

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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)**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items H.1.3 - Stephen Fisher-Bradley requesting suggestions for improving the consultation process; I.5.1 - e-mail from Mrs. Pazitch regarding funding for AV Multiplex and I.6.1 - request regarding U-17 Light Upgrades at AV Multiplex.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the minutes of the Special Council Meetings held September 8 at 3:00 pm and October 14, 2008 at noon be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Alberni Valley Tourism**

Neil Malbon updated Council on the Alberni Valley Tourism's activities and the direction for next year, and also announced that Alberni Valley Tourism received the Multi-Faceted Award for its "Beartracks and Lumberjacks" advertising campaign presented at the Tourism Vancouver Island Awards in Duncan.

Carol Vincent from Redbird Communications also provided a presentation regarding their work for the coming year.

**2. Dewayne Parfitt, President, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce**

Dewayne Parfitt provided a Chamber of Commerce update, noting the Visitor Centre remains relatively busy despite recent economic challenges.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. MISTIC (Mid-Island Science, Technology & Innovation Council)**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated October 14, 2008 from MISTIC (Mid-Island Science, Technology & Innovation Council) be received and that November 3 to 7, 2008 be proclaimed as "National Technology Week" in Port Alberni.*

*Carried*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the letter received October 14, 2008 from the Mayor of Edmonton on behalf of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability inviting the Mayor to participate in the "2009 ICLEI World Congress - Connecting Leaders: Advancing Local Action for Sustainability" during June 14 to 18, 2009 in Edmonton, be received.*

*Carried*

**2. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the letter dated October 22, 2008 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) providing information on the status of negotiations regarding the renewal of the RCMP Contract; attaching a communication from the Ministry of the Attorney General titled "RCMP Contract Renewal Process Questions and Answers" and encouraging on-going participation from local governments, be received.*

*Carried*

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Western Canada Wilderness Committee**

Letter dated October 8, 2008 enclosing their publication "Grizzly Bears - A Majestic Creature Faces Extinction".

**2. Minister of Health Services**

Letter dated October 10, 2008 responding to the Mayor's letter dated September 10, 2008 regarding the desire to have the British Columbia Ambulance Service maintain a Multi-Casualty Unit resource in the Alberni Valley.

3. **Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot**  
E-mail dated October 15, 2008 providing a one page brief highlighting their primary activities over the past month.
4. **Vancouver Island Health Authority - ImmunizeBC**  
Public Service Announcement dated October 16, 2008 advising of this year's influenza vaccination clinics at health units across Vancouver Island beginning on Monday, November 3, 2008.
5. **Recycling Council of British Columbia**  
Letter received October 14, 2008 thanking Council for proclaiming October 19 to 25 as Waste Reduction Week" in Port Alberni.
6. **Port Alberni Tall Ships Society**  
2008 Festival of Sails Final Report for the American Sail Training Association.

*Mealey/Patterson  
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 6 be  
received and filed.*

*Carried*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS Nil**

**H. BYLAWS**

**1. City Clerk - Public Hearing Report - October 8 and 9, 2008**

*Mealey/Patterson  
That the Public Hearing report from October 8 and 9, 2008 be received.*

*Carried*

**1.2 City Planner - Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendments, New Secondary School and Klitsa Development**

*Mealey/Chopra  
That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 3 (New ADSS - Klitsa  
Development), 2008, Bylaw No. 4702" be now finally adopted, signed by  
the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4702.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Whiteman*

*That "Zoning Amendment No. 70 (New ADSS - Klitsa Development), 2008, Bylaw No. 4703" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4703.*

*Carried*

**1.3 Stephen Fisher-Bradley**

Stephen Fisher-Bradley urged Council to revisit their decision to adopt the new ADSS rezoning bylaws and appealed for use of plebiscites on divisive issues.

**2. "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4706"**

*Whiteman/Chopra*

*That "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2009, Bylaw No. 4706" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4706.*

*Carried*

**3. "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4707"**

*Patterson/Mealey*

*That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw 2008, Bylaw No. 4687, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4707" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4707.*

*Carried*

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated October 27, 2008 be received and the cheques numbered 102686 to 102889 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$561,768.29, be approved.*

*Carried*

Councillor Chopra left the meeting at 7:50 pm due to a conflict of interest as he is an owner of the subject property.

**2. City Planner - Development Variance Permit No. 41  
4517 Redford Street, Beckingham & Co. representing Olebar Chopra  
Enterprises Ltd. - Redford House**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the report dated October 30, 2008 from the City Planner regarding Development Variance Permit No. 41 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve Development Variance Permit No. 41 for 4517 Redford Street (Redford House).*

*Carried*

Councillor Chopra returned to the meeting at 7:52 pm.

**3. Director of Finance - BC Transit - Proposed Service Expansion  
(Sunday Service)**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That the report dated October 16, 2008 from the Director of Finance be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the provision of Sunday bus service to begin before the end of March, 2009 and direct staff to amend the 2008-2012 Financial Plan by increasing the Public Transit costs beginning with the 2009 year in the amount of \$45,000.*

*Carried*

**4. Museum Director - Donation of 1949 Crawler Tractor**

*Patterson/Chopra*

*That the report dated October 21, 2008 from the Museum Director be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni accept the donation of the 1949 International Crawler Tractor, issue a tax receipt to the donor and subsequently donate the tractor to the Industrial Heritage Society for use on heritage properties.*

*Carried*

**5. Director of Parks and Recreation - Alberni Valley Multiplex Expansion  
Design**

*Whiteman/Mealey*

*That the report dated October 22, 2008 from the Director of Parks and Recreation and e-mail from Mrs. Pazitch dated October 27, 2008, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 for the completion of design drawings and estimates for the expansion of the Alberni Valley Multiplex.*

*Carried*

**6. Director of Parks and Recreation - Harbour Quay Spirit Square Project Status Report**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the report dated October 7, 2008 from the Director of Parks and Recreation be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to submit an application form to Island Coastal Economic Trust and request matching project funding.*

*Carried*

**6.1 Director of Parks and Recreation - World U-17 Hockey Challenge - Lighting upgrades at Alberni Valley Multiplex**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the report dated October 27, 2008 from the Director of Parks and Recreation be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize an expenditure of \$45,500 to Musco Lighting for lighting improvements in the Weyerhaeuser Arena with funding from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve.*

*Carried*

**7. Current Status Report**

*Chopra/Mealey*

*That the Current Status Report be received and staff report back at the next meeting when municipal ticketing will be implemented.*

*Carried*

**8. Mayor's Report**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the Mayor's report be received.*

*Carried*

**9. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report**

*Chopra/Mealey*

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

*Carried*

**10. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report**

*McLeman/Mealey*

*That Council send a letter to Jake Van Kooten congratulating him on growing the largest pumpkin in the world to date this year.*

*Carried*

**11. Councillor Mealey - Planning, Environmental Services and Library Report**

**12. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report**

*Patterson/Whiteman*

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

*Carried*

*Patterson/Mealey*

*That the minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting held October 1, 2008, be received.*

*Carried*

**13. Councillor Solda - Health and Protective Services Report**

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

*Whiteman/Patterson*

*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*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

Jennifer Fisher-Bradley commended the City on various projects and encouraged consideration of raising the height of the plexi-glass at the Farmers' Market at the Alberni Harbour Quay to help as a wind barrier.

With respect to the uptown redevelopment, Stephen Fisher-Bradley enquired when the benches will be put back. He was advised that four sets of benches at the mid-section cross blocks will be placed on completion of the electrical work and curbing.

Larry Ransom thanked the City for moving forward on the new ADSS rezoning.

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Dennis Galloway, Dievert's Jewellers**

*McLeman/Whiteman*

*That Council send a letter to Dennis Galloway of Dievert's Jewellers thanking him for staying in business in our community.*

*Carried*

**2. Performing Arts Centre**

*Solda/McLeman*

*WHEREAS the City of Port Alberni will be providing input into the functional requirements and performance criteria as part of the design build process for School District No. 70's new Secondary School project, Council for the City of Port Alberni encourage School District No. 70 to include in the project a performing arts theatre with a minimum of 500 seats and with a capability of future expansion of 200 or more additional seats.*

*Carried*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the meeting adjourn at 8:59 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

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Clerk