

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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<br>Agenda  | Mealey/Solda<br>That the agenda be adopted as presented with<br>the addition of late items:<br>C.(ii)1. Clerk's Report,<br>E.1. Port Alberni Tall Ships Festival Society, and<br>F.8.1. Building Inspection for Hupacasath<br>Development. | Carried |
| A. 2. | Adoption of<br>Minutes | Mealey/Patterson<br>That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting<br>held October 27, 2003 be adopted as circulated.   | Carried |

**B.        DELEGATIONS**

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| B. 1. | Bernadette Wyton<br>- Air Quality  | Bernadette Wyton, Chair of the Air Quality<br>Council, addressed Council and discussed the<br>"Clean the Air" project.   |  |
| B. 2. | Ron Stephenson<br>- cyclist's safety<br>and leash free<br>zones for dogs | Ron Stephenson addressed Council to discuss<br>safety for cyclists on City streets and suggested<br>a leash free zone for dogs in the area between<br>the Kitsuksis dyke and the Athletic Hall.<br><br>Council agreed that the topic of bicycle safety<br>would be referred to the Advisory Traffic<br>Committee.  |  |
| B. 3  | Barb Mellaart<br>- Christmas light up<br>event                           | Barb Mellaart of Uptown Merchants' Association<br>spoke to Council regarding the Uptown<br>Merchants and Alberni Harbour Quay Christmas<br>light up event on December 5, 2003 between 6<br>and 9 pm. She requested permission for the use<br>of a tractor and trailer to operate on City streets<br>during the event to carry passengers between<br>Uptown and Alberni Harbour Quay. Council<br>referred the request to the Advisory Traffic<br>Committee. |  |

B. 4. Bev Denning, Jack McLeman and Larry Ransom - SOS Committee

Bev Denning, Jack McLeman and Larry Ransom addressed Council on behalf of the SOS (Save Our Services) Committee.

Solda/Mealey

That Council support the goals of the SOS Committee, as follows:

1. To maintain current service levels at West Coast General Hospital (WCGH);
2. To compel Vancouver Island Health Authority to implement its own "Public Participation Framework" policy before carrying out any changes to provision of health care in the Alberni Valley; and
3. In the long term, to investigate ways to regain accountability and autonomy and local control of provision of health care in the Alberni Valley.

Carried

Patterson/Mealey

That Council request that the Provincial government delay any decision to make cuts to surgical services at WCGH until the completion of a full and complete Health Services Review, and further that Council request the Provincial government provide adequate funding to WCGH to maintain current services, and finally that Council request in future that any proposed changes to service delivery at WCGH be done with proper and open consultation with the residents, taxpayers and elected officials of the West Coast General Hospital service area.

Carried

Lord/Solda

That the City provide a vehicle for the use of the Mayor and Council during their participation in the SOS Cavalcade to Victoria on November 20, 2003.

Carried

**C. CORRESPONDENCE**

**C. (i) PROCLAMATIONS**

C. (i) 1. British Columbia Operating Room Nurses Group - "Perioperative Nurse Week"

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter from the British Columbia Operating Room Nurses Group dated October 28, 2003 requesting that the week of November 9 to 15, 2003 be proclaimed as "Perioperative Nurse Week" in Port Alberni, be received and the request approved.

Carried

C. (i) 2. Society for Children and Youth of BC  
- "Child Day" Mealey/Chopra  
That the letter from the Society for Children and Youth of BC dated October 30, 2003 requesting that November 20, 2003 be proclaimed as "Child Day" in Port Alberni, be received and the request approved. Carried

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

C. (ii) 1. Juliette Huot and Maggi Ansell  
- Farmers' Market Lord/Price  
That the letters from Juliette Huot dated October 28, 2003 and Maggi Ansell, Oak Tree Farm, dated October 31, 2003, expressing concerns regarding a second Farmers' Market in Port Alberni and a report from the City Clerk dated November 7, 2003 regarding the matter, be received and Council direct staff to respond to both letters with an explanation as outlined in the City Clerk's report. Carried

C. (ii) 2. The Truck Loggers Association  
- Annual Convention Chopra/Solda  
That the letter from the Truck Loggers Association dated October 31, 2003 providing information about its Annual Convention and Trade Show in January 2004 in Vancouver be received, and Mayor McRae be authorized to attend the convention. Carried

C. (ii) 3. Port Alberni Port Authority  
- donation for Multiplex Mealey/Chopra  
That the letter from the Port Alberni Port Authority to the Port Alberni 2004 Winter Games Society dated October 30, 2003, advising that the Port Authority is donating \$11,470 for furniture for the Multiplex Upper Lounge Area to recognize the community hosting of the 2004 BC Winter Games, and requesting that the City contact them to finalize arrangements, be received and staff directed to secure the arrangements. Carried

C. (ii) 4. Pitch-In British Columbia  
- membership Lord/Mealey  
That the letter from Pitch-In British Columbia dated October 16, 2003 enclosing a summary of the 2003 Pitch-In Campaign, advising of the 2004 Pitch-In Week campaign, April 19-25, 2004 and inviting the City to become a member of Pitch-In, be received. Carried

**C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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| C. (iii) 1. | British Columbia<br>Tourism Awards<br>- call for<br>nominations  | British Columbia Tourism Awards submitting a<br>fax dated October 27, 2003 regarding a call for<br>nominations for BC Tourism awards.  |
| C. (iii) 2. | Western Canada<br>Wilderness<br>Committee<br>- educational report  | Western Canada Wilderness Committee<br>submitting a letter dated October 20, 2003<br>providing a copy of its educational report entitled<br>"Proposed Working Forest Denies BC Citizens<br>Their Public Land"  |
| C. (iii) 3. | Alberni Valley<br>Alano Club<br>- grant-in-aid   | Alberni Valley Alano Club submitting a letter<br>thanking the City for a grant-in-aid of \$375.  |
| C. (iii) 4. | Alberni Valley<br>Citizen Advocacy<br>Society<br>- grant-in-aid  | Alberni Valley Citizen Advocacy Society<br>submitting a letter thanking the City for a grant-<br>in-aid of \$600.  |
| C. (iii) 5. | Ministry of Public<br>Safety and Solicitor<br>General<br>- Manufacturer<br>Advertisements in<br>Stadiums | Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General,<br>Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, submitting<br>a Policy Directive dated October 28, 2003<br>announcing the amendment to the Liquor<br>Control and Licensing Regulation regarding<br>manufacturer's advertisements in stadiums.   |
| C. (iii) 6. | Alberni-Clayoquot<br>Regional District<br>- solid fuel burning<br>devices                                | Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District submitting a<br>letter dated October 21, 2003 responding to the<br>City's letter regarding solid-fuel burning devices<br>and advising that the Alberni Valley Committee<br>supports option 3 of the City Fire Chief's report -<br>to remain with the previous position of voluntary<br>compliance for no burning, particularly on days<br>of known poor air quality. |
| C. (iii) 7. | Provincial Health<br>Services Authority<br>- "Steps Forward"   | Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)<br>submitting a letter dated October 16, 2003 and<br>providing a copy of "Steps Forward" a document<br>detailing its initiatives and achievements around<br>BC.  |
| C. (iii) 8. | Ministry of Skills,<br>Development and<br>Labour<br>- <i>Cosmetologists<br/>Act</i> repeal               | Ministry of Skills, Development and Labour<br>advising that the <i>Cosmetologists Act</i> will be<br>repealed on December 31, 2003 and<br>Cosmetologists will no longer be required to be<br>members of the Cosmetology Association of BC<br>or pay an annual licensing fee to practice.   |

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| C. (iii) 9.  | West Coast Trail Express<br>- Pachena Bay/<br>Bamfield Bus Service   | West Coast Trail Express (WCTE) Inc. submitting a Notice advising that WCTE has made an application to the Motor Carrier Commission to discontinue the Scheduled Bus Service between Port Alberni and Pachena Bay/Bamfield and applied for a Commercial Passenger Bus Service, and advising that persons wishing to protest the discontinuance of this scheduled service may file a written protest with the Motor Carrier Branch by December 2, 2003. |         |
| C. (iii) 10. | Vancouver Island Regional Library Board<br>- News Brief  | Vancouver Island Regional Library Board providing a copy of a News Brief dated November, 2003.   |         |
| C. (iii) 11. | Paula and Godfrey Smith<br>- pumpkin display   | Paula and Godfrey Smith of Coquitlam submitting an email dated November 5, 2003 thanking all the people involved in the "magnificent display of carved pumpkins" on the Highway from Sproat Lake through Cathedral Grove.  |         |
|              |  | Mealey/Patterson<br>That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 11, be received and filed.  | Carried |
| <b>D.</b>    | <b><u>BYLAWS</u></b>   |  |         |
| D. 1.        | "Waterworks Bylaw, Amendment No. 2. (Rate Changes and Text Clarification), Bylaw" No. 4540<br>- for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> readings | Lord/Mealey<br>That "Waterworks Bylaw, Amendment No. 2. (Rate Changes and Text Clarification), Bylaw", No. 4540, be introduced and read a first time.  | Carried |
|              |  | Lord/Patterson<br>That "Waterworks Bylaw, Amendment No. 2. (Rate Changes and Text Clarification), Bylaw", No. 4540, be read a second time.   | Carried |
|              |  | Lord/Patterson<br>That "Waterworks Bylaw, Amendment No. 2. (Rate Changes and Text Clarification), Bylaw", No. 4540, be read a third time.  | Carried |
| D. 2.        | "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2003, Amendment No. 1 Bylaw" No. 4541<br>- for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> readings                             | Solda/Mealey<br>That the report from the City Clerk dated November 6, 2003 regarding changes to the wording for fees for criminal records checks in Schedule "A" of the Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2003", No. 4515, be received.  | Carried |

Mealey/Solda  
That "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2003,  
Amendment No. 1 Bylaw" No. 4541, be  
introduced and read a first time. Carried

Solda/Mealey  
That "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2003,  
Amendment No. 1 Bylaw" No. 4541, be read a  
second time. Carried

Solda/Mealey  
That "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2003,  
Amendment No. 1 Bylaw" No. 4541, be read a  
third time. Carried

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

E.1. Tall Ships Solda/Patterson  
That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse  
the Tall Ships event for 2005 and support the  
community being a host port, but the City not  
sign the contract or underwrite the event, that  
the City contribute a maximum of \$35,000 of in  
kind services to the event, and further that the  
City expresses a willingness to discuss a further  
commitment of services upon establishment of a  
sponsoring organization. Carried

E. 2. City Boundary  
Extension Chopra/Mealey  
- Johnston Road  
and John Street  
That the report from the City Clerk dated  
November 2, 2003 regarding the proposed  
boundary extension to incorporate into the City  
properties in the area of Johnston Road and  
John Street, commonly referred to as the  
McKinnon Dairy, for the purpose of  
accommodating the expansion of the proposed  
power centre, be received. Carried

Chopra/Price  
That the City of Port Alberni request the  
Lieutenant Governor in Council proceed by  
supplementary letters patent to extend the  
boundaries of the City of Port Alberni to include  
Lots 1, 2 and 3, Plan 25006 and Lot D (DD  
24548N), all of District Lot 152, Alberni District. Carried

E. 3. Director of Finance - Transit Fares That the report from the Director of Finance dated November 4, 2003, providing options for reductions to transit fares for Council's consideration be received, and Council endorse the recommendations of the Director of Finance, October 10, 2003 report for reduced student fares. Carried

**F. REPORTS**

F.1. Accounts Chopra/Mealey  
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 10, 2003 be received and the cheques numbered 76977 to 77174 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$897,825.84 be approved. Carried

F. 2. Engineering and Public Works Department - Monthly Report Lord/Patterson  
That the report from the Acting City Engineer providing information about departmental operations for the month of October, 2003 be received and filed. Carried

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

F. 4. Fire Department - Monthly Report Solda/Mealey  
That the report from the Fire Chief providing information about departmental operations in October, 2003 be received and filed. Carried

F. 5. Economic Development Commission Report Chopra/Mealey  
That the report from the Economic Development Commission dated October 20, 2003 be received and filed. Carried

F. 6. Director of Finance - Income Statements Chopra/Solda  
That the October 2003 City of Port Alberni Income Statements provided by the Director of Finance be received. Carried

F. 7. Acting City Engineer - McLean Mill Water Supply Upgrade Lord/Patterson  
That the report from the Acting City Engineer dated November 3, 2003 regarding improvements required to the McLean Mill water system due to poor water quality, be received. Carried

- F. 8. City Planner  
- Development  
Permits No. 03-01  
3555 Johnston  
Road
- Price/Solda  
That the report from the City Planner dated  
November 6, 2003 regarding Barclay Capital  
Corporation's application for a Development  
Permit for the "power centre" at 3555 Johnston  
Road, be received. Carried
- Price/Chopra  
That the City Clerk be authorized to sign  
Development Permit No. 03-01, issued to Loblaw  
Properties West Inc., establishing conditions for  
building form, signage, landscaping, parking and  
walkways for a portion of Lot A, District Lot 14,  
Alberni District, Plan VIP75261, the Loblaws  
Grocery store area of the "power centre" at 3555  
Johnston Road, as outlined in the City Planner's  
November 6, 2003 report. Carried
- F. 8.1. Acting City  
Manager  
- Building  
Inspection for  
Hupacasath  
Development
- Chopra/Mealey  
That the report from the Acting City Manager  
dated November 7, 2003 regarding the  
Hupacasath First Nation's request for the City to  
provide building inspection services for the  
multifamily development (outside City  
boundaries) adjacent to the House of Gathering  
for a \$2,100 building permit fee, be received and  
approved. Carried
- F. 9. 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. 10. Councillors'  
Reports
- The Councillors reported on recent activities  
related to their various portfolios.
- Mealey/Chopra  
That the Councillors' reports be received. Carried
- G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**
- H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**
- I. ADJOURNMENT**
- Mealey/Patterson  
That the meeting terminate at 9:30 pm. Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk