

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2003 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Price.

**A.            MINUTES**

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| A. 1. | Adoption of Agenda  | Mealey/Patterson<br>That the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of late items:<br>B. 2. Ken Barlow, G.1. Community Forest. | Carried |
| A. 2. | Adoption of Minutes | Mealey/Solda<br>That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held October 14, 2003 be adopted as circulated.                          | Carried |

**B.            DELEGATIONS**

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| B. 1. | Port Alberni Toy Run                        | The Port Alberni Toy Run addressed Council with an outline of the very successful 2003 Toy Run and Mr. Scott Loudon presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 to support the continued operation of Glenwood Centre. |
| B. 2. | Ken Barlow and Mayor McRae - Abashiri visit | Ken Barlow, Chair of the Port Alberni Port Authority, provided an outline of the trip to Port Alberni's sister City - Abashiri, Japan, attended by himself and Mayor Ken McRae.  |

**C.            CORRESPONDENCE**

**C. (i)        PROCLAMATIONS**

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| C. (i) 1. | Canadian Public Health Association - Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and World AIDS Day | Chopra/Mealey<br>That the letter from the Canadian Public Health Association dated October 9, 2003, requesting that the week of November 24 to December 1, 2003 be proclaimed as "Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week", and December 1, 2003 be proclaimed as "World AIDS Day", in Port Alberni, be received and the request approved. | Carried |
| C. (i) 2. | Veteran Affairs Canada - Veterans' Week   | Chopra/Patterson<br>That the documentation from Veterans Affairs Canada providing a proclamation for Canadian municipalities to proclaim November 5 to 11 as "Veterans' Week", be received and the week proclaimed as requested.  | Carried |

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

- C. (ii) 1. British Columbia Solda/Mealey  
Association of That the letter from British Columbia Association  
Police Boards of Police Boards dated October 10, 2003 inviting  
- Annual General Council to attend the Board's 2004 Annual  
Meeting General Meeting and Conference on February 6  
to 8, 2004 at the Abbotsford Convention Centre,  
be received. Carried
- C. (ii) 2. Vancouver Island Chopra/Mealey  
Aboriginal That the letter from the Vancouver Island  
Transition Team Aboriginal Transition Team (VIATT) dated  
- Aboriginal October 6, 2003 inviting Council to participate in  
Community "Collecting Wisdom, Round Two of the VIATT  
Dialogues Aboriginal Community Dialogues" on November  
15 and 16, and advising that Chief Stewart  
Phillip, Chair of the UBCIC, Debra Foxcroft,  
VIATT Chair and Dr. Martin Brokenleg will be  
speaking at the event, be received and Mayor  
McRae and Councillor Solda attend on behalf of  
the City as their schedules permit. Carried
- C. (ii) 3. Society for Mealey/Chopra  
Children and Youth That the documentation from the Society for  
of BC Children and Youth of BC, a non-profit  
- training workshop organization dedicated to improving the well-  
being of children and youth, inviting BC  
communities to host a training workshop, be  
received and Council write a letter of support to  
the Society. Carried
- C. (ii) 4. Union of British Chopra/Mealey  
Columbia That the fax from the Union of British Columbia  
Municipalities (UBCM) Municipalities (UBCM) dated October 8, 2003  
- Crime Prevention inviting local government representatives to  
and Community attend a provincial meeting on crime prevention  
Safety session and community safety session on November 20  
and 21 at the Justice Institute of BC, be received  
and Councillor Solda attend on behalf of Council. Carried

**C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

- C. (iii) 1. Department of Department of Fisheries and Oceans submitting  
Fisheries and an email providing information on *Species at  
Oceans Risk Act (SARA) Community Information  
- Species at Risk Sessions to be held throughout the province  
Act from October 21 to November 27.*
- C. (iii) 2. Industrial, Wood Industrial, Wood and Allied Workers of Canada  
and Allied Workers (IWA) submitting a letter dated October 10, 2003  
of Canada regarding the future of the BC coastal forest  
- future of BC industry and advising that IWA representatives  
forest industry are available to meet with Council to discuss  
these issues.

- C. (iii) 3. Minister of Industry and Minister Responsible for Infrastructure - rural infrastructure  
Minister of Industry and Minister Responsible for Infrastructure submitting a letter dated October 2, 2003, responding to the Mayor's letter of February 4, 2003, advising that the federal government has a long term commitment towards funding assistance for infrastructure for rural municipalities.
- C. (iii) 4. Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services - bylaw disputes  
Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services providing a News Release dated October 7, 2003 advising that minor bylaw disputes (parking and licencing violations) will be handled at the local government level instead of the Provincial courts.
- C. (iii) 5. Health Canada - Council resolution regarding health care  
Health Canada submitting a letter dated October 10, 2003 advising that the City's letter dated May 27 regarding Council's resolution with regard to Canada's public health care system, has been forwarded to the Minister of Health for information and consideration.
- C. (iii) 6. City of Terrace - 2010 Winter Olympics mascot  
City of Terrace submitting a letter dated October 10, 2003 advising that its Council endorsed a resolution that a letter of support be sent to the 2010 Community Benefits Team to promote the Kermodei Bear as the symbol/mascot of the 2010 Winter Olympics.
- C. (iii) 7. Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Keep of Prisoners  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a memorandum dated October 8, 2003, providing an update on the budget reductions for the Keep of Prisoners program and advising of the resolution endorsed at the recent UBCM Convention requesting that the province be required to reinstate the necessary funding for Keep of Prisoners for those prisoners that are the legitimate responsibility of the province, and further that the province engage in meaningful consultation with the UBCM prior to making future changes to the Keep of Prisoners contribution.
- C. (iii) 8. Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Bylaw Forum Legislation  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a release dated October 10, 2003 providing details on the Bill 65 local Government Bylaw Notice and Enforcement Act. This legislation will provide local government with broader authority to make bylaws and establish a dispute adjudication system to hear and resolve disputes in relation to bylaw notice.

- C. (iii) 9. Union of British Columbia Municipalities - 2003 Resolution Disposition
- Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a release dated October 8, 2003 providing a summary of the resolutions and positions adopted at the 2003 UBCM Convention.
- Chopra/Mealey  
That Council invite IWA representatives as a delegation before Council to discuss issues regarding the future of the BC Coastal Forest Industry. Carried
- Mealey/Patterson  
That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 9 be received and filed. Carried

**D. BYLAWS**

Councillor Lord excused herself from the meeting on account of a potential conflict of interest as she is the vice president of the Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society, an applicant for permissive tax exemption.

- D. 1. "Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2004" - for adoption
- Solda/Mealey  
That "Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2004", No. 4539, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4539. Carried

Councillor Lord returned to the meeting.

- D. 2. City Planner - "Power Centre" 3555 Johnston Rd and 5355 Cherry Creek Rd Development Servicing Agreement and Bylaw Adoption
- Chopra/Patterson  
That the report from the City Planner dated October 21, 2003 outlining recommendations to accommodate the development of a "Power Centre" for 3555 Johnston Road and agricultural uses for 5355 Cherry Creek Road, including the signing of a Servicing Agreement, final adoption of the amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, and capital works for the improvement of Cherry Creek Road, be received. Carried
- Chopra/Patterson  
That City Council approve the Servicing Agreement for 3555 Johnston Road attached to the City Planner's October 21, 2003 report, and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Servicing Agreement. Carried
- Chopra/Patterson  
That the City of Port Alberni complete the upgrading of Cherry Creek Road including the lowering near Michigan totalling \$385,000 with the City's portion of \$285,000 being funded from the Land Reserve Fund. Carried

- D. 3. "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 26 (Development Permit Area No. 2 - 3555 Johnston Road) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4530 - for adoption  
Chopra/Mealey  
That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 26 (Development Permit Area No. 2 - 3555 Johnston Road) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4530, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4530. Carried
- D. 4. "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 27 (3555 Johnston Road and 5355 Cherry Creek Road) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4531 - for adoption  
Chopra/Patterson  
That "Official Community Plan Amendment No. 27 (3555 Johnston Road and 5355 Cherry Creek Road) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4531, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4531. Carried
- D. 5. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T15 (Retail Shopping Areas) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4532 - for adoption  
Chopra/Mealey  
That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T15 (Retail Shopping Areas) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4532, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4532. Carried
- D. 6. "Zoning Amendment No. 19 (3555 Johnston Road and 5355 Cherry Creek Road) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4533 - for adoption  
Chopra/Mealey  
That "Zoning Amendment No. 19 (3555 Johnston Road and 5355 Cherry Creek Road) Bylaw" Bylaw No. 4533, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and numbered 4533. Carried

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- E.1. Director of Parks and Recreation - Schan Family Memorial  
Mealey/Patterson  
That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated October 22, 2003 advising that Mr. Chester Ross has paid for a bronze plaque as a memorial to honour the Schan Family and their contribution and sacrifice to World War II, and requesting Council's approval of \$1,000 from the 2003 Contingency Fund to install the memorial at Harbour Quay near the Merchant Navy Veterans memorial, be received and Council concur with the request. Carried

E. 2. City Clerk  
- Tall Ships Public Meeting summary

Solda/Mealey  
That the report from the City Clerk dated October 23, 2003 providing a summary of the Tall Ships Public Meeting held on October 21, 2003, and outlining further information and options for Council's consideration, be received and Council defer a decision until after they meet to discuss this matter with the Port Alberni Port Authority.

Carried

**F. REPORTS**

F.1. Accounts

Chopra/Mealey  
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated October 27, 2003 be received and the cheques numbered 76764 to 76976 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$484,902.36 be approved.

Carried

F. 2. RCMP  
- monthly report

Solda/Mealey  
That the monthly report from the RCMP providing information about departmental operations in September 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 October 2003, be received.

Carried

F. 4. Museum  
- monthly report

Patterson/Mealey  
That the monthly report from the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum providing information about departmental operations in October 2003, be received.

Carried

F. 5. City Planner  
- Final exclusion from the ALR 3555 Johnston Road

Patterson/Mealey  
That the report from the City Planner dated October 21, 2003 advising that the City has received conditional approval for exclusion from the Agricultural Land Reserve for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 14, Alberni District, Plan VIP75261 (3555 Johnston Road), be received.

Carried

Patterson/Solda  
That the City of Port Alberni advertise 5355 Cherry Creek Road (excluding the area for the community garden), for a long term agricultural lease, in the AV Times and the Country Life Magazine once a year for the next three years.

Carried

Patterson/Solda  
That the City of Port Alberni be responsible for the cost of completing any necessary drainage

- for an agricultural use as part of any long term lease for agriculture on 5355 Cherry Creek Road. Carried
- Patterson/Mealey  
That the City of Port Alberni confirms that water for irrigation can be made available for an agricultural use as part of any long term lease for agriculture on 5355 Cherry Creek Road. Carried
- Lord/Mealey  
That the City of Port Alberni will clear and grub 5355 Cherry Creek Road as part of an agricultural lease. Carried
- Patterson/Mealey  
That the City of Port Alberni write a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission confirming the location and layout of a community garden. Carried
- Patterson/Mealey  
That the City of Port Alberni write a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission confirming the location for a Farmers' Market. Carried
- F. 6. Mayor's Report The Mayor reported on recent activities and matters of current interest.
- Mealey/Patterson  
That the Mayor's report be received. Carried
- F. 7. Councillors' Reports The Councillors reported on recent activities related to their various portfolios.
- Mealey/Patterson  
That the Councillors' reports be received. Carried
- G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**
- G. 1. Community Forest McRae/Chopra  
That the City write a letter to the Minister of Forests, expressing this Community's support and interest in the Community Forest concept. Should the opportunity be provided through the province's reform to forest tenure, this Community is interested and willing to work with our partners and assume a community forest. Carried
- H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS NIL**

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mealey/Patterson  
That the meeting terminate at 8:50 pm. Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk