

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014 AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**REGRETS:** Mayor Douglas

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

*Chopra/Kerr*

*That the agenda be approved as circulated with the deletion of Delegation C. 3 and addition of late item F. 6 Charlene Patterson.*

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Chopra/McLeman*

*That the minutes of the Special Meetings of Council held June 23; July 3 at 5 pm and 6 pm and Regular Council Meeting held July 14, 2014, be approved.*

*Carried*

**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

None.

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Don Jones, Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners**

*Chopra/Kerr*

*That the Auditor's Report (in regard to the 2013 Audited Financial Statements), be received.*

*Carried*

**2. Jim Sears, Chair, Alberni Valley Community Forest Corp.**

Mr. Sears introduced members of the Board in attendance and provided an overview of the Corporation's activities and initiatives in 2013 and their focus for 2014.

Mr. Sears presented cheques to the City - \$150,000 representing full repayment of the loan provided by the City at start-up of the Corporation and a dividend cheque from the Corporation amounting to \$350,000.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL**

**E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**1. Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation**

*McLeman/Cole*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni appoint Stan Kujala to replace Chris Law as a Director of the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation effective July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, representing the Sproat Lake Electoral Area as nominated by Penny Cote, ACRD Director, Area 'D'.*

*Carried*

**2. Alberni Valley Community Forest Legacy Committee**

*Kerr/McLeman*

*That the Minutes of the Alberni Valley Community Forest Legacy Committee meeting held July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, be received.*

*Carried*

*McLeman/Cole*

*That Council for City of Port Alberni concur with the request from Chris Duncan, Chair, Alberni Valley Community Forest Legacy Committee requesting in their letter dated July 17, 2014 an extension of the Terms of Reference to January, 2016 and that the format of the Committee be changed from a "Select" Committee of Council to a "Standing" Committee.*

*Carried*

**3. Mike McDowall, Maritime Discovery Centre**

*Chopra/Washington*

*That the letter dated July 16, 2014 from Mike McDowall, Summer Coordinator, Port Alberni Maritime Discovery Centre, regarding safety between Harbour Quay and the Harbour Quay Marina, be received and further reviewed.*

*Carried*

**4. Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society**

*Washington/Chopra*

*That the letter dated July 14, 2014 from the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the closure of Dunbar Street from the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 8:00 am on August 30<sup>th</sup> to 5 pm on August 31<sup>st</sup> for the Annual Antique Truck show at the Industrial Heritage Centre at 9<sup>th</sup> and Dunbar (Old Arena) and provide barricades and detour signage as requested.*

*Carried*

**5. Hans J. Hagen**

*Cole/Washington*

*That the e-mail dated July 3, 2014 from Hans J. Hagen regarding sockeye sports fishing, be received.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/McLeman*

*That Council for City of Port Alberni request the Salmon Harvest Committee's consideration of an attendee from Council.*

*Carried*

**6. Sylvia Springer**

*Washington/Kerr*

*That the e-mail dated July 19, 2014 from Sylvia Springer, on behalf of Strata Owners at Victoria Quay Condos, expressing concern about a number of issues affecting their property, be received and referred to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for action.*

*Carried*

**7. Bill Brown**

*Kerr/Washington*

*That the e-mail dated July 23, 2014 from Bill Brown requesting Council's adoption of the "Active Transportation Plan", be received with thanks.*

*Carried*

**F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. City of Prince George**

Letter dated June 26, 2014 providing their resolution to the UBCM regarding resources to support sexually exploited children and youth.

**2. Bill Woolam**

E-mail dated July 12, 2014 providing information on "induced hydraulic fracturing" or "fracking" to extract liquid natural gas.

**3. Dr. James Lunney**

Letter dated July 22, 2014 replying to the Mayor's letter dated May 21, 2014 and encouraging all municipalities to apply for funding through the appropriate channels.

**4. Pete Milliken**

Letter received July 22, 2014 concerned about the demolition and asbestos removal from the old high school on Burde Street. (Note: Letter forwarded to School District No. 70),

**5. Adam Currey**

E-mail dated July 18, 2014 commending City crews on the quick, efficient response he received to diagnose and repair a waterline leak at his property.

**6. Charlene Patterson**

Email dated July 27, 2014 advising of the cancellation of the proposed Argyle Street block closure between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues in support of the Art Rave's activities on lower Argyle and advising that music and 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday activities will still take place in Char's parking lot.

*McLeman/Chopra*

*That in regards to F.1 Council for City of Port Alberni support the City of Prince George's resolution to the UBCM regarding resources to support sexually exploited children and youth.*

*Carried*

*Chopra/Washington*  
*That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 6 be received and filed.*

*Carried*

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL**

**H. BYLAWS NIL**

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Accounts**

*Chopra/Washington*  
*That the certification of the Director of Finance dated July 28, 2014 be received and the cheques numbered 127902 to 128063 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$2,350,616.04, be approved.*

*Carried*

**2. Presentation of the Annual Report**

*McLeman/Kerr*  
*That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2013 as presented.*

*Carried*

**3. Director of Finance - 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

*Chopra/Washington*  
*That the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2013, be received.*

*Carried*

**4. Director of Finance - Statement of Financial Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

*Chopra/Washington*

*That the report dated July 18, 2014 from the Director of Finance be received, and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve all the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information, produced under the Financial Information Act for the year 2013.*

*Carried*

**5. City Planner - Advisory Planning Commission**

**Development Application: Development Variance Permit - 4910 Ian Avenue**

(Lot 2, District Lot 13, Alberni District, Plan VIP59809)  
Applicant: Piara Singh Basra

*Cole/Chopra*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni proceed with the necessary Development Variance Permit to vary Zoning Bylaw 4832 as follows:*

- a) Vary Section 5.11.2 Site Development Regulations for the Front Yard Setback by 7.5 metres to 3.66 metres, a variance of 3.84 metres;*
- b) Vary Section 5.11.2 Site Development Regulations for the Rear Yard Setback by 9 metres to 2.44 metres, a variance of 6.56 metres;*

*for the property located at 4910 Ian Avenue, and that City Council provide notice of intent to consider the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 4910 Ian Avenue.*

*Carried*

**6. City Engineer - Active Transportation Plan**

*Cole/Kerr*

*That the report dated July 23, 2014 from the City Engineer, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the City of Port Alberni "Active Transportation Plan".*

*Carried*

*Kerr/McLeman*

*That the City Planner be directed to provide information regarding options to require bike parking in all new developments.*

*Carried*

**7. Fire Chief - Wood-Burning Furnace - Request for Bylaw Amendment**

*Chopra/Kerr*

*That the report dated July 21, 2014 from the Fire Chief be received, and Council for the City of Port Alberni deny the request from Mr. Workman in his letter dated June 4, 2014, for an exception or amendment to Bylaw #4802 to accommodate installation of his wood furnace.*

*Carried*

**8. City Engineer - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Crossing**

*Cole/Washington*

*That the report dated July 22, 2014 from the City Engineer be received, and Council for the City of Port Alberni direct the Chief Election Officer to amend the non-binding public opinion question on the 2014 municipal election ballot as follows:*

*Do you support a 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge crossing over Roger Creek with funding of \$14.6 million from borrowing resulting in tax increases to the average homeowner of approximately \$160 per year for 25 years.*

*Yes/No*

*Chopra/Kerr*

*That the motion be tabled to the next regular meeting pending information on making the question binding.*

*Carried*

*McLeman/Kerr*

*That a question be included on the 2014 election ballot with regards to partnering with relevant agencies to build a cycling/walking trail across Roger Creek at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.*

*Defeated*

**9. Shaw Cablesystems Limited - Facilities Attachment Licence Agreement**

*Washington/Cole*

*That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with Shaw Cablesystems Limited for provision of Shaw's Wi-Fi services in or on City Facilities for a five year term commencing August 1, 2014.*

*Carried*

**10. City Engineer - Street Sweeper Tender Award**

*McLeman/Washington*

*That the report dated July 23, 2014 from the City Engineer, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni award the Sweeper tender to the bid from WestVac Industrial for \$218,138.00 plus applicable taxes.*

*Carried*

**11. Current Status Report**

*McLeman/Washington*

*That the Current Status Report be received.*

*Carried*

**12. Managers' Monthly Reports**

**RCMP Department**

*Kerr/Chopra*

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

*Carried*

**Parks, Recreation and Heritage**

*Cole/Kerr*

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

*Carried*

**13. Mayor's Report**

*Washington/Cole*

*That the Mayor's report be received.*

*Carried*



**14. Regional District Report (Councillors Solda/McLeman)**

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

*Carried*

**15. Councillors' Reports**

*Chopra/Kerr  
That the Councillors' reports be received.*

*Carried*

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

Jane Armstrong, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented on the defeated motion with regards to a cycling/walking trail across Roger Creek and the benefits such a bridge would bring to students being able to travel to ADSS from North Port.

Ian Thomas, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented on previous 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing referendums that have passed and equivalent monies spent on McLean Mill. He also suggested the new bridge on the Redford extension be named after Gerry Deyoung who was killed at that location.

Sarah Thomas, Strathern Street, echoed comments made by Jane Armstrong regarding a cycling/walking trail and noting the Active Transportation Plan which highlights the need for connectivity.

**K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Canal Beach**

*Solda/Chopra  
That staff be directed to provide a report regarding safety issues at Canal Beach outlining types of debris and costs for daily cleanup and further that water testing reports be provided for review.*

*Carried*

**2. Community Forest Funds**

*McLeman/Cole*

*That redemption monies of \$100,000 be joined with the dividend of \$350,000 and allocated to a Statutory Reserve Fund established for the purposes of accruing funds for a project of benefit to the Alberni Valley as recommended by the Community Forest Legacy Committee.*

*Defeated*

*Chopra/Kerr*

*That the \$350,000 dividend provided by the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation be allocated to a Statutory Reserve Fund established for the purposes of accruing funds for a project of benefit to the Alberni Valley and that the \$150,000 loan repayment be returned to General Revenue.*

*Carried*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Kerr/Cole*

*That the meeting adjourn at 9:40 pm.*

*Carried*

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Acting Mayor Cindy Solda

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Davina Hartwell, City Clerk