

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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/Patterson
That the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of additional correspondence of C. (ii) 3. and F. G.1. - verbal report from SICC. Carried

A. 2. Adoption of Minutes Mealey/Patterson
That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held November 10 and the Special Council meetings held November 3, 10 and 17, 2003 be adopted as circulated. Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

B. 1. Inspector Rick Taylor, OIC, RCMP - Introduction of New Member
Inspector Rick Taylor, Officer In Charge, Port Alberni Detachment, introduced new member Cst. Linsey Warren to Council.

B. 2. SPCA - Budget Issues and Changes in Operations
Irene Towell from the SPCA spoke about budget issues and changes in operations for the SPCA. Due to reduced funds, they are reducing staff and visiting hours. They will continue to provide services as per the City's pound keeper agreement.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

C. (i) PROCLAMATIONS Nil

C. (ii) CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

C. (ii) 1. City of Coquitlam - raising the Age of Consent
Chopra/Solda
That the letter from the City of Coquitlam dated October 14, 2003, along with a copy of its resolution requesting support in urging the federal government to change Canada's Age of Consent to sixteen years of age (from fourteen years, one of the lowest in the world), be received and Council provide a letter of support as requested. Carried

- C. (ii) 2. KUU-US Crisis Line Society - Festival of Trees Chopra/Solda
That the letter from the KUU-US Crisis Line Society dated November 6, 2003 requesting sponsorship for its fundraiser, the "Festival of Trees" in the amount of \$75, in which the sponsor would provide lights and decorations for a tree which would then be donated to a family for Christmas, be received. Carried
- C. (ii) 3. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Bill 75, *Significant Projects Streamlining Act* Chopra/Mealey
That the memo dated November 7, 2003 and the letter dated November 24, 2003, both from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM); and the fax from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) dated November 19, 2003 and the News Release dated November 24, 2003 from the Honourable Kevin Falconer, Minister of State for Deregulation, all regarding Bill 75-*Significant Projects Streamlining Act* be received and Council write a letter of objection to the inclusion of local government in the proposed *Act*. Carried

C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- C. (iii) 1. Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise - Venture Capital Programs The Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise submitting a letter dated November 5, 2003 advising that since the amendments to the *Small Business Venture Capital Act* were introduced in the last budget, there has been a 500% increase in program activity by small businesses located throughout BC.
- C. (iii) 2. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Progress of Bills The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a memo dated November 10, 2003 advising of the progress of Bills introduced into the Legislature of interest to local governments.
- C. (iii) 3. Interfor, Timberwest, Weyerhaeuser - Embracing a New Vision Interfor, Timberwest, Weyerhaeuser providing a letter dated November 4, 2003 replying to a letter from the City Clerk indicating Council's support for its 10-point plan to rebuild the Coastal forest industry that was announced in its vision document, "Embracing a New Vision: Rebuilding BC's Coastal Forest Industry".

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| C. (iii) 4. | Minister of Management Services - Payment of the 2003 Grants-in-Lieu of Taxes | The Minister of Management Services submitting a letter dated November 14, 2003 enclosing a cheque in the amount of \$82,151.42 comprising payment of the 2003 Grants-in-Lieu of Taxes for properties owned by the British Columbia Buildings Corporation. This amount includes \$4,885.70 due to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. | |
| C. (iii) 5. | Liquor Control and Licensing Branch - Licensee Retail Stores & Relocation of Liquor-Primary Establishments | The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch submitting a Policy Directive dated November 10, 2003 regarding Licensee Retail Stores and the Relocation of Liquor-Primary Establishments. | |
| C. (iii) 6. | Liquor Control and Licensing Branch - Advertising | The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch submitting a Policy Directive dated November 10, 2003 regarding advertising. | |
| C. (iii) 7. | Society for Children and Youth of BC - National Child Day | The Society for Children and Youth of BC submitting an e-mail dated November 18, 2003 congratulating Port Alberni as one of the communities who have proclaimed November 20 th as "National Child Day". | |
| | | Mealey/Patterson
That the Informational Correspondence Items numbered 1 through 7 be received and filed. | Carried |
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| D. | <u>BYLAWS</u> | | |
| D. 1. | "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, No. 4450" - first three readings | Patterson/Mealey
That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, No. 4450", be now introduced and read a first time. | Carried |
| | | Patterson/Chopra
That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, No. 4450", be now read a second time. | Carried |

- Patterson/Chopra
That "Community Heritage Commission Bylaw, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, No. 4450", be now read a third time. Carried
- D. 2. "Waterworks Bylaw, Amendment No. 2 (Rate Changes) and Text Clarification) Bylaw, No. 4540" - for final adoption Lord/Chopra
That "Waterworks Bylaw, Amendment No. 2 (Rate Changes) and Text Clarification) Bylaw, No. 4540" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4540. Carried
- D. 3. "Fees and Charges 2003 Bylaw, Amendment No. 1 Bylaw, No. 4541" - for final adoption Solda/Chopra
That "Fees and Charges 2003 Bylaw, Amendment No. 1 Bylaw, No. 4541" be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4541. Carried
- E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- F. REPORTS**
- F. 1. Accounts Chopra/Mealey
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated November 24, 2003 be received and cheques numbered 77175 to 77366 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$473,821.08 be approved. Carried
- F. 2. RCMP - monthly report Solda/Mealey
That the monthly report from the RCMP providing information about departmental operations in October 2003, be received. Carried
- F. 3. Parks and Recreation - monthly report Mealey/Solda
That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about departmental operations in November 2003, be received. Carried

- F. 4. Museum - monthly report Patterson/Lord
That the monthly report from the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum providing information about departmental operations in November 2003, be received. Carried
- F. 5. SPCA - monthly reports Solda/Lord
That the monthly reports from the SPCA providing information for the months May to October, 2003, be received. Carried
- F. 6. Officer In Charge (RCMP) Port Alberni Detachment - Construction of a New Police Services Building
Solda/Mealey
That the report from Inspector Rick Taylor, Officer in Charge (RCMP) Port Alberni Detachment, dated November 24, 2003, regarding construction of a new Police Services Building for Port Alberni Detachment be received. Carried
- Solda/Lord
That approval be granted for the Officer in Charge, Port Alberni Detachment, and City Staff to commence a formal and public process to convey the need for and plan for the construction of a new police services building on the old hospital site on Morton Street utilizing the existing architectural designs used for the new Penticton RCMP Detachment building. Carried
- Solda/Mealey
That a budget of \$40,000 be approved to cause enquiries to be made with the architect, Mr. Nick Bevanda, and other qualified professionals, to ascertain the cost of construction of said building on the identified site. Carried
- F. 6.1. City Clerk - Abbeyfield Proposed 15 Unit Assisted Living Project Price/Lord
That the verbal report from the City Clerk outlining Council's decision at the November 24, 2003 SICC Meeting to approve an extension of the lease for Lots 2 and 3, Block 175, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 1603 from 33 years to 60 years to accommodate a 15 unit assisted living project subject to approval for the project from the Vancouver Island Health Authority and Council's final approval of the building's design, be received. Carried

Price/Lord

That Council forgive the street improvement costs at approximately \$22,000 for the proposed 15 unit assisted living proposal for lot 3 plan 1603.

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Price/Solda

That Council forgive the building permit fee of approximately \$4,265 for the proposed 15 unit assisted living proposal for lot 3 plan 1603.

Carried

F. 7. Mayor's Report The Mayor reported on recent activities and matters of current interest.

Chopra/Mealey

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

F. 8. 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

G. 1. Council's December Meeting Schedule Chopra/Mealey That Council's Annual Organizational meeting be held on Monday, December 1, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Carried

Chopra/Mealey

That the Regular Meeting and In-Camera meetings of Council scheduled for Monday, December 22, 2003 be cancelled and a Special Meeting be held that day at 12 Noon to adopt accounts and consider matters of an urgent nature.

Carried

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Chopra

That the meeting terminate at 8:20 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk