

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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)

Patterson/Solda

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the deletion of Delegation C.4 and the addition of a report (I.3.1) from the Economic Development Manager

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Patterson

That the minutes of the November 10, 2008 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Donna Brett

Provided information regarding the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay noting that a flag raising will take place at the Alberni Harbour Quay at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

2. Alberni Valley Bear Smart Committee

At the request of Council, Crystal McMillan of the Alberni Valley Bear Smart Committee, provided an update on the Committee's educational initiatives.

3. Tracy Smyth

Tracy Smyth from "Make Children First Network" presented Council with their 2009 Port Alberni Family Calendar noting they are available at Echo Centre and the Health Unit.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. FCM Marketplace

Whiteman/Mealey

That the e-mail dated November 6, 2008 from the FCM Marketplace advising of a report called "What Sport Can Do: The True Sport Report" and inviting Council to declare Port Alberni a True Sport Community, joining other communities actively working to ensure the sport we have is the sport Canadians want, be received.

Carried

2. Kin Canada

Chopra/McLeman

That the letter dated October 28, 2008 from Kin Canada advising of their role in Canadian Society which is fund-raising for worthy causes, and asking for support by way of placing a "Message of Support" ad in their "KIN Magazine", be received.

Carried

3. Pamela Day

McLeman/Mealey

That the e-mail dated November 12, 2008 from Pamela Day requesting more environmentally and neighbour friendly solution than planting grass on new City boulevards dated November 12, 2008, be received and referred to the Director of Parks and Recreation for consideration.

Carried

4. Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA)

Chopra/Solda

That Councillor John Douglas be authorized attendance at the Association of Vancouver Island Communities (AVICC) Seminar in Parksville for newly elected and returning elected officials, January 28 to 30, 2009, and other Councillors wishing to attend to advise the Administrative Assistant/ Deputy City Clerk.

Carried

5. The Ink Spot

Chopra/McLeman

That the fax dated November 18, 2008 from The Ink Spot advising they have competitively-priced imaging supplies for printers and fax machines and requesting an opportunity to quote on the City's inks and toners, be received and forwarded to the Manager of Information Technology for future consideration.

Carried

6. Correspondence received regarding the site for the new High School

Mealey/Whiteman

That the correspondence regarding the site for the new High School from Richard Berg dated November 10, 2008, Charlene Yeo dated November 7, 2008, Carolyn Jasken dated November 10, 2008 and Danny Jones/Residents of Echo Woods received November 19, 2008, be received and forwarded to School District No. 70 (Alberni).

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

Letter dated November 6, 2008 regarding the Kakawis Family Development Centre project to convert the Beaver Creek Elementary School into a treatment centre.

2. Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot

Providing a one page brief highlighting their primary activities over the past month.

3. Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics

Letter received November 7, 2008 regarding the BC Explorer program and enclosing a DVD featuring video segments of our community for use in promoting marketing, tourism and economic development.

4. Charlie Wyse, MLA (Cariboo South) - Legislative Assembly

Copy of a letter to the Ministers of Community Development and Small Business and Revenue dated November 12, 2008 expressing concerns regarding the property assessment freeze at 2007 levels.

5. **Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for BC Assessment**
Letter dated November 5, 2008 providing further information regarding the Premier's announcement that property assessments will be frozen at their July 1, 2007 levels and advising BC Assessment will be working closely with staff to address any questions.
6. **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**
Fax dated November 19, 2008 advising of the positions taken by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) regarding the one-year freeze on property assessment values.
7. **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
E-mail dated November 13, 2008 providing a News Release regarding new physicians welcomed to the Parksville/Qualicum area.
8. **Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)**
E-mail dated November 14, 2008 providing a News Release recognizing World Diabetes Day by celebrating the one year anniversary of the Diabetes Monitoring Program at West Coast General Hospital in Port Alberni.
9. **Minister of Children and Family Development**
Letter dated November 7, 2008 advising the Ministry is working to enhance awareness for "Adoption Awareness Month" in British Columbia; providing Adoption Contacts and a Fact Sheet.
10. **Minister of Healthy Living and Sport Seniors' Healthy Living Secretariat**
Message from the Minister of Healthy Living and Sport Seniors' Healthy Living Secretariat providing a copy of the recently released "Seniors in British Columbia", the Province's action plan to support seniors in living healthy, active and independent lives.
11. **Minister of Technology, Trade and Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative**
Letter dated November 18, 2008 responding to the Mayor's letter dated October 1, 2008 regarding Council's concerns about the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

Mealey/Patterson

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

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. KUU-US Crisis Line Society

(from the November 10, 2008 Regular Council Meeting)

Solda/Chopra

That the matter be lifted from the table.

Carried

Solda/Mealey

That the letter from the KUU-US Crisis Line Society requesting sponsorship in the amount of a registration fee of \$100; Christmas tree lights and decorations for its fundraiser the "Festival of Trees", for a tree that will be donated to a family for Christmas, be received and Council participate at no cost to the City.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. City Planner - Zoning Amendment Applications - Sunrise Estates Mobile Home Park

Mealey/Patterson

That the report from the City Planner dated November 19, 2008 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni give final adoption to "Zoning Amendment No. 60 (5700 Pierce Road and 5578 Beaver Creek Road - Venier), Bylaw No. 4617" and "Zoning Text Amendment No. 23 (Mobile Home Side yard Setback - Venier), Bylaw No. 4618".

Carried

2. "Zoning Amendment No. 60 (5700 Pierce Road and 5578 Beaver Creek Road - Venier), Bylaw No. 4617"

Mealey/Solda

That "Zoning Amendment No. 60 (5700 Pierce Road and 5578 Beaver Creek Road - Venier), Bylaw No. 4617" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4617.

Carried

3. "Zoning Text Amendment No. 23 (Mobile Home Side yard Setback - Venier), Bylaw No. 4618"

Mealey/Chopra

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. 23 (Mobile Home Side yard Setback - Venier), Bylaw No. 4618" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4618.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 24, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 103111 to 103291 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$812,373.01 be approved.

Carried

2. City Manager - Information Update on Council/Board Orientation Session

Chopra/Solda

That the report dated November 19, 2008 from the City Manager be received and all Councillors be encouraged to attend the joint workshop on "Building Better Decision-Making Bodies" and "Effective Governance for New Councils" on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at Echo Centre from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Carried

3. Director of Parks and Recreation - Update on UBCM Tourism Grant Funding for Banners

Whiteman/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the application to the UBCM Community Tourism Program in the amount of \$54,531 and accept the terms and conditions of the program.

Carried

3.1 Economic Development Manager - Coordinator for Cruise Ship Shore Excursion Packages

Whiteman/Mealey

That the report dated November 24, 2008 from the Economic Development Manager requesting Council's approval for releasing funds from the Economic Development Manager's contract services fund for hiring a coordinator to ensure quantity and quality of cruise ship excursion packages, be tabled in order that further information be obtained from Port Alberni Port Authority regarding their negotiations with the CBSA.

Carried

Staff was directed to invite the CEO of the Port Alberni Port Authority to the next Regular Council Meeting.

4. Current Status Report

Chopra/Mealey

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

5. Mayor's Report

Mealey/McLeman

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

6. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

Chopra/Mealey

That the Manager of Human Resources verbal report be received.

Carried

7. 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

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

9. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/Mealey

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

Carried

10. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report

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

Whiteman/Mealey

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

Carried

Whiteman/Mealey

That the monthly report from the Economic Development Manager providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Neil Anderson asked why consideration was not made by Council to put the issue of the new high school location to the people of Port Alberni.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Mealey

That the meeting adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk