

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
2009-2013 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2009 AT 2:00 PM  
IN THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, Douglas, McLeman, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman.

7 members of the public.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*Carried*

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Solda/Patterson  
That the minutes from the Special Budget Meetings held February 23,  
March 2, 9, 16 and 19, 2009, be approved as circulated.*

*Carried*

**C. FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - CITY MANAGER**

**D. REPORTS**

**1. City Manager - Closure of City Hall during the Christmas period**

*Solda/Douglas  
That the report dated March 24, 2009 from the City Manager  
providing an evaluation of the potential to close City Hall between  
Christmas and New Year's, be received and Council endorse the  
recommendation not to implement a 2 week closure as outlined by Option  
1 in the report.*

*McLeman/Chopra  
That the resolution regarding closing City Hall at Christmas time be tabled  
until immediately following item D.3.*

*Carried*

**2. Manager of Human Resources & Community Development - 4-day work Week and Employment Insurance Work Sharing Program Opportunity**

*Chopra/Whiteman*

*That the verbal report from the Manager of Human Resources & Community Development regarding a 4-day work week and providing details of the Employment Insurance Work Sharing Opportunity, be received and Council request that staff continue to investigate this program.*

*Carried*

**3. Director of Finance - Revised 5 Year Financial Plan Document**

The Director of Finance presented the Amended Five Year Plan based on current information and Council's direction to minimize the Summer pool closure to accommodate maintenance needs only.

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the Revised 5 Year Financial Plan Document presented by the Director of Finance, be received.*

*Carried*

**4. Tabled Motion from D.1.**

*Chopra/McLeman*

*That the resolution regarding the closing of City Hall at Christmas be lifted from the table.*

*Carried*

*Solda/Douglas*

*That the report dated March 24, 2009 from the City Manager providing an evaluation of the potential to close City Hall between Christmas and New Year's, be received and Council endorse the recommendation not to implement a 2 week closure as outlined by Option 1 in the report.*

*Carried*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Richard Berg**

*Patterson/Solda*

*That the e-mail dated March 19, 2009 from Richard Berg regarding budget proposals, be received.*

*Carried*

**2. Aquatic Management Board**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That Council support the budget request to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District resulting in an \$11,000 contribution from the City of Port Alberni to proceed with the Aquatic Planning initiatives as proposed.*

*Carried*

**F. PUBLIC INPUT**

Edna Cox expressed appreciation for Council's consideration of hard decisions. She is concerned that a residential tax increase may be hard for some families but does not feel the financial plan as proposed is unreasonable for most.

**G. COUNCIL REVIEW**

*Patterson/Whiteman*

*That Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the 2009-2013 Five Year Financial Plan as presented and direct staff to prepare the necessary bylaw for its implementation.*

*Carried*

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That the meeting adjourn at 3:10 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

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Clerk