

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Douglas, Councillors Chopra, Cole, Kerr, McLeman, Solda and Washington

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)

Solda/Kerr

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late item E.5, Alberni Valley Regatta Association and consideration of report I.2 during BC Transit Delegation C.2.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Kerr

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 23, 2014, be approved.

Carried

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Denis Sauve, Clegg Crescent, brought up the issue of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer working flexible hours to reflect the seasonal hours of the City. He also talked about public safety issues at the beach suggesting signage advising of hazards.

Sarah Thomas, Strathern Street, requested Council contact Island Timberlands asking that they reconsider requests to hold off on logging McLaughlin Ridge in the China Creek Watershed.

Jacques Savard, N. Crescent, stated "morality must be the foundation of legislation".

Dan Cebuliak, 4th Avenue, suggested a town hall meeting be held to discuss issues in our community including watershed, food, housing, unemployment.

C. DELEGATIONS

**1. Alberni Valley Bid Committee
2016 U-18 Female National Hockey Championship**

Councillor Cole declared a perceived conflict of interest due to his participation on the Bid Committee and left the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Miranda Vallee and Aaron Vissia updated Council on their progress to co-host the 2016 Under 18 Female National Hockey Championship in Port Alberni.

Chopra/Kerr

That the letter dated May 27, 2014 be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni provide a letter of support for the bid application as well as \$500 representing 50% of the bid application fee with monies from the 2014 Community Investment Program (CIP) or Contingency as necessary and that the Committee be required to submit a CIP application for additional funding requests.

Carried

Councillor Cole returned to the meeting at 7:24 pm.

2. BC Transit

Myrna Moore, Senior Regional Transit Planner; Johann Van Schaik, Regional Transit Manager and Doug Strobl, Manager of Sales and Revenue were in attendance to present the Port Alberni Fare Structure Review and discuss transit survey results, revenue collection and holiday service proposals.

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the implementation of Sunday service on statutory holidays (excluding Christmas) commencing Labour Day (September 1st, 2014).

Carried

Solda/Kerr

That the cost of a Seniors monthly pass be \$25 effective October 1st, 2014.

Carried

McLeman/Solda

That the presentation provided by BC Transit July 14th, 2014, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni request that BC Transit closely monitor growth in ridership and revenue and that fares be increased effective October 1st, 2014 as follows:

All cash fares - \$2.00

Regular Monthly Pass - \$48.00

Discount Monthly Pass - \$25.00

Tickets (10) - \$15.75

And further that other recommendations outlined in Option 2 of the presentation, be approved.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Alberni District Fall Fair Association

Kerr/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Alberni District Fall Fair Association to sell their car raffle tickets at the corner of Beaver Creek Road and River Road during this year's Salmon Festival event and that the request to close City streets along 10th Avenue to the Fair Grounds from 11:00 am to the conclusion of the parade on Saturday, September 6, 2014, be received and Council concur with the request subject to the City's stated road closure conditions.

Carried

2. Bill Woollam

Washington/Chopra

That the e-mail from Bill Woollam dated June 19, 2014 requesting Council pass a resolution requesting a moratorium on hydraulic fracking, be received.

Carried

3. Crystal McMillan, Bear Smart BC

McLeman/Washington

That the letter from Crystal McMillan dated July 3, 2014 requesting that the City consider erecting a welcoming sign designating the City as a "Bear Smart Community" at the entrance to Port Alberni, be received and staff be directed to meet with the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce and Bear Smart representatives to discuss the matter.

Carried

4. Alberni Valley Curling Club

Cole/Chopra

That the letter dated June 17, 2014 from the Alberni Valley Curling Club, be received and that they be encouraged to submit a CIP (Community Investment Program) application for consideration for 2015.

Carried

5. Alberni Valley Regatta Association

Solda/McLeman

That the e-mail dated July 11, 2014 from Wendy Maurice requesting the use of snow fencing, posts and parking barricades for the Regatta Revival Event at Sproat lake Provincial Park on July 10-20, 2014, be received and the request approved and that the Association be encouraged to attend the Fall Community Investment Program (CIP) Workshop should they be considering such a request for 2015.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Selina Robinson, MLA

Official Opposition Critic for Local Government

Letter dated June 23, 2014 inviting Council to meet with her and the Official Opposition during the UBCM Convention at their breakfast meeting at the Whistler Hilton on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 6:45 am.

2. Marion Ambler

E-mail dated June 22, 2014 expressing concern about the City allowing limited hunting of resident geese in the Somass Estuary and providing information on strategies and plans for goose population control.

- 3. Tsawaayuus (Rainbow Gardens), Westcoast Native Health Care Society**
Letter dated June 11, 2013 advising they cannot accommodate the request from the City's representative on the Society's Board of Directors to change the current meeting dates.
- 4. Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development**
E-mail dated June 27, 2014 providing information on the provincial Strategic Community Investment Fund and advising that Port Alberni will receive \$147,782 for a Small Community Grant and \$211,370 for Traffic Fine Revenue.
- 5. Carolyn Jasken**
E-mail dated June 28, 2014 suggesting the creation of special use or discretionary zones in certain parts of the City to encourage tourism-oriented business developments.
- 6. Marcus & Benita Schluschen**
E-mail dated June 29, 2014 expressing concerns about the health risks associated with wireless technology and providing links to videos regarding electromagnetic sensitivity.
- 7. North Island 9-1-1 Corporation**
News Release dated June 25, 2014 advising there will be a new call answering service model for North Island 911 starting in the Fall, 2014.
- 8. Catalyst Paper Corporation**
Letter dated June 26, 2014 enclosing a cheque in the amount of \$4,180,051.74 representing full payment of the 2014 municipal property taxes and advising they will continue to work constructively with Council and staff to address mutual challenges and identify opportunities.
- 9. Mayors of Tofino and Ucluelet**
Copy of a letter dated June 19, 2014 to the Minister of Health and Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizen Services regarding the need for community-specific health information.
- 10. Private Managed Forest Land Council**
News Release dated June 18, 2014 providing a link to their report on forest management activities in China Creek and Honna River watersheds.
- 11. Vancouver Island Regional Library**
Letter dated June 11, 2014 providing a copy of their 2013 Annual Report.
- 12. Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister of Agriculture**
Letter dated June 26, 2014 advising that the Province has implemented a regulatory change to exclude medical marihuana from being eligible for farm classification for property assessment and tax purposes.

13. Minister of Health

Letter dated June 30, 2014 responding to the Mayor's letter regarding a community paramedicine pilot program and providing a contact at BC Emergency Health Services and information on various local programs and initiatives focused on health and wellness

14. Glen Walushka

E-mail dated July 3, 2014 expressing his thanks to the musicians, volunteers and partners in the Quay of the Sea Music Festival and providing suggestions for more public events and festivals at the Alberni Harbour Quay Spirit Square.

15. Geoff Bowering

Copy of an e-mail dated July 7, 2014 to Cal Davies of the Alberni Valley Minor Softball Association congratulating him on an extremely well run 2014 U16 "C" Girls Softball Championships and expressing his appreciation to the players, volunteers and City staff who maintained the ballfields during inclement weather.

Chopra/Solda

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 15 be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

H. BYLAWS

1. "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 4849"

Solda/Chopra

That "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 4849", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4849.

Carried

2. "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2014, Bylaw No. 4850"

Solda/Cole

That "Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges 2014, Bylaw No. 4850", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4850.

Carried

3. City Planner - Zoning Amendment Application, 3960 Johnston Road

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni rescind "Zoning Amendment No. 2 (3960 Johnston Road - Jaworski), Bylaw No. 4841" and "Zoning Amendment No. T1 (3960 Johnston Road - Jaworski), Bylaw No. 4842" and close the file.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Washington

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated July 14, 2014 be received and the cheques numbered 127668 to 127901 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$772,472.85, be approved.

Carried

2. Director of Finance - Fare Review (item considered part of C.2).

3. City Manager - Annual Report

Kerr/Chopra

That the 2013 Annual Report be received, made available for public inspection immediately and that public questions, comments and formal approval be considered at the Annual Meeting to be held on July 28, 2014 as part of the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. City Engineer - Active Transportation Plan

The Active Transportation Plan Final Report was provided by the City Engineer for review with formal adoption to be considered at the July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

5. Alberni Valley Curling Club - Lease Agreement

Washington/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with the renewal of the lease with the Alberni Valley Curling Club for the portion of the Old Arena to use for curling, for a five year term at a rate of \$1.00 per year, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the required lease document.

Carried

6. City Manager - Community Forest Legacy Committee Establishment

McLeman/Kerr

That the informational report from the City Manager dated June 25, 2014 regarding the "Community Forest Legacy Committee" to make recommendations about the use of funds arising from the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation, be received.

Carried

7. Director of Parks and Recreation - Name that Beach Contest Results

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni officially name Lot C at the former plywood site as "Canal Beach"; and direct staff to prepare appropriate commemorative signage for the sign name.

Carried

8. City Planner - Secondary Suites

Kerr/Solda

That the report dated July 8, 2014 from the City Planner, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni direct staff to implement recognition of existing secondary suites through an "Authorization" process.

Carried

9. City Engineer - Contract Award - Bainbridge Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Washington/Chopra

That the report dated June 27, 2014 from the City Engineer, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni award the tender for the Bainbridge Water Treatment Plant Construction to the low bidder, Windley Contracting (2010) Ltd. for \$3,458,700 inclusive of GST with \$2 million funds provided from borrowing and the remainder from the Water Reserve Account.

Carried

10. City Planner - Keeping of Pot Bellied Pigs

Cole/Washington

That the report dated July 9, 2014 from the City Planner providing two options to consider first regarding the keeping of potbellied pigs as pets in the City of Port Alberni, be received.

Carried

11. Current Status Report

*Chopra/Solda
That the Current Status Report be received.*

Carried

Managers' Monthly Reports

12. Fire Department

*Solda/Washington
That the monthly report from the Fire Chief providing information about
current departmental operations be received.*

Carried

13. Planning Department

*McLeman/Solda
That the monthly report from the City Planner providing information about
current departmental operations be received.*

Carried

14. Engineering Department

*Chopra/Solda
That the monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about
current departmental operations be received.*

Carried

15. Alberni Valley Heritage Commission

*Kerr/Washington
That the minutes of the Alberni Valley Heritage Commission meeting held
May 7, 2014, be received.*

Carried

16. Mayor's Report

*Chopra/Solda
That the Mayor's report be received.*

Carried

17. Regional District Report (Councillors Solda/McLeman)

*Chopra/Solda
That the Regional District report be received.*

Carried

18. Councillors' Reports

*Washington/Cole
That the Councillors' reports be received.*

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD NIL

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Community Meeting

*Solda/McLeman
That the City arrange an open meeting with the community and invite the
uptown merchants; RCMP, bank managers or their representatives and
Council to discuss safety concerns in the uptown area.*

Carried

2. Garbage Bins for Johnston Road

*Solda/McLeman
That staff be directed to provide a report outlining options for new public
garbage bins for lower Johnston Road.*

Carried

3. Boulevard Mowing

*Solda/Kerr
That staff be directed to undertake a range of outreach activities, including
newspaper advertisements and a notice with the utility bill, to encourage
the public to mow the boulevard adjacent to their property in accordance
with City Bylaws.*

Carried

4. Bylaw Enforcement Files

*Solda/McLeman
That staff provide a report regarding the status of bylaw enforcement files
for the current year and past three years.*

Carried

5. Repairs and Upgrades at Harbour Quay

Solda/Cole

That lease payments received from the Port Alberni Port Authority for Lots A & B of the Plywood site be directed to a Parks and Recreation operating reserve for five years for the purpose of repairs and upgrades at Harbour Quay.

Carried

Solda/Cole

That per provisions of the City's Procedures Bylaw, the meeting continue beyond 10:00 pm.

Carried

6. Vision and Strategic Plan Input Session

Douglas/Cole

That Council for the City of Port Alberni arrange to meet in late August/early September to plan and organize a public input exercise in the early Fall to gather feedback on the City's Vision and Corporate Strategic Plan.

Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor McLeman provided a Notice of Motion regarding allocation of Community Forest Funds.

Councillor Kerr provided a Notice of Motion to request the AVICC (Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities) to provide an information session on hydraulic fracking.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chopra/Kerr

That the meeting adjourn at 10:07 pm.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor John Douglas

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk