

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 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

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| A. 1. | Adoption of
Agenda | Mealey/Patterson
That the agenda be adopted as presented. | Carried |
| A. 2. | Adoption of
Minutes | Mealey/Patterson
That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held
March 10 and Special Council meeting held March
10, 2003, be adopted as circulated. | Carried |

B. DELEGATIONS

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| B. 1. | Councillor Solda
- Presentation of
2010 Candidate
Flag | Councillor Solda presented the 2010 Winter Olympics
Candidate flag for the City of Vancouver to the City of
Port Alberni . | |
| B. 2. | Hugh Watts and
Katie Loiselle -
Friendship
Lodge Society | The City Clerk informed Council that Hugh Watts and
Katie Loiselle were unable to attend and will be
invited to the Regular Council Meeting of April 14,
2003. | |
| B. 3. | Hank Bramwell -
Supportive
Living in Port
Alberni | Hank Bramwell of the Convention Centre Hotel
provided information on the issue of local senior
citizens having to leave the Port Alberni area to gain
access to supportive living arrangements. | |
| B.4. | Council of
Canadians, Port
Alberni Chapter
- Log Train Trail | Jack Thornburgh of the Council of Canadians, Port
Alberni Chapter provided information about the Log
Train Trail. | |

C. CORRESPONDENCE

C. (i) PROCLAMATIONS

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| C. (i) 1. | Workers'
Compensation
Board - "Day of
Mourning" | Chopra/Mealey
That the letter from Workers' Compensation Board
dated March 3, 2003 requesting that April 28 be
proclaimed as a "Day of Mourning" for BC workers
who have lost their lives as a result of workplace
injury or occupational disease, be received and the
request approved. | Carried |
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C. (ii) CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- C. (ii) 1. Georgina Cyr - Mealey/Chopra
designated dog That the letter from Georgina Cyr dated March 10,
park 2003 requesting that a designated dog park be
established on the property behind the SPCA on
Broughton Street, along with the memorandum from
the Director of Parks and Recreation dated March 18,
2003 advising that the site has potential as a dog
park, but the City does not have funds to proceed
with the work and recommends a group adopt the
project and initiate a fundraising campaign, be
received. Carried
- C. (ii) 2. Jim Arden and Chopra/Solda
Richard Berg - That the letter from Jim Arden and Richard Berg
Economic dated March 19, 2003 requesting that Council
Development discontinue funding for the Economic Development
Commission Commission effective this fiscal year or by the end of
2003 at the latest be received. Carried
- C. (ii) 3. Hupacasath Price/Lord
First Nation - That the letter from Trevor Jones of the Hupacasath
Beaver Creek First Nation requesting a temporary closure of Beaver
Road Closure Creek Road on April 5, 2003 from 9:00 am to 3:00
pm to facilitate parking of the large number of
vehicles expected to arrive for the Grand Opening of
the Hupacasath House of Gathering, be received and
Council concur with the request. Carried

C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- C. (iii) 1. MLA Gillian Trumper submitting a letter dated March
Trumper - BC 4, 2003 providing a copy of the news release from
government new Minister Neufeld outlining the province's new energy
energy plan plan.
- C. (iii) 2. City of Port Moody submitting a letter dated
Moody - Threat March 24, 2003 advising that it has adopted a
of war with Iraq resolution urging the Government of Canada to make
all possible efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution to
the conflict with Iraq and to join with other states in
imposing military sanctions against Iraq.
- C. (iii) 3. City of Burnaby submitting a letter dated
Threat of war February 20, 2003 advising that it has adopted a
with Iraq resolution urging the Government of Canada to make
all possible efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution to
the conflict with Iraq and to join with other states in
imposing military sanctions against Iraq.

- C. (iii) 4. City of Burnaby - International Trade Agreements City of Burnaby providing a press release dated March 10, 2003 advising that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has passed a resolution opposing the inclusion of municipal services and regulations in international trade agreements, addressing the impact of trade agreements on public services and requesting enhanced involvement with the Federal Government in future trade negotiations.
- C (iii) 5. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General - change of hours to Westwind Pub The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General submitting a letter dated March 7, 2003 confirming approval for the Westwind Pub to change their hours of operation and enclosing a copy of the amended liquor license.
- C.(iii) 6. Auxiliary & Reserve Peace Officer Association of BC - restore arms The Auxiliary and Reserve Peace Officer Association submitting a letter dated February 28, 2003 providing information about their efforts to restore arms to members of the Auxiliary Police.
- C. (iii) 7. Auxiliary & Reserve Police Officer Assn of BC - Auxiliary Police Program Auxiliary & Reserve Police Officer Association of BC submitting a letter dated March 16, 2003 pursuing reinstatement of the armed Auxiliary Police Program and requesting that Councils demonstrate their support by making reinstatement of the program a condition of local police budget increases.
- C. (iii) 8. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District - Canadian Municipalities Conference contribution Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District submitting a letter dated March 24, 2003 advising that they will share in the cost of sending a representative to the Canadian Municipalities 2003 Annual Conference in Winnipeg in the amount of \$950.
- C. (iii) 9. Union of BC Municipalities - Community Charter Union of BC Municipalities providing information dated March 11, 2003 regarding introduction of the Community Charter into the provincial legislature March 11, 2003.
- C (iii) 10. CUPE BC - Community Charter CUPE BC submitting a letter dated March 6, 2003 providing an information package regarding the draft legislation entitled "Community Charter" that will eventually replace much of the *Local Government Act*.
- C. (iii) 11. Canadian Wood Council - Wood Works Initiative Canadian Wood Council submitting a letter dated March 6, 2003 providing information about the Wood Works project and seeking support from Council by way of a "Build with Wood" resolution.

- C (iii) 12. Town of Port McNeill - Deregulation in BC's Energy Sector
Town of Port McNeill submitting a letter dated March 10, 2003 advising of a resolution recently passed by their Council opposing privatization of BC Hydro, requesting a private consultation process regarding deregulation of BC's energy sector, and supporting the UBCM resolution which calls for a halt to the agreement between BC Hydro and Accenture until public consultation can take place.
- C. (iii) 13. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General - Liquor Control regulations
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General providing a press release dated March 14, 2003 advising of revisions to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act regulations.
- C. (iii) 14. UBCM - 2003 Resolution Process
Union of British Columbia Municipalities submitting a memo dated March 3, 2003 providing guidance for municipalities regarding the procedures for submitting resolutions to the UBCM Convention.
- C. (iii) 15. Land Reserve Commission - Condition of Approval for Application #A-34612
Land Reserve Commission submitting a letter dated March 11, 2003 accepting the City's interpretations and proposed modifications to the conditions of approval for the removal of Lot 1, Plan VIP 69369, DL. 14, Alberni District Plan from the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- C.(iii) 16. Ted Nebbeling, Minister of State for the Community Charter & 2010 Olympic Bid
Honourable Ted Nebbeling, Minister of State for the Community Charter and 2010 Olympic Bid submitting a letter dated March 12, 2003, informing the Mayor and Council of the introduction of the Community Charter Legislation March 11, 2003.
- C.(iii) 17. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Kyoto Protocol
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities submitting a letter dated February 28, 2003 with a video outlining the significance of the Kyoto Protocol.
- C.(iii) 18. Bob Harper, Administrator of Alberni Clayoquot Regional District - Building Inspection Services
Bob Harper, Administrator of Alberni Clayoquot Regional District submitting a letter dated March 7, 2003 proposing an arrangement for the Regional District and City to share building inspection services.
- C. (iii) 19. IWA Local 1-425 - softwood lumber tariff video documentary
IWA Local 1-425 submitting a letter dated March 6, 2003 providing a copy of a video documentary they recently produced addressing the softwood lumber tariff and requesting that Council make a financial contribution towards the ongoing costs of their project.

- C. (iii) 20. Office of the Prime Minister - Conflict with Iraq
- Office of the Prime Minister submitting a letter dated March 11, 2003, responding to our correspondence regarding the conflict with Iraq and outlining the policy taken by the Canadian government in this dispute.
- Price/Patterson
That Council write to the Honourable Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy and Mines to congratulate him on establishing a Provincial Energy Policy. Carried
- Chopra/Mealey
That Council support the UBCM resolution which calls for a halt to the agreement between BC Hydro and Accenture until public consultation can take place. Carried
- Mealey/Solda
That the Informational Correspondence Items numbered 1 through 20 be received and filed. Carried

D. **BYLAWS** NIL

E. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- E. 1. Mr. & Mrs. Arseneault - proposed fence
- Solda/Price
That the undated letter from Mr. & Mrs. Arseneault of 2503 Hilton Avenue requesting permission to erect a fence and enclosing letters from nearby neighbours expressing no objection to the project, along with a memorandum from the Deputy City Engineer dated March 12, 2003 be received and the recommendation that we allow the Arsenaults to extend their fencing and landscaping along their Hilton Street property line into the City boulevard be supported as long as they accept responsibility for the fence and take out a "Work On City Streets Permit" for \$50, and the concrete barrier also be approved. Carried

E. 2. Dave Russell,
Valley Street
Rods Car Club
and Alberni
Valley Drag
Race
Association -
Car Show
("Show &
Shine")

Price/Chopra
That the City Clerk's report dated March 19, 2003, regarding consultation with the Riverside Motel and the letter from Dave Russell, Valley Street Rods Car Club and Alberni Valley Drag Race Association of February 25, 2003 requesting permission to host the "Show & Shine" Car Show on Victoria Quay again this year on Friday, August 15, 2003 and requesting closure of Victoria Quay to local traffic during the hours of the Show, be lifted from the table.

Carried

Price/Chopra
That Council for the City of Port Alberni authorize the Closure of Victoria Quay North of the Roger Creek Bridge on Friday August 15, 2003 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm to accommodate the Valley Street Rods Car Club and Alberni Valley Drag Race Association Show and Shine event subject to adequate notice, signage and barricades being provided, placed and removed in Consultation with the City and standard liability insurance be provided by the organizers.

Carried

E. 3. Director of
Parks and
Recreation -
Cherry Creek
Tree Removal

Mealey/Chopra
That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated March 17, 2003 regarding the removal of several large trees on residential lots adjacent to the land cleared for future development on Cherry Creek Road, be received and Council concur with the recommendation.

Carried

E. 4. Deputy City
Manager - Litter
Control Strategy

Price/Mealey
That the Deputy City Manager's report dated March 19, 2003 be received and Council concur with the recommendation to implement options 1 through 6 in 2003.

Carried

F. REPORTS

F. 1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated February 24, 2003 be received and cheques numbered 73702 to 73924 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$610,996.84 be approved.

Carried

F. 2. Deputy City
Engineer - BC
Hydro Power
Smart Traffic
Light Program

Price/Mealey
That the report from the Deputy City Engineer dated March 12, 2003 providing updated information about the BC Hydro sponsored Power Smart Traffic Light Program be received.

Carried

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| F. 3. | RCMP - monthly report | Solda/Patterson
That the report from the Officer in Charge, RCMP Port Alberni Detachment, providing information about departmental operations in February, 2003, be received and filed. | Carried |
| F. 4. | Parks & Recreation - monthly report | Mealey/Chopra
That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated March 14, 2003 providing information about departmental operations, be received and filed. | Carried |
| F. 5. | Museum - monthly report | Patterson/Solda
That the report from the Museum Director dated March 19, 2003 providing information about departmental operations, be received and filed. | Carried |
| F. 6. | Scott Smith, City Planner - Eagle Rock Quarry | Price/Chopra
That the City Planner's March 18, 2003 report providing the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District referral of a Zoning Amendment application for Eagle Rock Quarry be received. | Carried |
| F. 7. | Deputy City Manager - Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program | Chopra/Mealey
That the report from the Deputy City Manager enclosing copies of letters to the MP Alberni-Nanaimo and the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services requesting a response to the status of applications submitted under the Infrastructure Program be received. | Carried |
| F. 8. | Mayor's Report | The Mayor reported on recent activities and matters of current interest.

Mealey/Chopra
That the Mayor's report be received. | Carried |
| F. 9. | Councillors' Reports | The Councillors reported on recent activities related to their various portfolios.

Mealey/Solda
That the Councillors' reports be received. | Carried |

G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS NIL

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Lord

That the meeting terminate at 8:25 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk