

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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)

Patterson/Solda

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items C.2 Debbie and Junior Molloy, C.3 Brandon Dubrick, E.2.1 Jeff Bray, E.8 Dylan Green, Tofino Bus, I.3.1 Museum Director, UBCM Community Tourist Program and F.20 Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/White

That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held October 13, 2009, be approved as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Donna Brett, Chair, Olympic Torch Relay Committee

Donna Brett provided information regarding Olympic Torch Relay celebrations taking place in the community on November 1st. She was assisted by Committee members that discussed the route, the planned celebrations and organization of the event.

2. Debbie & Junior Molloy

Debbie and Junior Molloy did not attend the meeting, however they did provide information regarding Manufactured Home Park redevelopment and tenant assistance as a late item which was referred to Item G.1.

3. Brandon Dubrick

A grade ten student of ADSS, Brandon spoke of the problem of graffiti in the community. He asked Council to consider establishing a graffiti wall. Council referred this suggestion for consideration during the budget process.

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. City of Richmond

Whiteman/Chopra

That the letter from the City of Richmond dated October 8, 2009, inviting local governments to participate in the live-celebration site of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, be received and forwarded to Alberni Valley Tourism for consideration.

Carried

2. Jim Blundell, VP/General Manager, /A/ Vancouver Island and Jeff Bray, Shaw Communications

Chopra/Patterson

That the email from Jim Blundell dated October 14, 2009 requesting a letter supporting local TV news and the email from Jeff Bray dated October 26, 2009 expressing opposition to the broadcasters position, be received with no further action

Carried

3. Keira-mai Street

Solda/Chopra

That the letter from Keira-mai Street dated September 16, suggesting better education programs and support of the Adaps-Alberni Drug and Alcohol Services and requesting Council's opinion and ideas regarding the issue, be received and forwarded to the Port Alberni Youth Council.

Carried

4. Recycling Council of British Columbia

McLeman/Douglas

That the letter from Recycling Council of British Columbia dated October 13, 2009 providing a Recycling Council BC Membership Form for 2010, be received and forwarded to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District.

Carried

5. Sandy McPherson

Whiteman/Douglas

That the letter from Sandy McPherson dated October 15, 2009 regarding the Mayor's trip to Greece be received and Mr. McPherson be provided an explanation of the benefits of the trip and the logistics of the Mayor's involvement.

Carried

6. Carol Johnston

Whiteman/Patterson

That the letter from Carol Johnston dated October 16, 2009 requesting that the Blair Park Washrooms remain open, be referred to upcoming budget considerations.

Carried

7. Bernadette Wyton, Air Quality Council

Douglas/Solda

That the letter from Bernadette Wyton, Air Quality Council, dated October 8, 2009 advising of funding for a woodstove exchange program, be received and the Air Quality Council be thanked for their efforts.

Carried

8. Dylan Green, Tofino Bus

Mr. Dylan Green, Tofino Bus, was in attendance. He explained to Council that he is forced to reduce his scheduled bus service between Port Alberni and Nanaimo from three trips to two on account of reductions in service by Greyhound and BC Ferries. He requested Council's support for the reduction.

McLeman/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni provide a letter of support for Tofino Bus to reduce its minimum frequency from 3 to 2 daily trips between Port Alberni and Nanaimo in response to the loss of connecting services by Greyhound to Victoria and Vancouver.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Columbia Institute

Letter dated October 2, 2009 regarding the 15th Annual United Nations Climate Conference in Copenhagen and suggesting activities for local governments to generate interest in climate change issues.

2. Vancouver Island Health Authority

- News Release dated October 8, 2009 regarding seasonal flu shots for seniors.
- News Release dated October 8, 2009 announcing that VIHA has been selected as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for 2010 by Mediacorp Canada.

3. Ombudsman

Report received October 16, 2009 regarding files closed from July 1 to September 30, 2009.

4. District of Maple Ridge

Letter dated October 16, 2009 advising that the District supported Resolution B66 (Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods) at the UBCM conference and urging the Province to effect the legislation in a timely manner.

5. Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia

Letter dated October 2, 2009 providing a copy of their newsletter "Growing Tomorrow".

6. Alley Cat Allies

Letter dated September 29, 2009 providing information on their program for dealing humanely with feral cats.

7. British Columbia Trucking Association

Letter dated October 2, 2009 providing a brochure containing facts, statistics and information about the trucking industry in BC.

8. Industrial Taxation Comments

- Luc Proulx - Email dated October 9, 2009 commenting on the litigation involving Catalyst Paper Corporation and the City regarding industrial taxation.
- David Bodenbergl – Email dated October 20, 2009 commenting on property taxation.

9. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

Providing information on issues that affect municipalities.

- 10. City of Merritt**
Copy of a letter dated October 14, 2009 to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General urging review of the need to increase user fees for the Police Records Management Environment of BC (PRIME).
- 11. City of Fort St. John**
Copy of a letter dated October 16, 2009 to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General concerned about the lack of consultation with local governments on the increase in user fees for the Police Records Management Environment of BC (PRIME).
- 12. Terasen Gas**
Letter dated October 13, 2009 providing a DVD regarding Terasen's role in energy development in BC.
- 13. City of New Westminster**
Copy of a letter dated September 22, 2009 to the Minister of Community and Rural Development regarding Catalyst's petition on industrial taxation and expressing willingness to support the four communities in their legal action.
- 14. Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society**
Providing copies of letters – one from the Gaming Branch and one to the Minister of Housing and Social Development regarding loss of funding as of March 2010.
- 15. Strathcona Regional District**
Copy of a letter dated October 5, 2009 to Gilles Duceppe, MP, opposing the Canadian Coast Guard de-staffing of light stations.
- 16. Strathcona Regional District**
Copy of a letter dated September 29, 2009 to the Minister for Public Safety requesting that the Canadian Coast Guard be transferred from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to the Ministry of Public Safety.
- 17. Port Alberni International Twinning Society**
Letter dated October 15, 2009 thanking the City for the 2009 grant-in-aid.
- 18. Union of British Columbia Municipalities**

 - Release dated October 8, 2009 providing the 2009 UBCM Resolutions and Policy Disposition.
 - Memorandum dated October 9, 2009 regarding grant opportunities and upcoming deadlines.
- 19. Kama Money, ADSS Teacher**
Email dated October 21, 2009 thanking Mayor McRae, Councillor Whiteman and City Clerk, Russell Dyson for meeting with students for a dialogue session on October 20, 2009.

- 20. Vancouver Island Health Authority**
News release dated October 23, 2009 providing a schedule of H1N1 vaccine clinics.

Solda/Whiteman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni write a letter to Minister Coleman, Ministry of Housing and Social Development, to express their objection regarding the loss of gaming funding for the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society.

Carried

Patterson/Solda

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 20, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy**
(from October 13, 2009 Council Meeting)

Chopra/McLeman

That the discussion regarding the Draft Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy be lifted from the table.

Carried

Solda/Douglas

That Council for the City of Port Alberni adopt the Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy as proposed in Option A of the City Planner's October 6th, 2009 report.

McLeman/Chopra

That the motion be amended to include policy 3.5 from Option B of the City Planner's October 6, 2009 report.

Solda/Patterson

That the discussion regarding the Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policy be tabled.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. "Commercial Vehicle Licencing Repeal Bylaw, No. 4736"

Solda/Chopra

That "Commercial Vehicle Licencing Repeal Bylaw, No. 4736", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4736.

Carried

2. "Zoning Amendment No. 77 (3959 Compton Road - Basra), Bylaw No. 4730"

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 77 (3959 Compton Road - Basra), Bylaw No. 4730", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4730.

Carried

Councillor McLeman stated he was a close neighbour to the property subject to Item H.3 and would remove himself from consideration of this item on account of the perceived bias. He left the meeting at approximately 8:12 pm.

3. City Planner - Advisory Planning Commission

Solda/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with an amendment to Schedule A of the Zoning Bylaw to rezone 4003 Johnston Road from R1 – Single Family Residential to C6 – Transitional Office Commercial District with the following conditions required before the Public Hearing:

- a) Application to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for an Access Permit to determine if access will be granted from Johnston Road;*
- b) Submission of a detailed site plan including landscaping/screening, parking, access and signage;*

And the following conditions required before final adoption:

- c) Submission of a cost estimate and security for parking and the landscaping/screening based on the required plan.*

- d) *Submission of elevation plans detailing the exterior of the buildings and any intended renovations to the exterior of the building.*

Carried

4. "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735"

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735", be introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735", be read a second time.

Carried

5. City Planner – Setting a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4735

Solda/Douglas

That "Zoning Amendment No. 79 (4003 Johnston Road – Deluca), Bylaw No. 4735", be advanced to a Public Hearing on December 14, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Carried

Councillor McLeman returned to the meeting at approximately 8:22 pm.

Councillor Chopra left the meeting at approximately 8:22 pm on account of a perceived bias regarding Items H.6, H.7 and H.8.

6. City Planner – Consideration of Final Adoption of Bylaw No. 4726 and 4727

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni confirm that the conditions for final approval of Bylaws No. 4726 and No. 4727 have been met and proceed with consideration of final approval.

Carried

7. "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 5 (3778 - 15th Avenue - Rai), Bylaw No. 4726"

Solda/Douglas

That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 5 (3778 – 15th Avenue – Rai), Bylaw no. 4726", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4726.

Carried

8. "Zoning Amendment No. 75 (3778 - 15th Avenue - Rai), Bylaw No. 4727"

Solda/Douglas

That "Zoning Amendment No. 75 (3778 – 15th Avenue – Rai), Bylaw No. 4727", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4727.

Carried

Councillor Chopra returned to the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

9. City Clerk – "Business Licence Bylaw Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4737"

Chopra/Solda

That "Business Licence Bylaw Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4737", be introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Chopra/Patterson

That "Business Licence Bylaw Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4737", read a second time

Carried

Chopra/Solda

That "Business Licence Bylaw Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 4737", read a third time.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Whiteman

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated October 26, 2009 be received and the cheques numbered 107590 to 107754 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$1,310,157.11, be approved.

Carried

2. City Clerk – October 13, 2009 Public Hearing Report

Solda/Douglas

That the report of the Public Hearing held October 13, 2009 regarding “Official Community Plan Amendment No. 6 (King Street – Southside Community Church), Bylaw No. 4728”, “Zoning Amendment No. 76 (King Street – Southside Community Church), Bylaw No. 4729” and “Zoning Amendment No. 77 (3959 Compton Road – Basra), Bylaw No. 4730”, be received and filed.

Carried

3. Director of Finance – Port Alberni Transit Annual Operating Agreement, Amendment No. 1

McLeman/Douglas

That the report from the Director of Finance dated October 15, 2009 regarding amendments to the 2009/2010 Port Alberni Transit Annual Operating Agreement to reflect the expansion of Sunday bus service be received, the 2009/2010 Annual Operating Agreement – Amendment #1 for transit services in Port Alberni approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign the agreement.

Carried

3.1. Museum Director – UBCM Community Tourism Program

Patterson/Chopra

That the report from the Museum Director dated October 26, 2009 be received and Council support the application to the UBCM Community Tourism program, (Phase 1) for \$11,305.39 to assist with conservation of priority camp buildings at the McLean Mill National Historic Site and that municipal resources be applied to the management of the project.

Carried

4. Current Status Report

Chopra/Solda

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

5. Mayor's Report

Chopra/Solda

That the Mayor's report be received and Council endorse the Pulling Together letter of support as proposed by the Mayor.

Carried

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

Whiteman/Solda

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

Carried

Whiteman/Solda

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

Carried

7. 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

8. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/Chopra

That the monthly report from the Director of the Museum providing information about current departmental operations including the minutes of the October 7, 2009 Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting, be received.

Carried

9. Councillor McLeman – Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

10. Councillor Douglas – Environmental Services and Library Report

11. Councillor Chopra – General Government Services Report

Chopra/Patterson

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 NIL

L. ADJOURNMENT

McLeman/Patterson

That the meeting adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk