

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, MAY 26, 2003 AT 4:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**A. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor McRae called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Mealey/Patterson

That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of item B. 14. Vancouver Island Association of Wood Processors.

Carried

**B. Delegations - requests of Council for support of proposals under the Softwood Industry Community Economic Adjustment Initiative (SICEAI).**

**B. 1. Rollin Art Centre**

Colleen Hanley, President of the Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley, outlined an application for funding to provide improvements to the grounds of the Rollin Art Centre in order to expand its role as a destination for tourism. Ms. Hanley requested Council's endorsement of the project.

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley's application for funding from the SICEAI for the development of the exterior and property of the Rollin Arts Centre.

Carried

**B. 2. Port Alberni Port Authority - Improvements to the Harbour Quay Marina**

Dennis White, CEO of the Port Alberni Port Authority outlined an application for funding to complete the final phase of the Harbour Quay Marina, the construction of the office complex and manager's residence. Mr. White requested that Council provide a letter of support for the project.

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Port Alberni Port Authority's application for funding from the SICEAI for the construction of the Harbour Quay Marina Office Complex.

Carried

**B. 3. Port Alberni Women's Resource Society - Work Experience Training Centre**

Ann Graboski of the Port Alberni Women's Resources Society described their application for funding from the SICEAI for a tourist business which would provide job training and work experience and help to fund the programs provided by the Society. SICEAI funding if approved would provide for a consultant to help develop a plan for the project.

Solda / Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Port Alberni Women's Resources Society application for funding from the SICEAI for developing a plan for a tourism business.

Carried

- B. 4. Uptown Merchants Association - Improvements to downtown businesses and the streetscape

Peter Weinold of the Uptown Merchants' Association, described improvements proposed to the commercial district of Third Avenue from Argyle to Mar Streets. This is a joint initiative with the City which is to include upgrades to the streets and sidewalks and enhancement to the buildings and properties.

Patterson/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Uptown Merchants' Association application for funding from the SICEAI for the Uptown revitalization project a partnership with the City of Port Alberni.

Carried

- B. 5. Mark Hunter - Rim Bra Brake Systems

Marc Hunter of Rim Bra Brake Systems outlined the new brake system he has developed, indicating that ICBC recognizes the potential of the system and it will be used on trial by BC Transit. He requested Council's endorsement of his application for SICEAI funding to cover costs of product development and promotion.

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the application of Marc Hunter of Rim Bra Brake Systems for funding from the SICEAI for costs of product development and promotion.

Carried

- B. 6. Renato Arcos - Economic Diversification Project for the Alberni Valley

Renato Arcos outlined a proposal to assist potential immigrants from Ecuador, encouraging them to consider investing in Port Alberni. The application was to cover expenses in travel and promotions for a foreign investment recruitment. In response to a question from Councillor Patterson, Mr. Arcos indicated there would be no guarantee that any immigrants would choose to invest in Port Alberni.

Chopra/Mealey

That Council for the City of Port Alberni deny the request to endorse the application of Renato Arcos for project funding from the SICEAI for costs of the foreign investment recruitment project.

Carried

B. 7. Alberni Outlook 2020 - Community Vision and Plan

Barb Stevenson, Co Chair of the Alberni Outlook 20/20 Visioning project, outlined the proposal for SICEAI funding to assist with a community planning process. They requested Council's endorsement of the application.

Solda/Lord

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Alberni Outlook 20/20 Visioning project application for funding from the SICEAI for costs of a community planning process.

Carried

B. 8. Hupacasath First Nation - Victoria Quay Redevelopment

Tawney Lem, representing the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society outlined the progress to date in developing the Victoria Quay site. She described the proposed application for funding which was to assist in costs for site remediation, engineering and development. The project offers, social and economic benefits to the community and is another example of the positive relationship between the City and the Hupacasath First Nations.

Patterson/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society application for funding from the SICEAI for costs of the Tsu-ma-as Waterfront Development Project.

Carried

B. 9. Hupacasath First Nation - China Creek Hydro Electric Project

Mr. Darren Willis, representing the Hupacasath First Nation described the proposed China Creek Hydro Electric Power Project and the application for SICEAI funding.

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society application for funding from the SICEAI for costs of the Tsu-ma-as Waterfront Development Project.

Carried

B. 10. City of Port Alberni - Harbour Road Pre Design Study

Guy Cicon, Acting City Engineer, described the City of Port Alberni's application proposal for SICEAI funding for the Harbour Road Predesign Study.

Mealey/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni apply for SICEAI funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the engineering costs of the Harbour Road Predesign Study.

Carried

B. 11. City of Port Alberni - Small Log Sawmill Feasibility

Guy Cicon, Acting City Engineer, described the City of Port Alberni's application proposal for SICEAI funding for the Small Log Mill Feasibility Study.

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni apply for SICEAI funding in the amount of \$27,500, 50% of the costs of the Small Log Mill Feasibility Study.

Carried

B. 12. City of Port Alberni - Various Projects, McLean Mill

Jean McIntosh, Manager of the AV. Museum, described the application for SICEAI funding to improve the financial sustainability for the McLean Mill National Historic Site, a project in partnership with the Industrial Heritage Commission. Ms. McIntosh confirmed that the City's contribution would be in kind and support services.

Patterson/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Industrial Heritage Commission's application for funding from the SICEAI for costs to improve the financial sustainability for the McLean Mill National Historic Site.

Carried

B. 13. Port Alberni Women's Resource Society - Community Connections Worker

Ann Graboski of the Port Alberni Women's Resources Society described their application for funding from the SICEAI for the salary of a temporary full time community connections worker which would assist local non profit groups in research and networking.

Lord/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Port Alberni Women's Resources Society application for funding from the SICEAI for the salary of a temporary full time community connections worker.

Carried

B. 14. Vancouver Island Association of Wood Processors

Dan Garland, president of the Vancouver Island Association of Wood Processors, described the purpose of his organization and the challenges faced in securing a fibre supply in consideration of changing legislation, convergence of wood markets and the impact of the softwood lumber dispute. He described the proposal to develop a strategic plan for securing a fibre supply for the membership.

Lord/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the Vancouver Island Association of Wood Processors application for funding from the SICEAI to develop a strategic plan for securing a fibre supply for their membership.

Carried

**I. Adjournment**

Mealey/Patterson

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk