

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2004 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 item C (i) 3 from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon. Carried

A. 2. Adoption of Minutes Mealey/Solda
That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 12, 2004 be adopted as circulated. Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

B. 1. Recognition of Champions - rally racing Council recognized a champion from rally racing.

B. 2. Dewayne Parfitt - Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games Dewayne Parfitt , President of the Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games, updated Council on the Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games.

B. 3. Save Our Services (SOS) - Signs at West Coast General Hospital
Save Our Services (SOS) were in attendance to request that the signs up on the fence across from the West Coast General Hospital remain in place.
Solda/Price
That Council authorize the three Save Our Services signs erected on the City Noise Barrier on the Redford Extension across from the WCGH to remain for thirty days subject to the Society security liability insurance for the signs and that this resolution be reviewed by Council following thirty days. Carried

B. 4. Wallace and Donna Samuel of 3568 7th Avenue - non-conforming sundeck
Wallace and Donna Samuel of 3568 7th Avenue were in attendance to discuss a possible extension to obtaining a valid Building Permit for their walkway and sundeck being constructed in contravention of the Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw.

Solda/Price
That Council provide for a two week extension to the requirement for Wallace and Donna Samuel of 3568 7th Avenue to obtain a building permit for their walkway and sundeck. Carried

B. 5. Wes Guiboche - NISA (North Island Students' Association)
Wes Guiboche representing NISA (North Island Students' Association) spoke to Council regarding post secondary issues.

Mealey/Solda
That City Council write to the Premier, the Minister of Education and our MLA expressing support for increased funding to public post secondary institutions as well as requesting to rescind the two year limit on receiving income assistance benefits. Carried

C. CORRESPONDENCE

C. (i) PROCLAMATIONS

C. (i) 1. Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games - "Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games Week"
Mealey/Patterson
That the letter from the Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games dated January 10, 2004 requesting that the week of February 23 to 29, 2004 be proclaimed as "Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games Week" be received and the request approved. Carried

C. (i) 2. The Kidney Foundation of Canada - "Kidney Month"
Solda/Mealey
That the letter from the Kidney Foundation of Canada dated January 7, 2004 requesting that March, 2004 be proclaimed as "Kidney Month" in Port Alberni be received and the request approved. Carried

C. (i) 3. Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon - "Heart Month"
Mealey/Lord
That the letter from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon dated January 16, 2004 requesting that the month of February, 2004 be proclaimed as "Heart Month" in Port Alberni be received and the request approved. Carried

C. (ii) CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

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| C. (ii) 1. | Vancouver
Island Regional
Library - Book
Rate Petition | Patterson/Mealey
That the letter from the Vancouver Island Regional
Library dated January 7, 2004 asking for support in
urging both the Minister of Canadian Heritage and
the President/CEO of Canada Post to maintain the
current Canada Post Library Rate and to enhance the
Rate to include all library materials provided for
circulation, be received. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 2. | Association of
Vancouver
Island and
Coastal
Communities -
Resolution
Deadline | Chopra/Mealey
That the memorandum from the Association of
Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities dated
January 9, 2004 advising that the Resolution deadline
for the 2004 AVICC Convention being held March 26
to 28, 2004, is February 11, 2004, be received.

Chopra/Mealey
That the Mayor and all Councillors be authorized to
attend the 2004 AVICC Convention being held March
26 to 28, 2004 in Parksville. | Carried

Carried |
| C. (ii) 3. | Portal Players
Dramatic
Society -
donation of a
surplus desk | Chopra/Mealey
That the letter from the Portal Players Dramatic
Society dated December 17, 2003 requesting the
donation of a surplus City desk for its office, be
received and the Society be advised that a desk is
available. | Carried |
| C. (ii) 4. | Port Alberni
2004 BC Winter
Games -
Transportation | Price/Mealey
That the letter from the Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter
Games dated January 20, 2004 requesting
permission to use City streets; parking areas and City
Bus Stops, for use by their buses, to pick up and
drop off Athletes during the Winter Games, February
26 to 29, 2004, at the following locations: | |

C. (ii) 4.
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- ADSS Sr. Secondary - Burde Street in front of ADSS (from the City Bus Stop, in front of the main entrance up to the Technical Education Buildings).
- EJ Dunn Middle School - along the curb on Argyle Street at the School
- Echo Centre - just north of the City Bus Stop on 10th Avenue
- 8th Avenue Elementary - in front of school's main entrance
- Maquinna Elementary - in front of school's main entrance
- 3rd Avenue in front of the Squash Courts
- 4th Avenue by City Hall

be received and the request approved.

Carried

C. (ii) 5. RCMP - Request for Funding Approval to replace microwave in guard room

Solda/Mealey
That the letter from the RCMP dated January 21, 2004 requesting funding approval to replace the microwave in the guard room that is used to cook the prisoner meals, because their present microwave is old and has caught on fire, be received and Council concur with the request.

Carried

C. (ii) 6. Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia - Civil Liability Review

Chopra/Solda
That the memorandum from the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia dated January 14, 2003 requesting that a letter be sent to the Premier, the Attorney General and our MLA expressing strong support for changes to the laws of civil liability, and requesting that reforms be introduced in the next session of the Legislature, be received and Council concur with the request.

Carried

C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

C. (iii) 1. Natural Resources Canada - Grants for Homeowners

Natural Resources Canada submitting a letter dated December 12, 2003 enclosing a brochure about the EnergyGuide for Houses services and the grants that go along with it.

C. (iii) 2. District of Coldstream - Bill 75 - Significant Projects Streamlining Act

The District of Coldstream submitting a letter dated December 30, 2003 acknowledging receipt of Mayor McRae's letter to the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of State for Deregulation regarding Bill 75 - Significant Projects Streamlining Act.

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| C. (iii) 3. | City of Williams Lake - BC Hydro Proposed Rate Increase | The City of Williams Lake submitting a copy of a letter dated December 18, 2003 sent to the Premier objecting to BC Hydro's proposed rate increase. | |
| C. (iii) 4. | Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) | The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General submitting a letter dated January 15, 2004 responding to a letter from the Mayor dated October 28, 2003 concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) warnings.

Chopra/Price
That Informational Correspondence Items numbered 1 through 4 be received and filed. | Carried |
| | | Price/Solda
That staff be directed to prepare a bylaw that would require all liquor sales outlets in the City to display signs warning of the effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. | Carried |
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| D. | <u>BYLAWS</u> | | |
| D. 1. | Report from Public Hearing - January 12, 2004 | Price/Mealey
That the report providing a summary of the Public Hearing conducted at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, January 12, 2004 to hear representation relative to proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, be received. | Carried |
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| E. | <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> | | |
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| F. | <u>REPORTS</u> | | |
| F. 1. | Accounts | Chopra/Patterson
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated January 26, 2004 be received and cheques numbered 78027 to 78222 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$713,879.26 be approved. | Carried |
| F. 2. | RCMP - monthly report | Solda/Mealey
That the monthly report from the RCMP providing information about departmental operations in December 2003, be received. | Carried |

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| F. 3. | Parks and Recreation
- monthly report | Mealey/Chopra
That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about departmental operations in December 2003, be received. | Carried |
| F. 4. | Museum
- monthly report | Patterson/Chopra
That the monthly report from the Director of the Alberni Valley Museum providing information about departmental operations in December 2003, be received. | Carried |
| F. 5. | Alberni Valley Rescue Squad -
2003 Report of Activities | Patterson/Mealey
That the report from the Alberni Valley Rescue Squad providing information about its operations in 2003, be received. | Carried |
| F. 6. | City Clerk -
Parking Ticket Fees
Comparison | Chopra/Mealey
That the report from the City Clerk dated January 15, 2004 attaching a report comparing parking ticket fees of other municipalities, be received. | Carried |
| | | Chopra/Mealey
That staff be directed to draft an amendment to the City's parking ticket fees to reflect a fine of \$50 for parking in a handicap stall without a required decal. | Carried |
| F. 7. | City Planner -
2 nd Phase of
Barclay
Shopping
Center Project,
Agricultural
Land Reserve
Exclusion
Application | Price/Chopra
That the report from the City Planner dated January 21, 2004 regarding the 2 nd Phase of Barclay Shopping Center Project, Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application, be received. | Carried |
| | | Price/Solda
That City Council support the Agricultural Land Reserve exclusion application of Barclay Capital Development (624662) for Parcel D, (DD 24548N), District Lot 152, Alberni District and that the application be referred to the Agricultural Land Commission. | Carried |

F. 8. City Clerk - Chopra/Patterson
Lease Renewal of Unit #6, That, under the Authority of Section 8(1) of the *Community Charter*, the City of Port Alberni enter into a lease agreement with Georgina Mearns for Unit #6 of Alberni Harbour Quay, for a five year term for an annual rent of \$13.30 per square foot per year (plus annual cost of living increases), and the lease agreement as prepared by staff be approved, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. Carried

F. 9. 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. 10. Councillors' Reports The Councillors reported on recent activities related to their various portfolios.

Mealey/Solda
That the Councillors' reports be received. Carried

G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

G. 1. Parcel Tax Review Panel (HC) Chopra/Price
That Council for the City of Port Alberni establish that the 2004 Court of Revision, to deal with complaints respecting the assessment roll and authentication of the assessment roll for the Arena Parcel Tax, meet at 10:00 am, Monday, March 29, 2004 in the Council Chambers at 4850 Argyle Street and that Councillor Price and Councillor Solda, with Councillor Mealey as alternate, be appointed to the 2004 Court of Revision, chaired by Raymond Kwok. Carried

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting terminate at 9:00 pm. Carried

Mayor

Clerk