

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

A. MINUTES

A. 1.	Adoption of Agenda	Mealey/Solda That the agenda be adopted as amended to include two delegations and a lease agreement for the Community Policing satellite office.	Carried
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A. 2.	Adoption of Minutes	Mealey/Solda That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 10 and Special Council meetings held February 10 and February 17, 2003, be adopted as circulated.	Carried
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B. DELEGATIONS

B. 1.	David Thompson BC Hydro	Mr. David Thompson from BC Hydro was unable to attend on account of illness.	
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B. 2.	Peter Bretherton BC Assessment Authority	Peter Bretherton, Area Assessor Central Vancouver Island, provided an overview of BC Assessment operations and the 2003 roll.	
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B. 3.	Elverna Edwards Mailloux of Polaris Minerals - Eagle Rock Materials	Ms. Edwards Mailloux, Polaris Minerals - Eagle Rock Materials providing an invitation for Council to attend a Public Forum and Open House March 4 at the Italian Canadian Centre regarding the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Eagle Rock quarry. Chopra/Mealey That Council write a letter of support for the proposed Eagle Rock quarry to the Environmental Assessment office.	Carried
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B. 4.	Inspector Rick Taylor, O.I.C. Port Alberni RCMP	Inspector Taylor introduced the latest recruit for the Port Alberni RCMP detachment.	
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C. CORRESPONDENCE

C. (i)	PROCLAMATIONS	NIL
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C. (ii)	CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION
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| C. (ii) 1. | Municipal Finance Authority
- Annual meeting | Chopra/Mealey
That the information from the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) and registration forms for the MFA Financial Forum and Annual Meeting in Victoria on March 26 and 27, 2003, be received and the Mayor be authorized to attend on behalf of the City of Port Alberni. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 2. | Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
- annual convention | Chopra/Mealey
That the information from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) regarding the annual convention in Port Alberni on April 4 through 6, and the registration forms provided for Council to confirm and approve attendance, be received and all of Council be registered to attend. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 3. | Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
- AVICC Caucus | Chopra/Mealey
That the memorandum from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) dated February 4, 2003 advising that MLA Susan Brice has been appointed as Chair of the Vancouver Island Coastal Caucus and inviting suggestions from Council on any issues that they feel should be brought to the attention of the Vancouver Island Coastal Caucus, be received. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 4. | Coastal Community Network
- annual conference | Chopra/Lord
That the email from the Coastal Community Network advising that its annual conference will take place in Prince Rupert from May 15 to 17, and inviting Council to attend, be received. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 5. | Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley
- tour facility | Patterson/Solda
That the letter from the Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley dated February 9, 2003 enclosing an outline of work from the past year, expressing thanks to Council for the 2003 grant-in-aid and indicating that BC Arts Council grants are matching grants dependant upon local government funding and inviting Council to tour the facility, be received and a tour be organized. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 6. | Winston Joseph Alberni Folkfest Society
- grant request | Chopra/Solda
That the email from Winston Joseph of the Alberni Folkfest Society dated February 20, 2003 requesting a grant-in-aid equal to rental fee of Glenwood Centre for Folkfest, be received and Council decline the request. | Carried |

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| C. (ii) 7. | Write On!
Business
Solutions Inc.
- purchasing | Chopra/Solda
That the letter from Write On! Business Solutions Inc. dated February 12, 2003 requesting a "roundtable" meeting with Council and local businesses to discuss purchasing locally, and the memorandum from the City Clerk describing the current purchasing policy, be received and Councillors Solda, Patterson and Price meet with the business community to discuss purchasing locally and report back to Council. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 8. | City of
Coquitlam
- Beverage
Alcohol (liquor
licensing) Policy
Changes | Chopra/Patterson
That the letter from the City of Coquitlam dated February 7, 2003 providing a copy of its resolution regarding changes to liquor licensing policies and requesting support from Council for its request, be received. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 9. | Bob and Lorna
Ritchie
- sale of hard
liquor at beer
and wine stores | Chopra/Mealey
That the email from Bob and Lorna Ritchie dated February 17, 2003 expressing concerns about the availability of alcohol and requesting that Council urge the government to discontinue the sale of hard liquor in beer and wine stores, be received. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 10. | Alberni
Environmental
Coalition
- TimberWest
use of Log Train
Trail | Mealey/Chopra
That the letter from the Alberni Environmental Coalition providing a copy of its submission to the Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot expressing opposition to Timber West's application to use four kilometres of the Log Train Trail for log hauling and requesting Council's support of the submission, be received. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 11. | National
Transportation
Week Inc
- membership
request | Price/Mealey
That the letter from the National Transportation Week Inc. (NTW) dated February 7, 2003 providing information about its organization and inviting the City to become a member, be received. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 12. | Alberni-
Clayoquot
Innovation
Society
- letter of
reference | Chopra/Mealey
That the letter from the Alberni-Clayoquot Innovation Society dated February 14, 2003 providing information about its services to the region and requesting a letter of reference from Council, be received and Council concur with the request. | Carried |

C. (ii) 13.	Cosmetologists' Association of BC - proposed repeal of <i>Cosmetologists' Act</i>	Solda/Mealey That the letter from the Cosmetologists' Association of BC dated February 7, 2003 expressing concerns regarding the provincial governments plans to repeal the <i>Cosmetologists' Act</i> and requesting that Council write their MLA and the Minister of Advanced Education and ask them to reconsider the proposed repeal, be received and Council concur with the request.	Carried
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C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

C. (iii) 1.	Jeannette Mah Spencer - animal welfare and bylaw	Jeannette Mah Spencer submitting a letter received February 7, 2003 providing copies of letters to the Richmond SPCA and Richmond Center expressing concerns about pet shop facilities and advising that her letter has resulted in a number of positive changes at the facilities.	
C. (iii) 2.	The Council Animal Advocacy (CLAW) - animal cruelty	The Evans Group submitting a copy of an email from the Council Animal Advocacy (CLAW) dated January 31, 2003, expressing concerns about animal cruelty.	
C. (iii) 3.	City of Burnaby - deregulation in BC's energy sector	The City of Burnaby submitting a letter dated February 14, 2003 advising that it has adopted recommendations opposing deregulation of BC Hydro and transfer of some BC Hydro employees to Accenture Inc, in Bermuda, and enclosing a copy of a report from its Director of Planning and Building providing information on the Province's new energy plans and policies.	
		Chopra/Solda That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 3, be received and filed.	Carried

D.	<u>BYLAWS</u>	NIL
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E.	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>	NIL
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F. REPORTS

F. 1.	Accounts	Chopra/Price That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 24, 2003 be received and cheques numbered 72912 to 73503 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$1,480,116.98 be approved.	Carried
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F. 2.	RCMP - monthly report	Solda/Mealey That the report from the Officer in Charge, RCMP Port Alberni Detachment, providing information about departmental operations in January 2003, be received and filed.	Carried
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| F. 3. | Parks &
Recreation
- monthly report | Mealey/Patterson
That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 18, 2003, providing information about departmental operations, be received and filed. | Carried |
| F. 4. | Museum
- monthly report | Patterson/Mealey
That the report from the Museum Director dated February 18, 2003, providing information about departmental operations, be received and filed. | Carried |
| F. 5. | Director of
Finance
- Request for
Proposal -
Banking
Services | Chopra/Mealey
That the memorandum from the Director of Finance dated February 12, 2003 recommending that the Request for Proposal #045-2 for Banking Services be awarded to BMO Bank of Montreal be received and the recommendation approved. | Carried |
| F. 6. | City Clerk
- Tag Days for
2003 | Chopra/Mealey
That the memorandum from the City Clerk dated February 18, 2003 recommending tag day allocations for 2003 be received and the recommendations approved. | Carried |
| F. 7. | City Clerk
- Lease of Unit
#6 Alberni
Harbour Quay | Chopra/Lord
That subject to Health Unit approval, 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 Hans Schoen for Unit #6, 5440 Argyle Street (Alberni Harbour Quay), for a three year term commencing on April 1, 2003 and ending on March 31, 2006, for a total rent of \$624.99 per month, and the lease agreement as prepared by staff be approved, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. | Carried |

H. **OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mealey/Patterson

That the meeting terminate at 8:40 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk