

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010 AT 2:00 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/Solda

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items F.11 agreement with SD #70 and the Sports Bureau of Yangcheng, China, and I.7.2 Information Services response to Council budget questions.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/ Whiteman

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held January 25, 2010 and Special Council Meeting held January 27, 2010, be approved as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Canadian Award for Financial Reporting

The Mayor presented the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting to Ann Hopkins, Director of Finance, for the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2008.

2. Robert Duncan, CEO, Hupacasath First Nation

Mr. Duncan provided an update on Polaris Minerals indicating that market conditions need to improve in California for the project to proceed.

3. Stephen Salter

Mr. Salter introduced the Integrated Resource Recovery Feasibility Study to Council, which will look at opportunities to utilize waste energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The final report is due in April 2010.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Kidney Health Month

Chopra/Patterson

That the letter dated January 19, 2010 from the Kidney Foundation of Canada requesting that Council declare March as "Kidney Health Month" in Port Alberni be received and the month proclaimed as requested.

Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Canadian Heritage - Celebrate Canada Program

Whiteman/Chopra

That the letter received February 1, 2010 from the Canadian Heritage - Celebrate Canada Program regarding funding for community-based celebrations, be received and referred to the Alberni Valley Museum.

Carried

2. Polaris Institute

Douglas/Solda

That the letter from Polaris Institute received February 2, 2010 inviting the City to participate in the "Bottled Water Free Day" on March 11, 2010 by pledging not to drink bottled water where public water is available, be received.

Carried

McLeman/Douglas

That the City endorse "Bottled Water Free Day" on March 11, 2010.

Carried

3. Georgina and Colin Murray

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from Georgina and Colin Murray, dated February 1, 2010 requesting City water connections for the subdivision of their property at 375 Franklin River Road, be received and staff prepare a report for Council's consideration.

Carried

4. Diana and Robert Patterson

McLeman/Solda

That the letter from Diana and Robert Patterson dated February 1, 2010 requesting City water connection for the subdivision of their property on Franklin River Road, be received and staff prepare a report for Council's consideration.

Carried

5. Ministry of Community and Rural Development

Chopra/Solda

That the letter from the Ministry of Community and Rural Development dated January 29, 2010 requesting comments for the Local Government Elections Task Force's review of local government election issues be received and staff provide comments as requested.

Carried

6. Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Solda/Douglas

That the letter from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated January 20, 2010 providing proposed standards for municipalities to provide its police service with an operational digital video surveillance and recording system in various locations within RCMP/police facilities and requesting municipalities to implement the system, be referred to the OIC RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment for comment.

Carried

7. Alberni Valley Hospice Society/Ty Watson House

Whiteman/Patterson

That the email from the Alberni Valley Hospice Society/Ty Watson House dated February 2, 2010 requesting use of Blair Park on May 2, 2010 for the "Hike for Hospice" event be approved subject to provision of standard liability insurance.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Alberni Valley Social Planning Council

Minutes from the January 19, 2010 meeting.

2. Vancouver Island Health Authority

News Release dated January 22, 2010 thanking the community for its support during H1N1 clinics.

3. **BC Healthy Communities**
February 2010 newsletter.
4. **The Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board**
Providing a copy of their Fall 2009 newsletter "StreamTalk".
5. **Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC)**
Providing a copy of their 2009 Annual Report.
6. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Letter dated January 22, 2010 advising that the Community Wildfire Protection Planning grant application has been approved in the amount of \$15,000.
7. **Woodward Walker, Barristers & Solicitors**
Letter dated January 29, 2010 enclosing a cheque for \$11,500 representing costs payable to the City by Catalyst for court fees.
8. **Royal Canadian Legion**
Copy of a Royal Canadian Legion memo dated November 20, 2009 regarding the Princess Mary's Own Canadian Scottish Regiment driver training convoy event in January and February where convoys travel the length of Vancouver Island, visiting legions in most of the communities. (*Note: Convoy expected at Legion Branch #55 on 4th Avenue on February 20 at 11:10 am for approximately 45 minutes.*)
9. **NDP Opposition Critic for Transportation**
Copy of a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure dated January 29, 2010 providing a copy of the City's letter (attached) regarding transportation/highway issues in Port Alberni.
10. **Child Find British Columbia**
Letter dated January 19, 2010 enclosing "Missing Children" posters and the most recent National Police/RCMP statistics for missing children.
11. **SD #70 and Sports Bureau of Yangcheng, China**
Document confirming the agreement between the City of Port Alberni, School District #70 and the Sport Bureau of Yangcheng, Jianjsu Province, China to cooperate in the development of projects, including summer camp programs for Chinese students, exchanges involving various activities/sports for youth and adults, cooperation in the mutual development and training for adult coaches, Canadian youth to experience China.

Solda/Whiteman

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 11, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. OHS/Emergency Co-ordinator – Community Wildfire Protection Plan
(From December 29, 2009 Council Meeting)

Chopra/Solda

That the report from the Emergency Co-ordinator dated January 27, 2010 outlining the details of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the contributions being made by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, be received.

Carried

H. BYLAWS NIL

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 8, 2010 be received and the cheques numbered 108958 to 109135 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$466,506.89, be approved.

Carried

2. City Planner – Advisory Planning Commission

Solda/Whiteman

That the Summary report of the January 21, 2010 Advisory Planning Commission meeting be received and filed.

Carried

3. Director of Finance – Audit Committee Minutes

Chopra/Patterson

That the minutes of the January 25, 2010 Audit Committee Meeting and the financial statements ending December 31, 2009, be received.

Carried

4. City Clerk – 2010 Grants-In-Aid

Whiteman/Solda

That the report from the City Clerk dated February 1, 2010 be received, and the recommendations of the Grants-In-Aid Committee for 2010 grants-in-aid be approved.

Carried

5. Bylaw Enforcement Officer – 4135 Hollywood St. – Lee

Solda/Patterson

That the report regarding a complaint about the property located at 4135 Hollywood Street, Port Alberni, be tabled.

Carried

Councillor Solda and Councillor Patterson left the meeting at 3:07 pm due to a perceived conflict of interest. Councillor Solda's family has a business across the street on Beaver Creek Road and Councillor Patterson is a member of the Alberni Athletic Hall Association.

6. City Clerk – Land Exchange with Alberni Athletic Hall Association

Chopra/Douglas

That the report from the City Clerk dated February 3, 2010 regarding the land exchange with the Alberni Athletic Hall Association, be received.

Carried

Councillor Solda and Councillor Patterson returned to the meeting at 3:09 pm.

7. 2010 - 2014 Five Year Financial Plan

7.1 *Chopra/McLeman*

That the input received from the public including questionnaires, correspondence and petitions regarding the proposed 2010-2014 Five Year Financial Plan, be received.

Carried

7.2. *Chopra/Douglas*

That the staff reports from the City Clerk, Director of Finance, Director of Parks and Recreation, Museum Director and Manager of Information Services regarding Council's questions for the Financial Plan, be received.

Carried

Councillor Douglas left the meeting at approximately 3:35 pm.

Councillor Douglas returned to the meeting at approximately 3:38 pm.

7.3. Council's direction for the 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to prepare the necessary bylaw to eliminate the 2010 increase in remuneration for the Mayor and Council.

Carried

Council reviewed each of the City's departments and the financial plan proposals with Councillors asking questions of the department heads to confirm budget and operational details. The Mayor asked Council members to put resolutions forward for change to the draft 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan.

Douglas/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni modify the 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan with respect to Discovery Day Care and the City implement option 3 from the Director of Parks and Recreation's February 3, 2010 report.

Carried

The Director of Finance advised Council that if they decide to continue commercial container garbage service, the Finance Department will be required to retain 0.4 full time equivalent position rather than reduce the department by the proposed 1 full time position.

Chopra/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni modify the 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan by continuing to provide commercial container garbage service.

Carried

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni modify the 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan by retaining for one year the public works equipment that is proposed for sale in 2010.

Carried

Chopra/Douglas

That the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum be directed to implement an admission fee for the Museum.

Defeated

McLeman/Whiteman

That the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum investigate establishing a Board for fund-raising purposes.

Carried

Solda/McLeman

That Council temporarily adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm and the meeting continue at 7:00 pm until completion of the agenda.

Carried

Patterson/Whiteman

That the meeting reconvene at 7:00 pm.

Carried

McLeman/Solda

That staff prepare a report regarding the separation of the McLean Mill from the Alberni Valley Museum in order to be a stand alone enterprise.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to bring forward the necessary bylaw to implement the 2010 – 2014 Five Year Financial Plan as presented with the modifications as directed by Council in this evening's resolutions.

Carried

8. Current Status Report

Chopra/McLeman

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

9. Mayor's Report

Solda/McLeman

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

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

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

Solda/Patterson

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

Solda/Patterson

That the Monthly report from the OIC RCMP providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

12. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

13. 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

14. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report

15. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

J. QUESTION PERIOD

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

Richard Berg of 9th Avenue asked about alternative cost savings in the Parks and Recreation Department, such as weekly facility closures. At the request of the Mayor, Scott Kenny, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded. Most facilities are closed except on demand i.e. Glenwood Centre. As far as the Multiplex and Echo Pool are concerned, the budget discussions already presented the best alternative - complete closures during the off season without water in the pool or ice in the rinks.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Solda

That the meeting adjourn at 8:50pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk