Patterson/Chopra

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held July 14, 2010 at 10:00, be approved as circulated.

Carried

McLeman/Chopra

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 14, 2010 at 2:00 pm, be approved as amended – the resolution of Item E.2 – the issue of biweekly garbage is to be reviewed at the regular meeting of September 13, 2010.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Jim Knight – Junior Prep Camp

Representatives of the Junior Prep Camp were in attendance to introduce themselves to Council and provide an overview of their camp, including their promotional DVD that highlights the City of Port Alberni.

2. Cst. Boyd Pearson - Pulling Together 2011

Cst. Boyd Pearson was in attendance to talk about the annual Pulling Together event, discuss plans for the 2011 event which will be hosted in Port Alberni and present a paddle to the Mayor that he accepted on behalf of our community.

3. Chris Alemany – Raven Coal Project

Mr. Alemany described a petition regarding rail transportation from the Raven Coal mine and requested permission to have the petition available for signing at City facilities. Council did not endorse the request but recognized that public properties may be used informally for soliciting support for various initiatives.

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Bi-Weekly Garbage Concerns

McLeman/Whiteman

That the correspondence from Melody Burton dated July 9, 2010, Andrew Gent dated July 8, 2010 and Jason Pley dated July 12, 2010 regarding bi-weekly garbage, be referred to the City Manager to provide a response and the writers be invited to attend the September 13, 2010 Regular meeting of Council when the service will be reviewed.

Carried

2. HealthLinkBC

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from HealthLinkBC dated July 13, 2010 requesting that the City promote HealthLink BC and increase awareness of the service by posting the official HealthLink BC web button on the City's website, be received.

Carried

3. Premier Campbell

Chopra/Patterson

That the letter dated July 13, 2010 providing information regarding meetings with Ministers at this year's UBCM Convention be received, Council coordinate meeting requests with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and provide specific details/background for additional meeting requests to the Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Carried

4. Objection to Summer Pool Closure

Whiteman/Patterson

That the letter from Heather Mallory received on July 14, 2010 attaching a petition containing 34 signatures opposing the decision to close the Echo Pool for 9 weeks during the summer, be received and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation to provide a response.

Carried

5. Elaine and Doug Hamon

Whiteman/Patterson

That the letter from Elaine and Doug Hamon received July 16, 2010 expressing concerns about the unsightly condition of the "park" between McKnight Street and Huff Drive and the scotch broom and weeds over growing the sidewalk on McKnight Street, be received and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation to provide a response.

Carried

6. Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley

Patterson/Douglas

That the letter from the Community Arts Council dated July 19, 2010 regarding the public art piece to be installed in front of City Hall and inviting Council members and City Managers to attend a meeting with the artist and IHS on August 7, be received and available Council members and City Managers attend.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

- News release dated July 7, 2010 announcing the 2010 Excellence in BC Healthcare Awards recipients.
- Public Service Announcement dated July 15, 2010 providing details of the "26th Annual Preemie Party", a reunion for "grads of neonatal intensive care" and families and staff who cared for the infants, on August 12 at Victoria General Hospital.

2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Letter dated July 6, 2010 thanking the City and particularly Theresa Kingston, Manager of Human Resources and Community Development, for participating in the study tour for Chinese government officials from the project's Migrant Advisory Group in June 2010. This work is provided on Theresa Kingston's personal time and is not a cost to the City.

3. **BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities**
Summer 2010 newsletter.
4. **City of Pitt Meadows**
Copy of a letter dated June 17, 2010 enclosing its resolution to the UBCM regarding Hazardous Spill Response.
5. **City of Powell River**
Article written by Stan Westby, CAO, City of Powell River, for the summer 2010 issue of the Public Sector Digest, regarding Catalyst operations in Powell River and industrial taxation.
6. **Canada World Youth**
Letter dated July 12, 2010 advising that Canada World Youth participants will be living and volunteering in Port Alberni from December 2010 through March 2011.
7. **Town of Port McNeil**
Copy of a letter to the City of Vancouver supporting their resolution submitted to UBCM on a Poverty Reduction Plan.
8. **Ministry of Forests and Range**
Information Bulletin dated July 20, 2010 announcing a campfire ban effective noon July 23, 2010 in all BC Parks, Crown land and private lands except within local governments that have forest fire prevention bylaws and are serviced by a fire department.
9. **The Corporation of Delta**
Copy of a letter to the Premier dated July 15, 2010 urging an immediate increase in minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour and elimination of the training wage.
10. **Carolyn Jasken**
Email dated July 21, 2010 regarding the nomination of Port Alberni as the Ultimate Fishing Town in a contest to win \$25,000 for community useage related to fishing and requesting that others support the nomination via www.wfn.tv/ultimate-fishing-town/promote-an-entry.

Patterson/Whiteman

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 10, be received and filed.

Carried

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL**

H. **BYLAWS NIL**

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

There was no approval of accounts, they will be considered at the next Regular Meeting on August 23, 2010.

2. Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk – Public Hearing Report

McLeman/Chopra

That the 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

3. Alberni Valley Museum Director – Public Art Policy

Patterson/Whiteman

That the report from the Alberni Valley Museum Director dated July 20, 2010 providing a "Public Art Policy" for artworks in public spaces be received and Council endorse the Public Art Policy as presented.

Carried

4. Current Status Report

Chopra/Patterson

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

5. Mayor's Report

Chopra/Patterson

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

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

Whiteman/Chopra

That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

7. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/McLeman

That the monthly report from the Museum Director providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

8. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

9. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report

10. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Rosemarie Buchanan stated that petitions such as the anti-HST petition have been available at Echo Centre.

Edna Cox expressed concerns about coal being exported from the port and asked Council to be vigilante and investigate other communities where this has occurred to be sure any standards to reduce dust be realistic and achievable.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourn at pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk