

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD WEDNESDAY, 11 April, 2007  
AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	L. Pepper	Mayor
	A. Bazinet	Councillor
	B. Hay	Councillor
	D. Vye	Councillor
	G. Neely	Councillor

ALSO PRESENT:	G. Morrison	Chief Administrative Officer
	D. Bondue	Port Alice Arena Society
	S. Shaw	Media
	O. Vezina	Spectator
	R. Watson	Spectator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Pepper.

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS to the Agenda – Additions** – Business Arising from Previous Minutes and Meetings #4) Heather McNeivitts, Bylaws #2 Village of Port Alice Garbage Collection Agreement Bylaw #531, 2007. Deletions – Delegations, Bernadette Chow.

**DELEGATIONS – Doug Bondue, President - Port Alice Arena Society**

Doug Bondue thanked Council for committing the tax dollars to reopen the arena during the 2006/2007 ice season. Doug presented a business summary from the Society, and a final payment of \$10,000.00 to help offset the operating cost of the compressors. The Society netted a total of \$28,800.00 from fundraising events and committed these dollars to the operating costs of the arena. Doug informed Council that the lack of decent accommodation is still a problem in Port Alice and continues to negatively impact the arena and local retailers.

Doug asked Council what is the plan for next ice season? Mayor Pepper informed Doug that, although Council would like to see the arena reopen in the fall, there will be a referendum held during this year's by-election to get the opinion of Port Alice residents on this subject. Having the arena open makes good sense to keep, and attract families to Port Alice; however the cost factor to operate it is high. As all three communities are struggling with aging facilities, and reductions in population a tri port facility may have to be considered in the not to distant future. Mayor Pepper thanked Doug for all his hard work acknowledging that his efforts went above and beyond expectations. Council will make their decision, to open the arena this fall, within the next thirty days.

**MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council**

**176/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the  
Regular Council Meeting held 28 March, 2007;  
Recreation Committee Meeting held 4 April, 2007;  
Public Works Committee Meeting held 10 April, 2007;  
be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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**BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings**

**VINSAR – Emergency Bus and Equipment at #65 Alderwood Acres**

**177/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that staff research the cost, and potential location for a storage container to house the Vancouver Island North Search and Rescue equipment currently being stored at #65 Alderwood Acres.

CARRIED

**Bike Race – 2006 Grant (Min. #155/07)**

**178/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Rumblefest Committee's request for the \$500.00 grant for the 2006 bike race, to be paid retroactively, be received and filed.

CARRIED

**Recommendations from the Recreation Committee Meeting of 4 April, 2007**

**Sports Wear Clothing Order**

**179/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisors be authorized to prepare a purchase order, up to \$2000.00, for the spring/summer Sports Wear Clothing Order.

CARRIED

**Recommendations from the Public Works Committee Meeting of 10 April, 2007.**

**Wharf Regulations Bylaw No. 529 – Signage & Notices**

**180/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer make arrangements with a licensed towing and hauling firm for the relocation of vessels, boat trailers and illegally parked vehicles, as defined under Bylaw No. 529, to the designated compound, and further that Bylaw No. 529 become enforceable on June 18, 2007 which will allow sufficient time for appropriate notification regarding the enforcement of this bylaw to go out to the public.

CARRIED

**Sale of Portable Chipper**

**181/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Village of Port Alice offer to rent the portable chipper, plus an operator, to the Regional District at a rate of \$65.00 per hour and further that the chipper not be sold at this time.

CARRIED

**Request for Proposal for Repairs to the Municipal Buildings**

**182/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that a professional roofing company be asked to provide a quote for the installation of a sloped roof, on the Community Centre, Seniors Centre and fire hall; and further that a local contractor be asked to provide a quote for the removal of the shingles, and replacement of a maintenance free (metal) roof on the Municipal Office.

CARRIED

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**Tourism Sign at Boat Launch**

**183/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the installation of the new Tourism Sign at the Boat Launch be advertised for Public Tender as soon as possible.

CARRIED

**Removal of Trees at 1005 Haida Avenue – Douglas & Bernadette Chow**

**184/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Douglas and Bernadette Chow, informing them that the large cedar tree located at the North West corner of the Village's and Chow's property, and the smaller trees that have been identified as dying, be removed. The remainder of the trees should be topped and pruned so as to provide visibility for motorists along Haida Avenue and when entering and exiting Chow's driveway. The cost for the removal of the trees shall be shared equally by the Chow's and the Village of Port Alice as the trees are situated on the property line.

CARRIED

**Heather McNevitts – Removal of Cherry Trees at 1061 Marine Drive**

**185/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Cherry Trees at 1061 Marine Drive be removed in the fall after judging for Communities in Bloom is over.

CARRIED

**Rental of Port Hardy Street Sweeper**

**186/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer ask the Fire Department if they will wash the parking lot at the Recreation Complex and the streets during their weekly practice.

CARRIED

**MINUTES from Other Organizations - Nil**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Incoming Mail Log**

**187/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period of 27 March 2007, to 10 April, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

**Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications**

**188/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Claire Trevena, MLA North Island, dated 21 March, 2007, re Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Amendment Act;
2. The City of North Vancouver, dated 27 March, 2007, re "Smoking Prohibition in Bus Shelters Bylaw, 2007, No. 7854", and "City of North Vancouver Ticket

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Information Utilization Bylaw, 1992, No. 6300, Amendment Bylaw, 2007, No. 7855 (Smoking Prohibition in Bus Shelters.)”;

3. Clair Trevena, MLA North Island, dated 29 March, 2007, re TILMA;
4. Wayne Wright, Mayor City of New Westminster, dated 30 March, 2007, re TILMA;  
be received.

CARRIED

**CUPE BC**

**189/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from CUPE B.C., dated 21 March, 2007, re TILMA Agreement be referred to the next meeting pending further research by Councillor Vye.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Chief Administrative Officer – Finance Warrant**

**190/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Finance Warrant No. 3, 2007 in the amount of \$83,536.16 be approved.

CARRIED

**Port Alice Volunteer Fire Chief - Monthly**

**191/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Port Alice Fire Chief’s Monthly Report, March, 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Recreation Complex Manager’s Report – March and Season Summary for 2007**

**192/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Recreation Complex Managers Monthly Report, March, 2007 and Season Summary for 2007, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Community Centre Supervisor’s Report – Monthly**

**193/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor’s Monthly Report, March, 2007, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Public Works Foreman’s Report – Monthly**

**194/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works Foreman’s Monthly Report, March, 2007, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

**Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2007 – 2011 Bylaw No. 532, 2007**

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**195/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that Village of Port Alice Financial Plan 2007 – 2011 Bylaw No. 532, 2007 be given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

**Motion to Amend Order of Business**

**196/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the order of business be amended to proceed to New Business items prior to reading Village of Port Alice Garbage Collection Agreement Bylaw No. 531, 2007.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**School Community Connections**

Councillor Bazinet reported that the funding applications for the School Community Connections have been advanced to the second stage and that Port Alice's proposal was accepted. Octopus Garden's Preschool and a collaboration of health services have also been accepted for schools in Port Hardy. All three proposals are fully supported by PACC, students and teachers. All three projects will undergo a viability study under the direction of a steering committee.

**Referendum – Port Alice Arena**

Councillor Bazinet suggested that an information meeting, to inform voters of the financial implications of operating an arena, be held in advance of the referendum. If an all candidates meeting is arranged this would be a good opportunity to share this information.

**Referendum – Public Forum**

**197/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a financial document that will provide the public with a clear concept of the annual operation cost of the arena, how the costs impact property taxes; and further that, this information be presented in a public forum.

CARRIED

**Port Alice Garbage Collection – R. F. P. received after the Deadline**

**198/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the sealed bid for the Port Alice Garbage Collection Contract, received on April 11, 2007 from 4B Enterprises Ltd, be returned to the sender unopened.

CARRIED

**Port Alice Garbage Collection – Request for Proposal**

**199/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Garbage Collection Contract, for the term of May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2012 be awarded to bidder number 4, namely Rod Watson, in the amount of \$5, 750.00/Month.

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Councillor Vye Against  
CARRIED

**BYLAWS – (Order of Business Amended)**

**Village of Port Alice Garbage Collection Agreement Bylaw No. 531, 2007.**  
**200/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that Village of Port Alice Garbage Collection Agreement Bylaw No. 531, 2007 be given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

**QUESTION PERIOD -**

**Sue Shaw:**

Asked Councillor Bazinet to answer additional questions about the School Community Connections sometime after the meeting.

**Adjournment**

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

Certified Correct \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.