

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2003 at 7:00 pm
in the City Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT:

A. MINUTES

- A. 1. Adoption of Agenda That the agenda be adopted as presented.
- A. 2. Adoption of Minutes That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 27, 2003 and of the Special Meetings held January 27 and February 3, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

B. DELEGATIONS

- B. 1. Recognition of Champions (CM) Recognizing champions from softball.
- B. 2. Douglas Dicy - Peacekeeping Medal (KM) Presentation on behalf of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson of the Canadian Peacekeeping Medal to Douglas Dicy for peacekeeping service in Cyprus.
- B. 3. Dewayne Parfitt, President, Port Alberni 2004 Winter Games (CM) Dewayne Parfitt, President, Port Alberni Winter Games, making a presentation providing an update of the Port Alberni 2004 Winter Games.
- B. 4. Richard Berg - McLean Mill budget and possible Zellers relocation Richard Berg of 3077 9th Avenue will address Council with his concerns about the McLean Mill budget and the possible relocation of Zellers.

- B. 5. Jamie Morton, Chair, Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission - "Heritage Week" (IP) Jamie Morton, Chair, Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission to address Council to ask that February 17 to 22, 2003 be proclaimed as "Heritage Week" in Port Alberni.
- B. 6. Jack Thornburgh, Council of Canadians - Coalition for Sustainable Forest Solutions (AL) Jack Thornburgh, Council of Canadians wishing to provide information to City Council on the Coalition for Sustainable Forest Solutions and their upcoming meeting at the Barclay Hotel in Port Alberni on February 12, 2003 from 7 to 9 pm, and proposing an alternative citizens' forest policy called "The Forest Solutions for Sustainable Communities Act".

C. CORRESPONDENCE

C. (i) PROCLAMATIONS

- C. (i) 1. Jamie Morton, Chair, Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission - "Heritage Week" (IP) Jamie Morton, Chair, Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission submitting a letter dated January 27, 2003 requesting that February 17 to 22, 2003 be proclaimed as "Heritage Week" in Port Alberni.
- C. (i) 2. Pitch-In British Columbia - 2003 Campaign (LP) Pitch-In British Columbia submitting a letter received January 24, 2003 inviting the City to participate in its 2003 campaign and inviting the City to become a "Partner in 2003 Pitch-In Canada Week" - April 21 to 27, 2003.
- C. (i) 3. Vancouver Island Regional Library - "Freedom to Read Week" (IP) Vancouver Island Regional Library submitting a letter dated January 30, 2003 requesting that February 23 to March 1, 2003 be proclaimed as "Freedom to Read Week" in Port Alberni.

C. (ii) CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- C. (ii) 1. Phil Edgell - Phil Edgell, representing the Somass Estuary Management Plan Committee, submitting a letter dated January 27, 2003 requesting a financial contribution to its development in a Management Plan to guide the conservation and management of the remaining undisturbed areas in the Somass Estuary. *(Please see City Engineer's report attached).*
requesting financial assistance to Management Plan - Somass Estuary
(AL)
- C. (ii) 2. Teen Town Reunion 2003 - Teen Town Reunion 2003 Committee submitting a letter dated January 24, 2003 requesting a grant (approximately \$2000) to cover costs related to the Weyerhaeuser Arena glass removal for its reunion dance on May 31, 2003. *(Please see the City Clerk's memo dated February 4, 2003 regarding the status of the grants-in-aid).*
grant for costs related to Weyerhaeuser Arena glass removal
(HC)
- C. (ii) 3. Minister of Sustainable Resource Management - The Minister of Sustainable Resource Management providing a letter dated January 22, 2003 and attaching a Discussion Paper entitled "A Working Forest for British Columbia" and inviting Council's comments on the initiative. *(Staff propose that Council establish a joint City/Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District committee to review the Paper and recommend comment).*
A Working Forest for British Columbia
(AL)
- C. (ii) 4. Alberni Valley Futures Council - Appointments Committee Theresa Kingston, Appointments Committee Member of the Alberni Valley Futures Council, submitting a letter dated February 3, 2003 requesting an appointment from Council to the Alberni Valley Futures Council Appointment Committee.
(KM)
- C. (ii) 5. Ken Dornian - Ken Dornian submitting an e-mail dated February 4, 2003 requesting that a wood-burning ban be observed in Port Alberni. *(It is proposed that Council refer this to staff to provide a report on this matter).*
wood-burning ban
(CS)

- C. (ii) 6. The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver - Peaceful Resolution to the Threat of War with Iraq
- The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver submitting an e-mail dated February 6, 2003 to all members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities providing a peaceful resolution to the threat of war with Iraq, and urging the Government of Canada to make all possible efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution to this situation.
- C. (ii) 7. Cowichan Valley Intercultural & Immigration Aid Society - Exploring a World of Differences Inclusive Leadership Conference (CM)
- Cowichan Valley Intercultural & Immigration Aid Society submitting a letter dated February 3, 2003 requesting if the City of Port Alberni could contribute \$500 to sponsor two delegates from Port Alberni to attend "Exploring a World of Differences Inclusive Leadership Conference" for youth and adults March 16 to 19, 2003 at the Cowichan Lake Education Centre.
- C. (ii) 8. Irene Towell, SPCA - request for computer (CS)
- Irene Towell, Port Alberni SPCA, submitting a fax requesting a donation of one of the City's computers.

C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- C. (iii) 1. City of Cranbrook - BC Transit Funding and Service Strategy Review
- The Mayor of the City of Cranbrook providing a copy of a letter sent to the Chair of the Board of Directors of BC Transit dated January 30, 2003 and advising of two resolutions that were passed at its Council meeting that it not endorse formally amending the current *BC Transit Act* Regulation to allow local governments to fund a higher share of transit costs and that a dedicated percentage of the current Provincial fuel Tax be considered to secure BC Transit funding and the current funding formula and governance model be maintained.
- C. (iii) 2. Resort Municipality of Whistler - BC Transit Funding and Service Strategy Review
- The General Manager of Engineering and Public Works of the Resort Municipality of Whistler providing a copy of a letter sent to the BC Transit Board of Directors dated January 27, 2003 regarding a proposed funding freeze and potential changes to the current provincial funding formula for transit service, and advising that Whistler Council passed a resolution opposing the proposed changes to the *BC Transit Act* and has asked the UBCM to support a provincial-wide lobby against the proposed changes.

- C. (iii) 3. Ombudsman - budget cutbacks The Ombudsman of the Legislative Assembly submitting a letter dated January 20, 2003 advising that due to provincial budget reductions, the Ombudsman will not be investigating new complaints regarding Local Governments and related Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Professional and Occupational Colleges, Associations and Societies, effective January 1, 2003.
- C. (iii) 4. Allan Bayne - possible Zellers relocation Allan Bayne submitting a letter dated January 27, 2003 concerned about the possible relocation of Zellers.
- C. (iii) 5. Minister of Finance - softwood lumber, "pension-bridging assistance" The Minister of Finance submitting a letter dated January 21, 2003 responding to a letter from the Mayor regarding support for the softwood lumber industry, specifically the notion of "pension-bridging assistance".
- C. (iii) 6. Honours and Awards Secretariat - Order of British Columbia Call for Nominations (HC) A letter from the Honours and Awards Secretariat dated January 31, 2003 calling for nominations for the Order of British Columbia, the Province's highest award for excellence and outstanding achievement. (*Deadline for receipt of completed nominations is March 10, 2003*).

D. BYLAWS

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- E. 1. Abbeyfield Society - Long Term Lease (HC) That the report from the City Manager dated February 5, 2003 recommending:

"That under the authority of Section 176(1)(d) of the *Local Government Act*, the City of Port Alberni enter into a lease agreement with the Abbeyfield Houses Alberni Valley Society for Lots 2 and 3, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan VIP 74744 for a 33 year term commencing on January 1, 2003 and ending on December 31, 2035 for a total rent of \$1.00 and that the said lease agreement be approved, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal."

be received.
- E. 2. Sukhbir S. Hundal - recycling depot (AL) (*from Jan. 13/03 mtg.*) That the report from the City Engineer dated February 6, 2003 outlining the costs of paving the Sunbird recycling compound as requested by Mr. Hundal be received and Council concur with the recommendation to schedule the work in 2003.

- F. 8. Lease Agreement - Shop #15 - Alberni Harbour Quay (Don Martin) (HC) That, under the authority of Section 176 (1) (d) of the *Local Government Act*, the City of Port Alberni enter into a lease agreement with Don Martin, as outlined in the City Clerk's report dated February 4, 2003, for Shop #15, 5440 Argyle Street (Alberni Harbour Quay), for a three year term commencing on May 1, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2006 for a total rent of \$1,081.67 per month, and the lease agreement prepared by staff be approved, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.
- F. 9. City Manager - Proposed New FM Station for Port Alberni (HC) That the report from the City Manager dated February 3, 2003 recommending that Council pass a resolution to formally receive an application from Mr. Russ Wagg for a low power FM station in Port Alberni, be received.
- F. 10. City Manager - Telus Mobility Mike Phones (HC) That the report from the City Manager dated February 6, 2003 responding to two items of correspondence regarding the City purchasing Telus Mobility Mike Phones, be received and the recommendation that we do not cancel the Telus Mobility service agreement into which we have just entered for the supply of 36 Mike system phones, and also that at the expiry of the current three year agreement (or at the possible earlier replacement of the Mike system with new technology if applicable) we call for proposals for the renewal of the system so that such proposals may be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria of the City's Purchasing policy.
- F. 11. City Engineer - China Creek Water (AL) That the report from the City Engineer dated February 6, 2003 regarding the China Creek Hydro Electric Project Update be received.
- F. 12. Mayor's Report
- F. 13. Councillors' Reports
- G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**
- H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**
- I. ADJOURNMENT**

That the meeting terminate at pm.

Mayor to ask: Are there any questions from the news media?