

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
2009-2013 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009 AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Douglas

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*Carried*

**B. REPORTS**

**1. 5 Year Plan Working Paper – General Revenue Fund by Department 2009-2013**

*Chopra/Solda  
That the 5 Year Plan Working Paper – General Revenue Fund by  
Department 2009 – 2013 from the Director of Finance, be received.*

*Carried*

**2. Allocation of Property Tax Collected by Department**

*Solda/McLeman  
That the Allocation of Property Tax Collected by Department report from  
the Director of Finance, be received.*

*Carried*

**3. Estimated Reserve Balances at December 31, 2009**

*McLeman/Solda  
That the Estimated Reserve Balances at December 31, 2009 report from  
the Director of Finance, be received.*

*Carried*

**4. Verbal Report - Status of Sunday Bus Service**

*Solda/Patterson*

*That the verbal report from the Director of Finance regarding status of Sunday bus services, be received and a letter written to BC Transit promoting Sunday service in our community.*

*Carried*

**5. Financial Equity per Capita – Chart**

*McLeman/Solda*

*That the Financial Equity per Capita Chart from the Director of Finance, be received.*

*Carried*

**C. PUBLIC INPUT**

**Richard Berg**

*Chopra/Solda*

*That the email from Richard Berg dated March 18, 2009 regarding Catalyst Paper taxes, be received.*

*Carried*

Rodney Rogers advised he was opposed to Sunday buses at this time.

Newly elected President of the Port Alberni and District Labour Council, Kelly Dryborough, invited Council to attend Labour Council meetings. Meetings held the third Tuesday of each month.

Vern Barnett asked a number of questions related to the 5 Year Plan which were answered by Council and staff.

**D. COUNCIL REVIEW**

*Chopra/Patterson*

*That staff be directed to review and provide a report regarding implementation of a four day work week schedule, with an opportunity to collect Employment Insurance on the fifth day.*

*Carried*

*McLeman/Solda*

*That for the next Five Year Financial Plan, staff be directed to look into a restructured heritage system which would increase the prominence of the McLean Mill.*

*Recorded Vote*

*For the motion: Councillor McLeman*

*Against the motion: Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, Solda, Patterson and Whiteman*

*Chopra/Solda*

*That staff be directed to provide a report providing options and costs to keep the pool open during the summer months and prepare a new Five Year Financial Plan option which includes no pool closure, ensuring the residential tax rate does not exceed 7.2%*

*Carried*

*Whiteman/Patterson*

*That Grants in Aid be increased to \$20,000 per year with \$16,000 apportioned by the prescribed deadline and \$4,000 unallocated to accommodate special events and unforeseen requests.*

*Carried*

Another meeting to be held Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

*Solda/Chopra*

*That the meeting adjourn at 8:50 pm.*

*Carried*

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Mayor

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Clerk