

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, Lord, Mealey, Patterson, Price, and Solda.

A minute's silence was given in honour of the life of Dr. Garnet Reynolds.

**A.        MINUTES**

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| A. 1. | Adoption of<br>Agenda  | Mealey/Lord<br>That the agenda be adopted as presented.  | Carried |
| A. 2. | Adoption of<br>Minutes | Mealey/Lord<br>That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held<br>January 27, 2003 and of the Special Meetings held<br>January 27 and February 3, 2003 be adopted as<br>circulated. | Carried |

**B.        DELEGATIONS**

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| B. 1. | Recognition of<br>Champions   | The Mayor and Council recognized champions in slo<br>pitch.  |  |
| B. 2. | Douglas Dicy -<br>Peacekeeping<br>Medal   | The Mayor made a presentation on behalf of Her<br>Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson of<br>the Canadian Peacekeeping Medal to Douglas Dicy<br>for peacekeeping service in Cyprus. |  |
| B. 3. | Dewayne Parfitt,<br>President, Port<br>Alberni 2004<br>Winter Games                                 | Dewayne Parfitt, President, Port Alberni Winter<br>Games, made a presentation providing an update of<br>the Port Alberni 2004 Winter Games.  |  |
| B. 4. | Richard Berg -<br>McLean Mill<br>budget and<br>possible Zellers<br>relocation                       | Richard Berg of 3077 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue addressed Council<br>with his concerns about the McLean Mill budget and<br>the possible relocation of Zellers.                                       |  |
| B. 5. | Jamie Morton,<br>Chair, Alberni<br>Valley Museum<br>and Heritage<br>Commission -<br>"Heritage Week" | Jamie Morton, Chair, Alberni Valley Museum and<br>Heritage Commission addressed Council asking that<br>February 17 to 22, 2003 be proclaimed as "Heritage<br>Week" in Port Alberni.              |  |

- B. 6. Jack Thornburgh, Council of Canadians - Coalition for Sustainable Forest Solutions Jack Thornburgh, Council of Canadians provided 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 proposed 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" Patterson/Lord  
That the letter from Jamie Morton, Chair, Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission dated January 27, 2003 requesting that February 17 to 22, 2003 be proclaimed as "Heritage Week" in Port Alberni, be received and the request approved. Carried
- C. (i) 2. Pitch-In British Columbia - 2003 Campaign Patterson/Lord  
That the letter from Pitch-In British Columbia 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 be received, the request approved and the City purchase the \$25 package of resources. Carried
- C. (i) 3. Vancouver Island Regional Library - "Freedom to Read Week" Patterson/Mealey  
That the letter from the Vancouver Island Regional Library dated January 30, 2003 requesting that February 23 to March 1, 2003 be proclaimed as "Freedom to Read Week" in Port Alberni be received and the request approved. Carried

**C. (ii) CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

- C. (ii) 1. Phil Edgell - requesting financial assistance to Management Plan - Somass Estuary Lord/Solda  
That the letter from Phil Edgell, representing the Somass Estuary Management Plan Committee, dated January 27, 2003 requesting a financial contribution to its development of a Management Plan to guide the conservation and management of the remaining undisturbed areas in the Somass Estuary, along with the City Engineer's memo dated February 6, 2003 recommending that the City assist with funding of this Plan in the amount of \$2,000, be received and the recommendation approved. Carried

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| C. (ii) 2. | Teen Town Reunion 2003 - grant for costs related to Weyerhaeuser Arena glass removal | Chopra/Mealey<br>That the letter from the Teen Town Reunion 2003 Committee dated January 24, 2003 requesting a grant to cover costs related to the Weyerhaeuser Arena glass removal for its reunion dance on May 31, 2003, along with the City Clerk's memo dated February 5, 2003 regarding the status of the grants-in-aid and recommending that Council deny the request for 2003 and advise the Teen Town organizers to submit a request in September when Council considers grants-in-aid requests for the subsequent year, be received and the recommendation to deny the request, approved. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 3. | Minister of Sustainable Resource Management - A Working Forest for British Columbia  | Lord/Mealey<br>That the letter from the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management dated January 22, 2003 and attaching a Discussion Paper entitled "A Working Forest for British Columbia" and inviting Council's comments on the initiative be received and the recommendation from staff that Council establish a joint City/Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District committee to review the Paper and recommend comment, be received and Council concur with the recommendation.  | Carried |
| C. (ii) 4. | Alberni Valley Futures Council - Appointments Committee                              | Chopra/Mealey<br>That the letter from Theresa Kingston, Appointments Committee Member of the Alberni Valley Futures Council dated February 3, 2003 requesting an appointment from Council to the Alberni Valley Futures Council Appointment Committee be received, and Councillor Lyle Price be appointed on behalf of the City.   | Carried |
| C. (ii) 5. | Ken Dornian - wood-burning ban   | Solda/Patterson<br>That the e-mail from Ken Dornian dated February 4, 2003 requesting that a wood-burning ban be observed in Port Alberni be tabled and the matter be referred to staff to provide a report on the matter.   | Carried |

- C. (ii) 6. The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver - Peaceful Resolution to the Threat of War with Iraq  
Chopra/Mealey  
That the e-mail from The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver 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, be received and Council endorse the resolution. Carried
- C. (ii) 7. Cowichan Valley Intercultural & Immigration Aid Society - Exploring a World of Differences Inclusive Leadership Conference  
Chopra/Mealey  
That the letter from the Cowichan Valley Intercultural & Immigration Aid Society dated February 3, 2003 requesting that the City of Port Alberni 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 be received and Council deny the request. Carried
- Mealey/Chopra  
That Council refer the letter from the Cowichan Valley Intercultural & Immigration Aid Society dated February 3, 2003 to local service clubs and School District #70. Carried
- C. (ii) 8. Irene Towell, SPCA - request for computer  
Solda/Price  
That Council concur with the request from Irene Towell of the Port Alberni SPCA for the donation of one of the City's surplus computers. Carried

**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  
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.  
Mealey/Solda  
That Informational Items numbered 1 through 6 be received and filed.
- Carried

D. **BYLAWS** NIL

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

E. 1. Abbeyfield Society - Long Term Lease Chopra/Patterson  
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 and Council concur with the recommendation. Carried

E. 2. Sukhbir S. Hundal - recycling depot Chopra/Solda  
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 refer the matter for consideration during preparation of the 2003 budget. Carried

**F. REPORTS**

F. 1. Accounts Chopra/Mealey  
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 10, 2003 be received and cheques numbered 73087 to 73263 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$411,979.77 be approved. Carried

F. 2. Engineering and Public Works - Monthly Report Lord/Mealey  
That the monthly report from the City Engineer providing information about departmental operations in January 2003 be received. Carried

F. 3. Planning - Monthly Report Price/Chopra  
That the monthly report from the City Planner providing information about departmental operations in January 2003 be received. Carried

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| F. 4. | Fire - Monthly Report  | Solda/Patterson<br>That the monthly report from the Fire Chief providing information about departmental operations in January 2003 be received.   | Carried |
| F. 5. | Director of Finance - January 2003 Income Statements           | Chopra/Mealey<br>That the January 2003 City of Port Alberni Income Statements provided by the Director of Finance be received.  | Carried |
| F. 6. | Audit Committee - January 13, 2003 - Minutes                   | Chopra/Patterson<br>That the minutes from the January 13, 2003 Audit Committee meeting, be received and filed.  | Carried |
| F. 7. | Advisory Planning Commission Meeting - Summary Report          | Price/Chopra<br>That the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Summary Report held January 23, 2003, be received and filed.   | Carried |
| F. 8. | Lease Agreement - Shop #15 - Alberni Harbour Quay (Don Martin) | Chopra/Mealey<br>That, under the authority of Section 176 (1) (d) of the <i>Local Government Act</i> , 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, 2003 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. | Carried |
| F. 9. | City Manager - Proposed New FM Station for Port Alberni        | Chopra/Patterson<br>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.   | Carried |

- F. 10. City Manager - Chopra/Mealey  
Telus Mobility Mike Phones  
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, Council concur with the recommendation that the City not cancel the Telus Mobility service agreement into which the City has 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) the City 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 and staff provide a copy of the report to Tom Harris Cellular. Carried
- F. 11. City Engineer - Lord/Chopra  
China Creek Water  
That the report from the City Engineer dated February 6, 2003 regarding the China Creek Hydro Electric Project Update be received. Carried
- F. 12. Mayor's Report  
The Mayor reported on recent activities and matters of current interest.  
  
Mealey/Lord  
That the Mayor's report be received. Carried
- F. 13. Councillors' Reports  
The Councillors reported on recent activities related to their various portfolios.  
  
Chopra/Mealey  
That the Councillors' reports be received. Carried
- G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**
- H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**
- I. ADJOURNMENT**  
  
Mealey/Patterson  
That the meeting terminate at 9:15 pm. Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk