

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Councillor Solda, Councillors Chopra, Lord, Mealey, Patterson and Price.

REGRETS: Mayor McRae.

A. MINUTES

A. 1. Adoption of Agenda
Mealey/Patterson
That the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of items:
C.(ii) 10. Howie Dorn; and
C. (iii) 1.g. Town of Qualicum Beach. Carried

A. 2. Adoption of Minutes
Mealey/Patterson
That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held September 8, 2003 be adopted as circulated. Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

B. 1. Inspector Rick Taylor, Port Alberni RCMP
Inspector Rick Taylor, RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment, introduced new members Cst. Chris Froats and Cst. Mike Ramsey to Council.

B. 2. Port Alberni Association for Community Living - Community Living Month
Cathie Waddington, President of the Port Alberni Association for Community Living, addressed Council requesting that October be proclaimed as "Community Living Month" in Port Alberni, and that Councillor Cindy Solda be a contact person for the Association.

Chopra/Lord
That the request of Cathie Waddington, President of the Port Alberni Association for Community Living that October be proclaimed as "Community Living Month" in Port Alberni, and that Councillor Cindy Solda be a contact person for the Association, be received and endorsed. Carried

B. 3. Alberni Outlook 20/20 Society - letter of support
Barb Stevenson, Co-Chair of Alberni Outlook 20/20 Society, addressed Council requesting a letter of support to forward to the federal government for their funding, and requesting the rental fee for facilities be waived for Society sessions and public meetings taking place at City facilities.

Price/Lord
That Council concur with the request of the Alberni Outlook 20/20 Society for a letter of support and the waiving of City facility rental fees. Carried

- C. (ii) 3. Alexandra Pazitch
- Mar Street
between 1st & 2nd
Avenue
Price/Chopra
That the letter from Alexandra Pazitch dated September 11, 2003 expressing concerns about the condition of Mar Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue, be received, the City provide routine maintenance to the street, and a letter of explanation be provided from the City outlining the schedule of proposed works in the Capital Plan. Carried
- C. (ii) 4. Maitland Street
residents
- petition to
increase water
pressure
Lord/Mealey
That the letter from Sharon Fedirchuk dated September 15, 2003 regarding water pressure on Maitland Street and attaching a petition signed by area residents requesting that the City increase the water pressure in the area, be received and a letter be provided from the City explaining the works are proposed in 2004 in the Capital Plan. Carried
- C. (ii) 5. Juliette Cox
- Recycling Depot
on 4th Avenue
Lord/Chopra
That the letter from Juliet Cox dated September 17, 2003 expressing concerns about the possible closure of the Recycling Depot on 4th Avenue and asking for clarification about the situation, be received, and a letter of explanation provided indicating that Sunbird Ventures will be provided the opportunity to continue with the service month by month until a request for proposals is completed. Carried
- C. (ii) 6. Gillian Trumper,
MLA
- fundraiser for the
Interior Fire Victims
Chopra/Patterson
That the letter from Gillian Trumper, MLA, dated September 18, 2003 advising that her office and the Kiwanis Club are hosting a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for the Interior Fire Victims on October 4 at the Harbour Quay, and requesting that the City place barricades in the Harbour Quay square to keep the area free of vehicles and to display fire equipment, and inviting Council members to participate by helping serve the breakfast, be received and Council concur with the request. Carried
- C. (ii) 7. Lisa Mangles,
Alberni School of
Cosmetology
- deregulation of
trade
Lord/Chopra
That the letter from Lisa Mangles, Instructor, Alberni School of Cosmetology, dated September 8, 2003 expressing concerns about the direction and mandate of a newly formed Cosmetologists Volunteer Association, which was supported by Council at their September 8 Regular meeting, be received, and Council rescind its resolution of September 8, 2003 in which it supported the Cosmetologists Volunteer Association. Carried

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| C. (ii) 8. | City of North Vancouver
- property tax cap on ports businesses | Chopra/Patterson
That the letter from City of North Vancouver dated September 11, 2003 providing a copy of Council's resolution regarding the Provincial Government's determination to impose a property tax cap on ports businesses, be received and Council write a letter expressing concern for the property tax cap to the Premier and the Ministers responsible for Finance and Community, Aboriginal and Women's Service. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 9. | Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games
- transportation for Games participants | Price/Chopra
That the letter from Western Bus Lines referring a letter from Ted Charlesworth, Operations Manger, Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games, dated September 4, 2003 requesting that the local transit authority permit Games participants to ride buses with no charge, be received and Council concur with the request. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 10. | Howie Dorn
- Halloween road closure | That the letter from Howie Dorn, dated September 27, 2003 requesting closure of 1 st Avenue between Sterling Street and Melrose Street, be received and Council concur with the request. | Carried |

C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

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| C. (iii) 1. | Letters regarding West Coast General Hospital | | |
| a. | Mayor of Qualicum Beach | Mayor of Qualicum Beach submitting a copy of a letter dated September 17, 2003 to the Minister of Health objecting to the proposed closure of nine beds at the West Coast General Hospital. | |
| b. | Jo-Anne L. Asher | Jo-Anne Asher submitting a copy of a letter dated September 16, 2003 to the Vancouver Island Health Authority expressing dissatisfaction of the "Regionalized" Vancouver Island Health Authority and its treatment of Port Alberni citizens and proposed changes to the West Coat General Hospital. | |
| c. | June Coupland | June R. Coupland submitting a copy of a letter dated September 12, 2003 to Gillian Trumper, MLA, opposing proposed cutbacks at the West Coat General Hospital. | |
| d. | June Coupland | June R. Coupland submitting a copy of a letter dated September 19, 2003 to Colin Hansen, Minister of Health, opposing proposed cutbacks at the West Coat General Hospital. | |

- e. Heather Collins Heather Collins submitting a letter dated September 18, 2003 expressing dissatisfaction with some features of the West Coast General Hospital and providing copies of letters to Gillian Trumper, MLA, describing dissatisfactory experiences with health services in Port Alberni and Nanaimo.
- f. District of Tofino District of Tofino submitting a copy of a letter dated September 22, 2003 to the Vancouver Island Health Authority objecting to the proposed closure of beds at the West Coast General Hospital.
- g. Mayor of Qualicum Beach Mayor of Qualicum Beach submitting a copy of a letter dated September 24, 2003 to the Minister of Health expanding on the September 17 letter, indicating that the West Coast General Hospital has the potential of serving a combine population between the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and District 69 (Parksville, Qualicum Beach), of 70,000.
- C. (iii) 2. Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas
- background information on the Society Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas (CSUG) submitting a letter dated September 16, 2003 providing information about the Society and the exploration and development of unconventional gas resources in Canada.
- C. (iii) 3. BC Hydro
- Electric Beautification Projects BC Hydro submitting a letter dated August 29, 2003 providing information and an application for funding for Electric Beautification Projects.
- C. (iii) 4. City of North Vancouver
- Sale of BC Rail City of North Vancouver submitting an email dated September 11, 2003 providing a copy of Council's resolution opposing the proposed sale of BC Rail to a private corporation.
- C. (iii) 5. City of North Vancouver
- 2010 Vision for British Columbians with Disabilities City of North Vancouver submitting an email dated September 11, 2003 providing a copy of Council's resolution agreeing to participate with the development of a 2010 Vision for British Columbians with Disabilities.
- C. (iii) 6. BC Government Employees' Union
- report on Crime at Privatized Liquor Outlets BC Government Employees' Union submitting a letter dated September 8, 2003 regarding new research on the links between increased availability of alcohol and crime, and providing a copy of a report from the Calgary Police Service entitled "Liquor Stores & Crime - a Study of Crime at Privatized Liquor Outlets 1993 - 2002".

- C. (iii) 7. School District 70 Alberni
- school closure and reconfiguration
The Board of School Trustees School District 70 (Alberni) submitting a letter dated August 28, 2003 thanking the City for its assistance during the school closure and configuration process.
- C. (iii) 8. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
- parking fee exemption for Toy Run
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection submitting a letter dated August 29, 2003 responding to the City's letter requesting a vehicle parking fee exemption for the Port Alberni Toy Run at Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park, and advising that it does not provide exemption from day use area fees during special/charitable events.
- C. (iii) 9. Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services
- infrastructure grants
The Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services submitting a letter dated September 10, 2003 advising that the City's applications under the *Local Government Grants Act* for infrastructure planning grants have been approved for two projects: Liquid Waste Management Plan Stage 2 \$10,000; and China Creek Water Supply Main Replacement Study \$10,000.
- C. (iii) 10. Ministry for Public Safety and Solicitor General
- King Edward Hotel Private Liquor Store
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General submitting a copy of its letter to the owners of the King Edward Hotel approving the proposed name and floor plans for the King Edward Hotel "G" Class liquor Licence (Licensee Retail Store).
- C. (iii) 11. University of Victoria
- Co-op Education Program
University of Victoria, Co-operative Education Program submitting a letter dated September 9, 2003 providing its annual report, including a feature on a co-op student and her experience working for the Alberni Valley Museum and the McLean Mill National Historic Site.
- C. (iii) 12. Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society
- application forms
Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society advising that the British Columbia Youth Parliament's 75th Parliament will be held in Victoria from December 27 to 31, 2003 and providing application forms for membership.
- C. (iii) 13. Pacific Rim Tourism Association
- administration change
Dave Christensen, President, Pacific Rim Tourism Association (PRTA) submitting a letter dated September 12, 2003 advising that the administrative structure of PRTA has changed and that day to day management is being conducted by Pinnacle Youth Works Inc.

- C. (iii) 14. Secretary of State - Softwood Industry Community Economic Adjustment Initiative (SICEA) Stephen Owen, Secretary of State, submitting a letter dated September 15, 2003 providing an update on the Softwood Industry Community Economic Adjustment Initiative (SICEA), and that over 1100 applications were received for funding, and approved projects are expected to be announced in the near future.
- C. (iii) 15. Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association - letter of thanks Alberni Valley Drag Racing submitting a letter dated September 15, 2003 thanking Council for their support of the Thunder in the Valley Drag Race weekend and inviting Council to attend a volunteer appreciation dance on October 4.
- C. (iii) 16. Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Regional Hospital District (RHD) Cost Sharing Review Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a copy of the recently completed Ministry of Health Services Regional Health District (RHD) Cost Sharing Review and cover letter from Colin Hansen, Minister of Health
- C. (iii) 17. Eagle Rock Materials Ltd. - Eagle Rock Quarry update Eagle Rock Materials Ltd. submitting a copy of a News Release advising that it has received an Environmental Assessment Certificate for its proposed Eagle Rock Quarry and providing an update on the project.
- C. (iii) 18. Alberni Valley Lions Club - Bullhead Derby Alberni Valley Lions Club submitting a letter dated September 5, 2003 thanking Council members for participating in the judging at the Bullhead Derby.
- C. (iii) 19. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - CRTC ROW Access Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) submitting a Members' Advisory, dated September 24, 2003 advising that the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed the applications of FCM and five municipal governments for leave to appeal the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Decision 2001-23, that addressed a rights-of-way (ROW) access dispute between the City of Vancouver and Ledcor Industries Ltd.

Chopra/Mealey
That Informational Correspondence Items 1 through 19 be received and filed.

Carried

D. BYLAWS

- D. 1. "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003"
- for 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading
- Chopra/Lord
That "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003", No. 4538, be now introduced and read a first time. Carried
- Chopra/Patterson
That "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003", No. 4538, be read a second time. Carried
- Chopra//Mealey
That "Various Redundant or Expired Bylaws, Repeal Bylaw, 2003", No. 4538, be now read a third time. Carried

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NIL

F. REPORTS

- F.1. Accounts
Chopra/Lord
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated September 29, 2003 be received and the cheques numbered 76214 to 76552 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$1,503,886.94 be approved. Carried
- F. 2. RCMP
- monthly report
Patterson/Chopra
That the monthly report from the RCMP providing information about departmental operations in August 2003, be received. Carried
- F. 3. Parks and Recreation
- monthly report
Mealey/Lord
That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about departmental operations in August 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 September 2003, be received. Carried

- F. 5. Director of Finance - On-Line Finance & Leasing Corporation (HC) Chopra/Patterson
That the memorandum from the Director of Finance dated September 18, 2003 advising that the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) have terminated the contract with the On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation to administer the leasing program for municipalities in BC, and there is ongoing litigation between the MFA and On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation, and that the MFA has advised the City to:
1. Refrain from exercising the option to buy out of the lease;
 2. Revoke the authority of On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation to withdraw lease payments by way of electronic transfer;
 3. Advise the bank that the City has revoked On-Line Finance and Leasing Corporation's authority to withdraw funds from its account.
- And the letter from On-Line Finance & Leasing Corporation dated September 14, 2003 advising that it will no longer initiate payments by electronic funds transfer from the City's accounts and as a result the City's lease account will go delinquent pending a restoration of their authority, be received and filed. Carried
- F. 6. Administrative Assistant - gifts for visit to Abashiri (HC) Chopra/Patterson
That the memorandum from the Administrative Assistant dated September 22, 2003 requesting Council's approval of a \$225 expenditure to purchase gifts to be presented on behalf of the City to Abashiri dignitaries during the Mayor's visit in October, be received and Council concur with the request. Carried
- F. 7. City Clerk - SICC Report from 5:30 pm September 29, 2003
The City Clerk provided a verbal report from the SICC meeting conducted at 5:30 pm, September 29, 2003 regarding the disposition of the Old Arena to the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Society. It is proposed that the City repair the roof and upgrade the watermain to accommodate sprinklers. The City will contribute to annual operating costs equivalent to the costs of the Bus Barn. The final agreement, following endorsement by the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Society and the quotes to repair the roof, will be presented for Council's endorsement at the next regular meeting of Council.
- Mealey/Patterson
That the verbal report from the City Clerk be received. Carried

- F. 8. 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. 9. 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**
- Councillor Price Price/Mealey
- Mayor's travel That the City of Port Alberni cover the travel
expenses to attend expenses of approximately \$1,500, including
Abashiri taxes, for the Mayor to attend the City's sister City
- Abashiri, on an official visit October 15 to 22,
2003. Carried
- H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**
- I. ADJOURNMENT**
- Mealey/Price
That the meeting terminate at 8:52 pm. Carried

Mayor

Clerk