

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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)

Solda/Patterson

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Whiteman

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held November 9, 2009, be approved as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. John Douglas – Multi-Casualty Unit

Mr. Douglas provided a presentation regarding the proposed Multi-Casualty Unit. He is requesting funding from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District - \$1,000 and would appreciate the City's Regional Directors' support of the expense.

Councillor Douglas left the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm on account of a perceived conflict of interest.

Patterson/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni request a detailed business plan for the Multi-Casualty Unit before considering the endorsement of the Regional District funding of the proposal.

Carried

Councillor Douglas returned to the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.

2. Transition Town

Chris Alemany of Port Alberni's Transition Town provided an update on their initiatives and outlined requests for Council's consideration.

McLeman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide a letter of support for Transition Town.

Carried

McLeman/Douglas

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endeavor to increase efforts to address recommendations outlined in the Port Alberni Climate Change Committee report

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. SAFERhome Standards Society

Solda/Chopra

That the request from SAFERhome Standards Society dated November 30, 2009 for support for their program by purchasing a municipal membership (\$1,300) or municipal sponsorship (\$2,600), be denied.

Carried

2. Tofino Bus Services Inc.

McLeman/Patterson

That the letter from Tofino Bus Services Inc. dated November 4, 2009 regarding the application filed with the BC Passenger Transportation Board for a reduction of bus service that affects Port Alberni, be received and the City reaffirm its position to the BC Passenger Transportation Board.

Carried

3. Tsawaayuus (Rainbow Gardens)

Solda/Chopra

That the letter from Tsawaayuus (Rainbow Gardens) dated November 8, 2009 requesting support for their proposal to provide personal care services (including all RN duties) to Rainbow Gardens (Tsawaayuus) Assisted Living residents, be endorsed.

Carried

4. Holy Family/Notre Dame Parish

McLeman/Chopra

That the letter from the Holy Family/Notre Dame Parish dated November 13, 2009 requesting use of City streets for their annual Walk for Peace Day on January 1, 2010 be approved subject to no disruptions to traffic and the group assuming full responsibility for the event.

Carried

5. KUU-US Crisis Line Society

Solda/McLeman

That the letter from the KUU-US Crisis Line Society received November 16, 2009 requesting sponsorship in the amount of a registration fee of \$100 for its fundraiser the "Festival of Trees", for a tree that will be donated to a family for Christmas, be received.

Carried

6. National Defence, Naval Reserve

Chopra/McLeman

That the letter from National Defence, Naval Reserve, dated November 10, 2009 regarding the Canadian Navy's 100th Anniversary be received and they be directed to contact the Deputy City Clerk to finalize arrangements for a presentation to the community.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

Email dated November 5, 2009 providing a copy of "BC Municipal Spending Watch", a review of municipal operating expenditures in BC.

2. **BC Healthy Communities**
November 2009 newsletter.
3. **Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development**
Copy of a letter to the University of Victoria dated November 3, 2009 providing the grants-in-lieu of property taxes.
4. **Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA)**
Information on the third Local Government Leadership Academy province wide forum in Richmond BC, June 16 – 18, 2010.
5. **Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts**
Letter dated November 10, 2009 announcing the new management framework for off-road vehicles (ORVs).
6. **Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Integrated Land Management Bureau**
Letter dated November 4, 2009 regarding discussions at UBCM on crown land exchange for TimberWest lands within the local watershed and use of wood to build the new high school.
7. **Minister of Community and Rural Development**
Letter dated November 4, 2009 advising that the infrastructure planning grant for the Port Alberni Integrated Resource Feasibility Study has been approved in the amount of \$10,000.
8. **Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources**
Letter dated November 4, 2009 thanking Council for sharing concerns about the Terasen Gas Vancouver Island franchise fees at a meeting during UBCM.
9. **Vancouver Island Health Authority**
 - Public Service Announcement dated November 10, 2009 on making vaccinations easier for children.
 - Media Advisory dated November 12, 2009 advising that unadjuvanted vaccine for pregnant women will be available at H1N1 immunization clinics as of November 13, 2009.
 - Public Service Announcement dated November 13, 2009 advising that eligibility criteria for the H1N1 vaccine has been expanded.
 - News Release dated November 16, 2009 advising of the Request For Proposal (RFP) for a single provider to operate a crisis line service for all health authority residents.
 - News Release dated November 16, 2009 advising of the expansion of island-wide needle exchange services.
 - News Release dated November 17, 2009 advising of a Clostridium Difficile outbreak at Nanaimo General Hospital.

10. CUPE BC

Letter dated November 9, 2009 providing a copy of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternative 's (CCPA) recently released document called "Reality Check", a budget update reviewing the latest economic indicators and implications of a prolonged recession for provincial government finances.

11. CropLife Canada

Letter dated November 5, 2009 providing information about the use of pest control products.

12. Cooper Styan

Letter received November 13, 2009 regarding homeless people, drug and alcohol problems and mental illness.

13. Tseshaht First Nation

Letter dated October 28, 2009 from Chief Councillor Les Sam outlining Tseshaht aboriginal rights and title, and expectations when engaging with other parties.

14. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

- Letter dated November 2, 2009 advising that the application for Community Tourism (Phase 1) – McLean Mill National Historic Site has been approved in the amount of \$11,305.39.
- Information circular dated November 6, 2009 on grant opportunities and upcoming deadlines.

15. Minister of Citizens' Services and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and the Public Affairs Bureau

Email dated November 13, 2009 advising of the electronic funds transfer of \$60,075.62 (less \$2,566.36 due to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District) for grant-in-lieu of tax payment for provincially owned properties administered by the Ministry of Citizens' Services in our community.

16. Ministry of Community and Rural Development

Letter dated November 16, 2009 to the City of New Westminster regarding the property tax dispute with Catalyst Paper.

17. City owned Property at 4711 Elizabeth Street

Letters requesting that the City donate the property at 4711 Elizabeth Street to the Pacific Rim Health Services Co-operative, received from:

- Byron MacLean
- Leslie Wright
- D. C. Warrender
- Kelly Drybrough

18. Lee Gibson

Letter dated November 11, 2009 thanking Council and staff for the moment of silence during a Council meeting in honour of his parents Vern and Len Gibson who passed away on October 6, 2009.

Solda/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 18, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Business Licence Bylaw Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4737"

Chopra/Douglas

That "Business Licence Bylaw Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4737", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4737.

Carried

2. "Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4738" (CS)

Solda/Whiteman

That "Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4738", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4738.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Patterson

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 23, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 107940 to 108168 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$858,491.97, be approved.

Carried

2. Director of Finance – Taxes collected including percentage

Chopra/Solda

That the report from the Director of Finance dated November 17, 2009 providing information on the status of 2009 property taxes collected, be received.

Carried

3. Fire Chief – Fire Boat

Solda/Patterson

That the report from the Fire Chief dated November 16, 2009 regarding replacement of the Fire Boat be received and expenditure of \$64,585.60 (\$58,696.00 and a 10% (\$5,869.60) contingency) plus applicable taxes for the retrofit of the Harbour Chieftain approved, and the Mayor and Clerk sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Port Alberni Port Authority.

Carried

4. City Clerk – Sales Agreements for Two City Owned Lands

Chopra/Solda

That the report from the City Clerk regarding sales agreements with Coast Realty for two City owned lands (former RCMP detachment and land between Alberni Mall and BC Forests, be received.

Carried

5. Current Status Report

Chopra/McLeman

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

6. Mayor's Report

Solda/Chopra

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

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

Whiteman/Douglas

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

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

Solda/Patterson

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

Carried

9. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/Whiteman

That the monthly report from the Director of the Museum providing information about current departmental operations including the minutes of the November 4, 2009 Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting, be received.

Carried

10. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

11. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report

12. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

Chopra/Solda

That the monthly report from the Manager of Human Resources providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

*Patterson/Douglas
That the meeting adjourn at 8:58 pm.*

Carried

Mayor

Clerk