

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION HELD  
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008 AT 3:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chopra, Mealey, McLeman, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman.

**EXCUSED:** Mayor McRae. Councillor McLeman, Alternate Mayor for March, assumed the Chair.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda**

*Mealey/Whiteman  
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

*Mealey/Whiteman  
That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive Andrea and Rene, two students representing the Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) Save our City Committee (SOCC), as a delegation.*

*Carried*

**B. DELEGATION**

1. Andrea and Rene spoke in favour of Council proceeding with a Revitalization Tax Exemption bylaw that would support the students' "Paint the Town Event" in the Uptown. They provided to Council letters from seven students in support of the proposal, that are attached to and form part of these minutes.

**C. REPORTS**

Mayor McRae arrived at 3:30 pm and assumed the Chair.

Council considered two reports from the City Clerk regarding revitalization tax exemptions, dated March 27, 2008 and February 18, 2008.

*Solda/Mealey  
That Council for the City of Port Alberni adopt the principles for Revitalization Tax Exemption bylaws (RTE) as outlined in the February 18, 2008 report from the City Clerk.*

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni agree to the direction for the proposed uptown RTE, this includes the three purposes:*

- o Provide an incentive for specific major investment in the uptown which will result in increased customer traffic.*
- o Provide an incentive for significant improvements to existing buildings and property which improve public safety, aesthetics, livability and the image of the uptown.*
- o Provide an incentive for property owners to participate in the SOCC project through modest tax relief.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni agree in principle to the proposed Contract as outlined in the City Clerk's March 27, 2008 report.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Mealey*

*That the City undertake a public meeting to present these proposals and receive input before proceeding with adopting the proposed documents in May, 2008.*

*Carried*

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mealey/Patterson*

*That the meeting adjourn at 3:50 pm.*

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Mayor

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Clerk