

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, 10 October, 2007
AT 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT:	H. McNevitts	Delegate
	S. Shaw	Media
	E. Watson	Admin. Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Mayor Pepper

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS to the Agenda- Additions: REPORTS: #6 Councillor Neely, UBCM Clinic.

DELEGATIONS – Heather McNevitts, Communities in Bloom

Heather provided council with a short overview of her experience with the Communities in Bloom program. Her initial impression of the program was to beautify the Village by planting flowers and keeping the village clean and well cared for. Heather said the judges were extremely well educated, credible people who both have a background in Municipal Government. Peter Crawhaw is the Public Works foreman for Parksville and a certified Horticulturist. Marla Olson is a retired City Clerk from Nelson and an avid gardener. They were both very impressed with our Village, the B&B that they stayed at and both stated this would be a destination that they would like to bring their families for a vacation.

The Town of Clinton, who won this years competition, has participated in this program for the last 3 years and this is the first year that they won. The judges look at all aspects of the town from heritage, environmental awareness, community and council involvement, floral designs, land use as well as various other areas of the village's infrastructure. Heather stated that she really didn't know what the programs expectations were this year although she now knows for next year.

Heather really hopes that Council will read the evaluation package that was provided in detail, even though we scored very low, it is very informative and provides many areas in which our town needs attention. Plus, it would be extremely useful should council decide to participate in the program next year. The Communities in Bloom committee is interested in participating in next years' program, with even more volunteers willing to help. Council needs to be prepared to be more involved next time around, committing to support the program is more than paying the registration fee. Clarification of Public Works involvement and expectation of participation needs to be determined to ensure that there is adequate staffing to accomplish

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this goal. This program provides a great opportunity for community involvement as well as bettering the town we live in. A decision would need to be made soon regarding next years' involvement so that preparations can be started for next season.

Mayor Pepper stated that Council is not opposed to participating again and asked when she would need a firm commitment in order to proceed with plans.

Heather stated that she would need a firm commitment by February 2008 although there are projects and town maintenance that need to addressed all year through.

Councillor Neely thanked Heather for all that she went through to participate in the Communities in Bloom program.

Mayor Pepper thanked Heather for her summary.

Heather excused herself from the meeting at 7:34 pm

MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council

483/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held 19 September, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

484/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting, held 3 October, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

485/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting, held 4 October, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

486/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Mock Emergency Exercise, held 13 September, 2007 be received and further that they be brought forward to the 2008-2012 Budget Deliberations.

BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Port Alice Curling Club – 2007/2008 Club Lease

487/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the 2007/2008 Port Alice Curling Club Lease be renewed for the period Oct 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 under the same terms and conditions as the previous lease.

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CARRIED

Job Posting for Rink Attendants

488/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to advertise for three Rink Attendants for the 2007/2008 Ice Season. Rate of pay for this position is \$8.00/hr plus 8.2% for vacation pay and payment in lieu of benefits.

CARRIED

Arena Ice Rental Rates

489/07

It was duly moved and seconded that minute No. 442/06 be rescinded and replaced as follows:

Minor Sporting Events	\$60.00/hr
Adult Sporting Events	\$120.00/hr (commercial hockey, old timers, etc)
Unorganized Events	\$90.00/hr (pond hockey, private parties, etc)
Public Skating	N/C

CARRIED

Job Posting for a third Casual Community Centre Supervisor

490/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to discuss with the union, the implications of hiring a third Casual Community Centre Supervisor.

CARRIED

Nelson Roofing – Repairs to Arena

491/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the supervisor responsible for accepting the siding job at the arena, be invited to Port Alice to inspect and approve the work before payment is made.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Boulevard Trees – Pruning October 22,23&24

492/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Davey Tree Service be hired to prune trees in the Village, with a priority placed on overgrowth at intersections, street signs and lights, roadways and other areas that present a safety concern. The Committee further recommends that, the three cherry trees on the boulevard, outside the municipal office, also be removed at this time as per min. #185/07.

CARRIED

Fall Town Clean Up – October 9,10 & 11

493/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the fall town clean up be advertised for October 9th, 10th and 11th; and further that both the tire and white goods fee apply to those property

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owners disposing of these items. If property owners wish to have these items picked up during the fall clean up the disposal fee must be prepaid.

CARRIED

Street and Traffic Signs – New Cross Walk Signs at P.A. Campground
494/07

It was duly moved and seconded if the Village is required, by Ministry Standards, to install two signs on each post at the new cross walk, that all cross walks in the village need to be signed accordingly.

CARRIED

Mobile Radios in P.W. Pick ups
495/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the radios in the public works vehicles be checked, repaired or replaced as required and further that all radios in the office be checked at the same time.

CARRIED

Wood Stave Water Tanks
496/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Village hire the services of a firm, qualified to inspect and evaluate the condition of the wooden water tank as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Community Forest – Resolution of Council
497/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Pepper approach Mayor Bood from the District of Port Hardy and Mayor Furney from the Town of Port McNeill to discuss the feasibility of sharing the wood, between the tri port communities, that has been set aside for the purpose of creating a community forest.

CARRIED

Boulevard Debris Pick up – Min. No. 465/07
498/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the new rate for equipment and operator during boulevard pick up be set as follows:

Dump Truck (7 cu yd)	\$23.05	
Operator	<u>\$34.94</u>	
Total	\$57.99	\$58.00 hr.
Back Hoe (J. Deere)	\$31.20	
Operator	<u>\$34.94</u>	
Total	\$66.14	<u>\$66.00 hr.</u> \$124.00 hr.

CARRIED

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Community Centre Supervisor – Summer Camp 2007 Financial Report

499/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor – Summer Camp 2007 Financial Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES from Other Organizations

500/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Northern Vancouver Island Trails Society, dated 19 September, 2007; Vancouver Island North Woodlands Advisory Group (WINWAG), dated 13 September, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Mail Log

501/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period of 17 September to 05 October, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications

502/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Port Alice Curling Club, dated 18 September, 2007, re 2007/2008 Lease Renewal;
2. Taylor Bradshaw, dated 19 September, 2007, re Letter of Thanks – 2007 Summer Employment;
3. Mayor Gary Korpan, City of Nanaimo, dated 17 September, 2007, re Request for Support for a second FM radio station on Vancouver Island;
4. Karen Wanders, Committee Clerk, City of Coquitlam, re Resolution of Council to Increase Minimum Wage;
5. Linda Gilmore, Ministry of Community Services, dated 27 September, 2007, re Statutory Approval for Village of Port Alice Marina Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 542, 2007 and Village of Port Alice Sewer Sludge Dewatering System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 543, 2007;
6. Charlie Wyse, MLA Cariboo South, Copy of letter to Honourable Ida Chong, dated 28 September, 2007, re TILMA; be received.

CARRIED

Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong in China

503/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong in China, dated 27 September, 2007 re Proclamation for the “October 22-28 Human Rights in China Awareness Week” be received and further that the following proclamation be proclaimed:

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Whereas, the Human Rights Torch Relay is an international campaign initiated by the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG) to draw attention to China's appalling human rights situation and to press for change;

Whereas, CIPFG is sponsoring community events during the week of October 20-27, 2007 that will feature walking, running, singing, along with speeches by concerned individuals and groups;

Whereas, the Human Rights Torch Relay has been well received in Europe by citizens and athletes since it was launched in Athens, Greece on August 9, 2007;

Whereas, the Human Rights Torch Relay is anticipated to be in Canada in late April/May 2008;

Whereas, the U.S. State Department said in its 2007 annual report on religious freedom that China continues to repress Christians, Tibetan Buddhists, Muslim Uyghurs while the Falun Gong continued to face arrest, detention, and imprisonment, and there were credible reports of deaths due to torture and abuse....and the report also notes an apparent crackdown by the Chinese regime ahead of the 2008 Beijing Olympics;

Whereas, the Chinese regime illegally harvests bodily organs for sale from prisoners of conscience without consent;

Whereas, the Chinese regime has ignored a request made by CIPFG on June 8, 2007 to improve human rights in China, namely to:

- Stop the persecution of Falun Gong immediately and release all practitioners incarcerated for their faith;
- Stop the persecution of friends, supporters and defense lawyers of Falun Gong practitioners;
- Hold discussions with CIPFG to arrange details on the opening up of labour camps, prisons, hospitals and related secretive facilities for inspection by CIPFG independent investigators;

Whereas, the CIPFG Human Rights Torch Relay support group is dedicated to righting these wrongs, ending human rights abuse in China and preserving the true Olympic spirit through this effort.

Therefore, the Village of Port Alice do hereby proclaim the week of October 22-28, 2007 as "Human Rights in China Awareness Week"

CARRIED

REPORTS

**Councillor Vye: U.B.C.M. Conference Sept 24-28th:
504/07**

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Vye's U.B.C.M. Conference Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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Chief Administrative Officer – Finance Warrant #9, 2007

505/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Finance Warrant #9, 2007, in the amount of \$95,127.87 be approved.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer – New Computers

506/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to purchase new computers for the office in the amount of \$6,654.00 before taxes; and components required to refurbish the newest office computer system for the Fire Department in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer – Payroll Training

507/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to proceed with payroll training for the amount of \$5150.00.

CARRIED

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department – Monthly Report

508/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report for September be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department – Proposal for New Equipment

509/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Proposal to purchase new equipment in the amount of \$2790.95 (including taxes) be approved.

CARRIED

Public Works – Monthly Report

510/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works Monthly Report for September be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Community Centre Supervisor – Monthly Report

511/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor Report for September be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Community Centre Supervisor – Labour Day 2007 Financial Report

512/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor Report for September be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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Councillor Neely – U.B.C.M. Clinic Report

513/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Report from Councillor Neely regarding the U.B.C.M. Convention be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

BYLAWS - Nil

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Lloyd – Summer Student Hiring Policy

Councillor Lloyd requested information regarding the policy on hiring summer students.

Mayor Pepper informed Councillor Lloyd that the policy on hiring summer students is still in effect.

QUESTION PERIOD

Sue Shaw - What was the resolution in regards to the Community Forest?

Larry Pepper - The Mayors from Port Hardy, Port McNeill and Port Alice are working together on an application for Community Forest.

Sue Shaw - The Communities in Bloom report mentioned corporate involvement

Councillor Vye – Suggested asking corporations if they would like a copy of the report so they can understand what is expected.

Communities in Bloom Report – Refer to Committee

514/07

It is duly moved and seconded that the Communities in Bloom Report be referred to the C.I.B. Committee to review further distribution.

CARRIED

Councillor Lloyd suggested that WFP and Neucel be invited to participate.

Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

CARRIED

Certified Correct _____
Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Confirmed this ____ day of _____, 2007.