

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 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 C (i) 3 Parkinson Society of BC and C (iii) 7 (b) KD Air.	Carried
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A. 2.	Adoption of Minutes	Mealey/Patterson That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 8, 2004 be adopted as circulated.	Carried
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B. DELEGATIONS

B. 1.	Director of Finance - Financial Reporting Award	The Mayor presented the Director of Finance, Dave Murray with the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for the year 2002.
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B. 2.	Alberni Valley Bulldogs	The Mayor welcomed 18 members of the AV Bulldogs hockey club and presented each of them with a City hat in recognition of their successful year.
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B. 3.	Proud and Proactive Committee	Dan Washington and Tom McEvay of the Proud and Proactive Committee provided an outline of the Committee's role, progress and planned questionnaire.
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B. 4.	BC Government Employees Union - Community Social Services	Grace Todd representing the BC Government Employees Union (BCGEU) discussed the province's funding cuts to Community Social Services and requested Council's consideration of a proposed resolution.
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B. 4. *BC Government
Employees Union
- Community Social
Services
(Cont'd.)*

Lord/Solda

Whereas community social services are vital to the health and well-being of thousands of British Columbians, especially women, people with disabilities, children and families in need, and the most vulnerable people in our society, and

Whereas these critical services are dependent on adequate funding by the provincial government; and

Whereas the provincial government has already cut \$100 million from the community social services sector since 2001, and plans to cut at least \$70 million more before March 31 of this year; and

Whereas these cuts are having a devastating impact on families and communities;

Therefore be it resolved that Council send a letter to the B.C. government calling on Premier Gordon Campbell, Finance Minister Gary Collins, and Minister of Children and Family Development, Christy Clark to put on hold any further cuts to community social service funding in the upcoming 2004/2005 budget, and to make every effort to restore program funding to the pre 2001 level.

Carried

C. CORRESPONDENCE

C. (i) PROCLAMATIONS

C. (i) 1. NorskeCanada
- Community
Health Safety and
Wellness Day

Chopra/Mealey

That the letter from NorskeCanada dated March 10, 2004 requesting that May 29, 2004 be proclaimed as "Community Health Safety and Wellness Day" in Port Alberni, be received and the request approved.

Carried

- C. (ii) 3. City of Coquitlam - gaming research Chopra/Mealey
That the copy of the letter from the City of Coquitlam to the Premier dated February 23, 2004 urging the Province to create an independent provincial research organization to investigate the impacts of gambling within communities, be received. Carried

C. (iii) INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- C. (iii) 1. Cowichan Valley Safer Futures Cowichan Valley Safer Futures submitting its Winter 2003/04 newsletter providing information on the "Women and Community Safety Project".
- C. (iii) 2. Canadian Heritage - Library book rate Canadian Heritage submitting a letter dated February 26, 2004 advising that the inclusion of non-print materials in the Library Book Rate would be considered at the next Memorandum of Agreement between Canadian Heritage and Canada Post in March 2005.
- C. (iii) 3. Premier Campbell - Advanced Education funding Premier Campbell submitting a letter dated February 27, 2004 advising that Advanced Education funding will increase by \$105 million in the next three years.
- C. (iii) 4. Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform submitting its March 9, 2004 Newsletter.
- C. (iii) 5. Chamber of Commerce - Spirit of 2010 Business Summit Chamber of Commerce submitting an email dated March 12, 2004 advising of the Spirit of 2010 Business Summit in Vancouver on May 3, 2004, an event providing business and community leaders with information to seize opportunities provided by 2010 Winter Olympics.

- C. (iii) 6. Canadian Diabetes Association
- Cycling Tour Robin Nadig, Tour Co-ordinator for the Vancouver Island Cycling Tour for the Prevention of Diabetes in Children, submitting a letter dated March 17, 2004 providing information on the Kiwanis sponsored cycling tour beginning on May 30, 2004.
- C. (iii) 7. Milner Trucking, Excavating and Disposal
- Highway 4 closures Milner Trucking, Excavating and Disposal submitting a fax received March 16, 2004 providing a schedule of traffic delays on the Alberni Highway during the "S bends" improvement construction project.
- C. (iii) 8. Port Coquitlam
- *Community Charter* - size of Council Port Coquitlam submitting a copy of letter to the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services requesting a delay to the implementation of Section 118(2) of the *Community Charter* regarding size of Council (number of Councillors).
- C. (iii) 9. District of North Vancouver
- *Community Charter* - size of Council District of North Vancouver submitting a copy of a letter to the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services dated March 9, 2004 requesting that the Community Charter requirement with respect to the size of Council be delayed until the 2008 municipal election.
- C. (iii) 10. Town of View Royal
- GST Town of View Royal providing a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister dated March 1, 2004 supporting the Federal government's proposed elimination of GST paid by local government sectors.
- C. (iii) 11. Town of View Royal
- BC Hydro rate increase Town of View Royal providing a copy of a letter to the BC Utilities Commission dated March 1, 2004 opposing the proposed large single jump in hydro rates and suggesting a gradual increase of approximately 2% per year over four years.

- C. (iii) 12. Health Employers Association of BC
- Facilities Subsector Bargaining
Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) submitting a letter dated March 11, 2004 providing background information relating to collective bargaining for health care employers in BC.
- C. (iii) 13. Union of BC Municipalities
- dispute resolution
Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a copy of its document entitled "Communities in Cooperation" a guide to alternative dispute resolution for First Nations and local governments in BC.
- C. (iii) 14. Union of BC Municipalities
- resolution process
Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) submitting a notice dated March 17, 2004 outlining the 2004 resolution process for the Annual Convention.
- C. (iii) 15. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
- fee increases
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection providing a summary of fee increases relating to Waste Management and Integrated Pest Management.
- C. (iii) 16. Dewayne Parfitt, President, Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games
Dewayne Parfitt, President, Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games submitting letters of appreciation for 3 City employees: Theresa Kingston, Jack Payne and Scott Kenny who were Winter Games Directors.

Staff were requested to set up regular meetings with Milner Trucking to determine progress on the S-bend project and provide a report regarding cost increases to the City resulting from fee increases relating to Waste Management and integrated pest management permits.

Mealey/Patterson

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 16 be received and filed.

Carried

D. BYLAWS

- D. 1. "Zoning Amendment No. 21 (2981 Burde Street - Rural Residential) Bylaw" No. 4550
- for 1st and 2nd reading
Price/Chopra
That the report from the City Planner dated March 16, 2004 regarding a zoning amendment to the property at 2981 Burde Street from FD - Future Development District to R5 - Rural Residential District to accommodate subdividing the property into two lots, be received.

Carried

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| | | Price/Chopra
That "Zoning Amendment No. 21 (2981 Burde Street - Rural Residential) Bylaw" No. 4550, be now introduced and read a first time. | Carried |
| | | Price/Mealey
That "Zoning Amendment No. 21 (2981 Burde Street - Rural Residential) Bylaw" No. 4550, be now read a second time. | Carried |
| | | Price/Chopra
That "Zoning Amendment No. 21 (2981 Burde Street - Rural Residential) Bylaw" No. 4550, be advanced to a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 6:40 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. | Carried |
| D. 2. | "Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw", No. 4547
- for final adoption | Chopra/Mealey
That "Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw", No. 4547, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4547. | Carried |
| E. | <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> | NIL | |
| F. | <u>REPORTS</u> | | |
| F.1. | Accounts | Chopra/Mealey
That the certification of the Director of Finance dated March 22, 2004 be received and the cheques numbered 78813 to 79026 inclusive, in payment of accounts totaling \$395,282.87 be approved. | Carried |
| F. 2. | RCMP
- monthly report | The City Clerk indicated that the monthly report from the Officer in Charge, RCMP, Port Alberni Detachment providing information about departmental operations in February 2004 will be provided at the next regular meeting. | |
| 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 February 2004, 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 February 2004 and the minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting held March 3, 2004, be received. Carried
- F. 5. Fire Department
- monthly report
Solda/Mealey
That the monthly report from the Fire Department providing information about departmental operations in February 2004, be received. Carried
- F. 6. City Clerk
- Audit Committee
March 8, 2004
Chopra/Mealey
That the minutes from the March 8, 2004 Audit Committee Meeting, the report from the City Clerk dated March 17, 2004 responding to questions raised at the meeting, and the February 2004 Financial Statements, be received. Carried
- F. 7. City Planner
- Proposed
Development
Variance Permit
No. 47 - 3753 10th
Avenue
Price/Lord
That the report from the City Planner dated March 16, 2004 regarding proposed Development Variance Permit Application No. 47, be received and Council proceed with consideration of the Development Variance Permit. Carried
- The City Clerk introduced the application and indicated no correspondence had been received. The Mayor provided the opportunity for input regarding the application, there was none.
- Development
Variance Permit
No. 47
- 3753 10th Avenue
Price/Mealey
That Development Variance Permit No.47 to vary the Bulk and Site Regulations as specified in Section 6.15.3 of Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw 1998, No. 4395 as follows:

a) Vary the Rear Yard Setback from 6 metres to 1.524 metres.

for the lands legally described as Lot 2 District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan 12949, be authorized by resolution of the City Council on March 22, 2004. Carried

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| F. 8. | City Clerk
- Sri Sanatan
Dharam Society
request for
permissive tax
exemption | Lord/Mealey
That the report from the City Clerk dated March 17, 2004 and the letter from the Sri Sanatan Dharam Society dated February 24, 2004 requesting property tax exemption for the entire property at 4332 Scott Street, be received. | Carried |
| | | Lord/Solda
That Council approve the City Clerk's recommendation to delay a decision until a review of Council's policy for permissive tax exemption is completed. | Carried |
| F. 9. | City Clerk
- removal of All
Saints Anglican
Church from
Church Exemption
Bylaw | Lord/Chopra
That the report from the City Clerk dated March 18, 2004 advising that All Saints Anglican Church is no longer owned by the church or operated as a place of worship, and as a result the buildings and property no longer qualify for tax exemption and recommending an amendment to the Church Exemption Bylaw before October 2004 to remove the noted property from the Bylaw, be received and Council concur with the recommendation to prepare an amending bylaw accordingly. | Carried |
| F. 10. | Director of Finance
- Transit 2004-05
Annual Operating
Agreement | Price/Chopra
That the report from the Director of Finance dated March 16, 2004 recommending renewal of the Annual Transit Operating Agreement, be received. | Carried |
| | | Price/Chopra
That the Annual Operating Agreement for the period April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005 between the City of Port Alberni and British Columbia Transit and Western Bus Lines be approved, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. | Carried |

- F. 11. Director of Public Works
- Capital Sidewalk Budget
- Price/Lord
That the report from the Director of Public Works dated March 17, 2004 requesting approval for the following sidewalk projects:
1. North Park Drive between 10th and 11th Avenue;
 2. 4th Avenue from Montrose to Mar Street; and
 3. Elizabeth Street from Johnson to Berke.
- using funds from the Sidewalk Capital Budget, be received and the request approved. Carried
- F. 12. Administrative Assistant
- Annual Global Forest and Paper Industry Conference
- Chopra/Patterson
That the report from the Administrative Assistant dated March 16, 2004 requesting authorization for the Mayor to attend the Annual Global Forest and Paper Industry Conference on March 31 in Vancouver at a cost of \$730, be received and Council concur with the request. Carried
- F. 13. Mayor's Report
- Mealey/Lord
That the Mayor's report be received. Carried
- F. 14. Councillors' Reports
- Mealey/Solda
That the Councillors' reports be received. Carried
- G. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION Nil**
- H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS Nil**
- I. ADJOURNMENT**
- Mealey/Patterson
That the meeting terminate at 8:35 pm. Carried

Mayor

Clerk