

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
2009-2013 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS**

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Patterson/Solda

That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the addition of late items C.2 Provincial Funding announcement and D.7 Multiplex Summer Costs.

Carried

B. FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - CITY MANAGER

C. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Richard Berg

Solda/Patterson

That the e-mail dated March 4, 2009 from Richard Berg, be received.

Carried

2. Minister of Community Development

Chopra/Solda

That the letter dated March 20, 2009 from the Minister of Community Development providing details of the investments the provincial government is making in our community, be received and a letter be sent thanking the Ministry for its continuing partnership to build infrastructure, maintain stability and keep British Columbians working through the current economic downturn.

Carried

D. REPORTS

1. Manager of Information Services

Chopra/Solda
That the report from the Manager of Information Services be tabled to end of reports (D.8) to allow for the Manager's attendance.

Carried

2. Fire Chief - Fire Protection Service Level - Impact on Insurance Premiums

Chopra/Solda
That the report from the Fire Chief dated March 4, 2009, be received.

Carried

3. City Engineer - Vehicle and Equipment Review 2009

Chopra/Patterson
That the report from the City Engineer dated February 27, 2009, be received.

Carried

4. Director of Finance - Status of City Debt

Solda/McLeman
That the report from the Director of Finance dated March 11, 2009, be received.

Carried

5. Director of Finance and City Engineer

McLeman/Solda
That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the recommendation of the Director of Finance and the City Engineer to increase the budget for Snow and Ice Removal in 2009 to \$380,000 with funding for this increase to come from a one-time transfer in the amount of \$206,400 from Prior Years' Surplus.

Carried

6. Director of Finance - Gas Tax Expenditures

Solda/Patterson

That the verbal report from the Director of Finance regarding the timeline for gas tax expenditures, be received.

Carried

7. Director of Parks and Recreation - Multiplex Summer Costs

Chopra/McLeman

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated March 12, 2009 on the costs related to having summer ice in the Alberni Valley Multiplex.

Carried

8. Manager of Information Services - Information Technology Department Budget Summary

Chopra/Patterson

That the report from the Manager of Information Services dated February 23, 2009, be received.

Carried

E. CITY MANAGER'S SUMMARY

Solda/Patterson

That the City Manager's summary of the Budget presentations and tax implications, be received.

Carried

F. COUNCIL REVIEW

Council requested the following:

- Information regarding how much will be left in reserves at end 2009
- Allocation of Property Tax collected by Department
- Copy of Financial Plan working papers in same format as Audit Committee
- Financial implications of two week shutdown at City Hall over Christmas period.

Council requested another Financial Plan meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chopra/Patterson
That the meeting adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk