

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, 22 August, 2007
AT 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT:	E. Watson	Administrative Assistant
	K. Cameron	PEP
	E. McMain	Media
	S. Shaw	Media

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

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS to the Agenda- Nil

DELEGATIONS –

Kevin Cameron, PEP Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness

Kevin attended the council meeting to provide an update to council on his Emergency Preparedness progress. Kevin informed the council that recently he has completed three levels of emergency management courses from the Justice Institute and was in attendance at a presentation on June 7th in Port Hardy regarding earthquake and tsunami planning. In particular, Kevin found the Seismologist's presentation extremely informative especially the fact that in our area we experience continuous seismic activity resulting in an earthquake every 10 minutes. Earthquakes are one of the main concerns for our geographic area and township along with Tsunamis, Land Slides, Forest Fires, Hazardous material accidents, Rainstorms and Gas explosions or leaks. Kevin stressed that should a major disaster happen in our community, the first priority of council should be to secure FP Foods stock as members of the public with a cash supply could quickly deplete the supplies that may need to be rationed to allow all members of the community to survive.

Kevin and Gord Ward, Public Works Foreman recently checked the emergency supplies located in the public works storage and reports that all supplies (canteens and medical supplies) are in good shape, however, noted that should the village lose water sources, we would have no way to transport fresh water to the Village. It was suggested that research be done on obtaining a portable tank that could be transported in a pick up truck for this purpose. Kevin has offered to research costs, availability and funding opportunities in regards to this task.

Kevin believes that there is a lack of public belief for emergency kit preparedness even though there are frequent reminders via media and other forms of communication channels. The public holds a false security that help will come quickly when in fact we could be faced with a wait of up to 20 days or more before help arrives in our Village if the event is major. Kevin has offered to develop a guideline of adequate supplies to be distributed amongst our residents.

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Kevin would like to organize and conduct a practice exercise with Village officials, staff and key emergency personnel from our area and is requesting a letter authorizing his request. Mayor Pepper

cautioned Kevin on the expectations of having every one available at the same time for this sort of exercise, although expressed that he believes this would be a useful assignment.

Kevin Cameron, PEP – Authorization to Organize and Conduct an Emergency Practice Exercise

412/07

It was duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Kevin Cameron authorizing him to organize and conduct an Emergency Practice Exercise with Village Officials, Staff and Key Emergency Personnel.

CARRIED

Kevin excused himself from the council meeting.

MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council

413/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held 08 August, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings - Nil

MINUTES from Other Organizations

414/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from British Columbia Municipal Safety Association, held 25 May, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Mail Log

415/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period of 08 August, 2007, to 20 August, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications

416/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Regional District of Mount Waddington, dated 26 July, 2007, re Transmission Expansion Policy, North Vancouver Island;
2. Honourable Minister Colin Hansen, dated 01 August, 2007, re TILMA;
3. Honourable Minister Kevin Falcon, dated 03 August, 2007, re copy of letter sent to Dan Boudreault, re Highway 30;
4. VIHA, dated 13 August, 2007, re VIHA's Strategic Plan: A Year of Progress;
5. Squamish – Lillooet Regional District, dated 01 August, 2007, re Fuel Management Projects;

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6. North Island Gazette, 20 August, 2007, re Fetal Alcohol Awareness Month; be received.

CARRIED

City of Terrace – 2007 UBCM Resolution – Last Chance Drugs

417/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the City of Terrace, dated 09 August, 2007, re 2007 UBCM Resolution – Last Chance Drugs be received and further that a letter supporting the Resolution be sent.

CARRIED

Ovarian Cancer Canada – Proclaiming September Ovarian Cancer Month

418/07

It was duly moved and seconded that:

WHEREAS, approximately 2,700 Canadian Women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the most serious gynaecologic cancer largely because there is no early detection test; and

WHEREAS, over 1600 Canadian women die each year of this disease and because as the symptoms are often vague, diagnosis is usually made in its later stages when a cure is less likely; and

WHEREAS, by proclaiming the month of September as **OVARIAN CANCER MONTH**, the Village of Port Alice assists the Ovarian Cancer Canada in its raising awareness about the seriousness of this women’s disease.

THEREFORE, I, Larry Pepper, Mayor of the Village of Port Alice, do hereby proclaim **the month of September 2007 as Ovarian Cancer Month** in the Village of Port Alice, and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this month.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – Lloyd Bergeson, Temporary Residency at Industrial Park

419/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Minute No. 205/07 be rescinded:

No. 205/07

“It was duly moved and seconded that an agreement between the Village of Port Alice and Lloyd Bergeson be prepared, detailing the terms and conditions for Lloyd and Theresa Bergeson to temporarily reside at Lot 2, Plan VIP 80672 DL 188&189, Rupert District, for the purpose of providing security at the Industrial Park. Council grants this permission without prejudice or precedence therefore any other requests

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to park recreation vehicles, for the purpose of providing temporary residency at the industrial park will not be granted.”

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer – Meeting with BC Hydro

420/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from the Meeting with BC Hydro be received.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer – Temporary Provision for Bins at the Recycling Bay

421/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer be granted approval to write a letter to Neucel Specialty Cellulose assuming responsibility of the donated cages for the Recycling Bay.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer – Rumble Sheet

422/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Rumble Sheet be produced as a monthly community newsletter beginning with a September supplementary issue.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer – RFP – Municipal Auditor

423/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Chief Administrative Officer be granted approval to put the 2008 Annual Audit process out to tender including all areas of Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

CARRIED

BYLAWS - Nil

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Fair - Bouncers

424/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the rental of Bouncers for the Fall Fair at a cost of \$2000.00 be approved.

CARRIED

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QUESTION PERIOD

Emma McMain – Have you heard anything on the referendum decision yet?

Mayor Pepper – No letter yet.

Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:55 to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

CARRIED

Certified Correct _____
Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Confirmed this ____ day of _____, 2007.