

Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, January 16, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Pitt Meadows City Hall, 12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, British Columbia.

PRESENT:

Elected Officials: Mayor D.F. MacLean
Councillor J. Becker
Councillor D. Bing
Councillor D. Eisel
Councillor J. Elkerton
Councillor A. Tolchard
Councillor D. Walters

Staff J. Rudolph, Chief Administrator Officer
D. Rear, Director of Corporate Services
K. Grout, Director of Operations and Development Services
L. Darcus, Director of Legislative Services
M. Murray, General Manager: Community Development,
Parks and Recreation Services
L. Jones, Administration/HR Officer
B. Perrie, Assistant Fire Chief
L. Kelly, Executive Assistant

GUESTS: Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services
Ian MacLean, Ministerial Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the agenda for the January 16, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council be amended by moving Section E. - Delegations and Presentations – Minister Ida Chong - ahead of Section B. - Adoption of Minutes; AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. City Designation – Presentation.

Mayor MacLean welcomed Minister Chong to the Council Meeting and provided a brief synopsis of her political career which is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of these minutes.

1. City Designation – Presentation Cont’d.

The presentation of the Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, is included as Attachment 2 and forms part of these minutes. Following her speech, Ms. Chong then presented Mayor MacLean with the new Letters Patent, officially designating Pitt Meadows as a City.

Mayor MacLean thanked Ms. Chong for taking the time to attend the Council Meeting, and said the values Pitt Meadows had developed as a District will not change, now that we are a City.

B. DOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Minutes of the December 19, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council.**

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 19, 2006, be adopted.

CARRIED.

2. Minutes of the December 7, 2006 Special Meeting of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on December 7, 2006, be amended by deleting, under Section 1.6:

- (a) Haney Horsemen Fee for Services; and
- (b) Thomas Haney Senior Secondary Youth Park;

AND THAT the Minutes be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to make the community aware, the following is announced:

1. Heart Month – February 2007 – Permission to Canvass.

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT the communication from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. and Yukon dated December 7, 2006, be received.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT Council grant permission for community volunteers of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon to canvass door-to-door in the City of Pitt Meadows during the month of February 2007; AND THAT staff be directed to prepare criteria for organizations wishing to canvass door-to-door in Pitt Meadows, including the need for canvassers to provide proper identification and a visible contact for the organization.

CARRIED.

C. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items received for this Meeting.

F. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE**1. RECEIPT OF MINUTES.**

MOVED by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the Minutes of the Council in Committee Meeting held on January 9, 2007, be received.

CARRIED.

2. REPORTS**2.1 Pitt Meadows Seniors Pavilion. (3360-20-2006-05)**

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT Council receive the report by the General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement for PID 024-590-118, Lot B, Section 1, Block 5 North Range 1, New Westminster District, Plan LMP43307 attached to the 2007 01 10 report on this subject with Alegro Properties Inc., noting that the purpose of the sale is to provide for the construction of a senior citizens housing development and public Senior Citizens' Recreation Pavilion which is to be leased to the District upon completion of the facility; AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the Developer's application to the appropriate senior government agencies for the establishment of subsidized assisted living units within the complex.

CARRIED.

2.2 Emergency Fire Department Response to Golden Ears Bridge and Roadworks.

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT Council, upon the recommendation of the Council in Committee:

- A. Receive for information the report by the Director of Fire Services dated January 4, 2007, on Fire Department response to Golden Ears Bridge and roadworks, and recommend a course of action to staff.

2.2 Emergency Fire Department Response to Golden Ears Bridge and Roadworks Cont'd.

- B. Direct staff to write to the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (TransLink) Board Chairman, requesting further dialogue between TransLink staff and municipal staff on the issue of a Fee for Service Agreement for Emergency Response and design criteria of the Golden Ears Bridge and associated roadworks to reduce the time committed during an emergency response.

CARRIED.

2.3 Antique Fire Truck.

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT Council, upon the recommendation of the Council in Committee, authorize staff to liaise with the Pitt Meadows Heritage and Museum Society and Parks and Leisure Services with respect to the storage and maintenance of the 1928 Ford fire truck.

CARRIED.

2.4 Civic Centre Planning and "Spirit Squares" Grant Application. (0890-20)

MOVED by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT Council, upon the recommendation of the Council in Committee:

- A. Commit to the planning process and development of a Spirit Square in the area generally as shown on Attachment "B" of the report by the Director of Operations and Development Services dated January 2, 2007 – an area bounded by Harris Road, Pitt Meadows Elementary School, the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre and the City Hall; and
- B. Apply to the Province of British Columbia for a Phase 1 Spirit Square Grant.

CARRIED.

2.5 Development Permit 2002-005 Amendment – Meadowtown Centre. (3060-20-2006-07)

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT Council, upon the recommendation of the Council in Committee, authorize the amendment to Development Permit No. 2002-005 to include:

2.5 Development Permit 2002-005 Amendment – Meadowtown Centre Cont'd. (3060-20-2006-07)

- A. Addition of an East elevation signage area for Building A (CRU-A3) as shown in Attachment A to the report by the Director of Operations and Development Services dated January 3, 2007.

CARRIED.

3. BYLAWS

BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

3.1 Grow Operation Amendment Bylaw No. 2301, 2007. (3900-02)

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT Council grant First, Second and Third Readings to Grow Operation Amendment Bylaw No. 2301, 2007.

CARRIED.

3.2 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2300, 2007. (1700-06 {2007})

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT Council grant First, Second and Third Readings to Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2300, 2007.

CARRIED.

3.3 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2299, 2006. (3900-20)

MOVED by Councillor Tolchard, **SECONDED** by Councillor Becker, THAT Council grant First Reading to Bylaw No. 2299, 2006 to amend Part C - Off Street Parking and Loading.

CARRIED.

G. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

MOVED by Councillor Becker, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the Minutes of Committees and Commissions be received:

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on November 9, 2006.

CARRIED.

Staff was directed to request that the Agricultural Advisory Committee forward a letter to the Minister of Agriculture, asking the Minister to provide clarification or harmonization of the Right to Farm Act and the Heritage Conservation Act, or requesting areas of conflict.

H. COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Councillor Eisel, encouraged residents to view the publication, "Walk – Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows", available at the City Hall at a cost of \$5; bicycle parking is available at Hopcott Meats; attended a joint dinner meeting with the Katzie on January 15 – noted the spirit of cooperation – signed a new servicing agreement between the City and the Katzie First Nation – heritage sites in Pitt Meadows were also discussed.

Councillor Walters, noted The Act's Spring Season Calendar of Events – a variety of shows and programs for the entire family; reminded everyone that the Pitt Meadows Community Foundation will be hosting the annual Chinese New Year Dinner and Silent Auction on February 24 – tickets are \$20; attended the memorial service for SSgt. Hilton Haider on January 13 – he was a member of the RCMP for 35 years; recognized Kelly Swift's contribution to the brochure, "Walk – Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows".

Councillor Becker, said the Seniors Tea prior to Christmas was a great success and noted that the Spring Tea will be held on April 3 at 12 pm in the Family Recreation Centre.

Councillor Bing, said the Fraser Valley Regional Library had sent out their Tactical Plan for 2007 – the intent is to provide the goals and the services for 2007 – noted that the collections are lower than the Canadian average, so the FVRL is attempting to increase them incrementally to meet the Canadian average.

Mayor MacLean, attended the Seniors Tea in December – well attended; thanked the Operations staff for the great service done during the last snowfall – also thanked the RCMP for their service during that time; attended SSgt. Halton Haider's memorial service – learned a great deal about him; has been re-appointed as a Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Director.

I. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**J. CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT the following twenty-one items of correspondence be received:

1. Communication from the Greater Vancouver Regional District dated November 24, 2006, regarding the Ambient Air Quality Report. *(Copy of full report available in Legislative Services Department)*

2. Communication from the Greater Vancouver Regional District *Board in Brief* dated November 24, 2006.
3. Update Bulletin from the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee dated December 2006.
4. Communication from the Greater Vancouver Regional District dated December 8, 2006, regarding the Discussion Paper on a Regional Affordable Housing Strategy.
5. Communication from The Corporation of Delta dated December 12, 2006, regarding a merger of the Vancouver Port Authorities.
6. Communication from The Golden Ears Bridge (Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority) dated December 14, 2006, regarding Wildwood Crescent noise mitigation.
7. Communication from the Ministry of Health dated December 18, 2006, regarding the Conversation on Health.
8. Joint communication from the Union of B.C. Municipalities, the Local Government Management Association of B.C. and CivicInfo BC dated December 18, 2006, regarding the development of a coordinated local government survey service.
9. Brochure from the Emergency Communication for Southwest British Columbia (E-Comm 9-1-1) received December 19, 2006, regarding the Third Quarter Results (July-September 2006).
10. Communication from the Pitt Polder Preservation Society dated December 20, 2006, regarding development of the Marina site.
11. Communication from Local Government Program Services dated December 20, 2006, regarding "Seniors Housing and Support Initiative" – funding opportunities available for 2007.
12. Communication from Local Government Program Services dated December 20, 2006, regarding the Community Tourism Fund – Phase 1 Evaluation.
13. Communication from Local Government Program Services dated December 20, 2006, regarding School Community Connections Program – revisions to application deadline.
14. Communication from the Fraser River Debris Trap Operating Committee dated December 21, 2006, regarding the report, "The Fraser River Debris Trap – A Cost Benefit Analysis". (*Full report available in Legislative Services Department*)

15. Communication from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands dated December 21, 2006, regarding the Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop 2007, to be held February 14.
16. Communication from the Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues dated December 27, 2006, regarding the report, "Building Stronger Communities: Better Services, Economic Growth, Solutions That Work". *(Full report available from Legislative Services Department)*
17. Communication from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated December 28, 2006, regarding the Heritage Conservation Act.
18. Communication from Local Government Program Services dated January 2, 2007, regarding a report on involvement and opportunities for UBCM-administered programs.
19. Communication from the Fraser Valley Regional Library dated January 3, 2007, regarding the 2007 Tactical Plan.
20. Communication from the City of Port Coquitlam dated January 3, 2007, congratulating Pitt Meadows on becoming a "City".
21. Communication from the Coast Mental Health Foundation dated December 2006, inviting nominations for the 2007 Courage to Come Back Awards.

Staff was directed to write a letter to the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) advising that a more detailed response regarding the communication dated December 8, 2006 and the Discussion Paper on a Regional Affordable Housing Strategy will be forthcoming, as well, the item is to be referred back to Council in Committee with a staff report for discussion.

K. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

L. NOTICES OF MOTION

M. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

N. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

O. NOTICE OF CLOSED MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the meeting immediately following this meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to legal, labour and land issues under Section 90 (1) (a), (d), (e), (k) of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED.

P. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Becker, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

Signed:

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Corporate Officer

ATTACHMENT 1:**Honourable Ida Chong**

Ida Chong was appointed Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues on June 16, 2005.

She previously served as Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of State for Women's and Seniors' Services

Ms. Chong was first elected in 1996 in the riding of Oak Bay-Gordon Head and was re-elected in 2001 and 2005.

Ms. Chong proudly retains her credentials as a Certified General Accountant and has won several awards for her work in this field for service at a chapter level, as well as for service on a provincial committee. In 1999, she was awarded the CGA Community Service Award.

Ms. Chong has worked extensively in public practice, and from 1985 to 2003 was senior partner in an accounting practice in Saanich. She also found time to volunteer for several non-profit organizations, serving as a board member.

Ms. Chong first entered political life as a municipal councillor for the District of Saanich in 1993. In her first term in provincial politics, she served as the Official Opposition critic for small business, tourism and culture, the deputy critic of finance, the deputy critic for women's equality and chair of the Official Opposition Committee on the Economy.

Since the 2001 election, Ms. Chong has served on many government committees. She has been chair of the Government Caucus Committee on Economy and Government Operations, as well as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, and the Special Committee on the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.

She currently serves on Treasury Board, the Government Caucus Committee on Education and the Government Caucus Committee on Cross Government Initiatives.

Ms. Chong is a native of Victoria and was raised in Gordon Head.

- **Thank you for your kind introduction, Mayor MacLean.**
- **I'm extremely pleased to join you, council members and staff – as well as members of the media this evening as we recognize this occasion - the District of Pitt Meadows has now become the City of Pitt Meadows.**
- **This is an historical event for your municipality – and one for which I know you are proud.**

- **Pitt Meadows has grown impressively from its rural roots to becoming a City within the Greater Vancouver Regional District.**
- **Yet your success should come as no surprise, because Pitt Meadows has a remarkable history as a gateway...**
- **From the aboriginal people who first made their homes on the banks of the area's rivers...**

- **To the arrival of the early European settlers...followed by the influx of French Canadians, Japanese, and the Dutch who reclaimed the flooded land by building dykes and working the rich farmland the area is known for....**
- **...including the Pitt Polder area which was included into the municipal boundary in 1995.**
- **In that same year, Pitt Meadows joined the Greater Vancouver Regional District, which recognized the importance of adding your community's voice to the strategic issues faced by the lower mainland.**

- **To this day, Pitt Meadows is a place where immigration, growth and prosperity continue to enhance both the area's incredible natural beauty and thriving community spirit.**
- **That same community spirit strongly supported the change to City status, recognizing that it is the maturity of a community that makes a City, not just an urban form and character.**
- **You've managed to retain what's special about a smaller town and have protected your agricultural lands and natural areas.**

- **Including a stunning pastoral landscape that offers recreational opportunities for boaters, hikers, birders, outdoor enthusiasts and families year-round.**
- **It's what sets you apart and makes the City of Pitt Meadows such a desirable place for citizens to call home.**
- **And just as you first grew as a gateway for newcomers to the Fraser Valley, you continue to play that role on an even grander scale...**
- **...aided by the Pitt River Bridge/Mary Hill Interchange...**

- **This estimated \$194-million project...**
- **...initiated by the Province and supported by Canada's commitment of up to \$90 million...**
- **...will not only greatly improve transportation through this corridor, but it will also position BC as THE Pacific Gateway in North America.**
- **This is one of the cornerstones of our government's Pacific Leadership agenda – the comprehensive action plan for BC announced by the Premier at this past UBCM.**

- **Creating vibrant, connected communities that are socially responsive AND environmentally sustainable is another one of those cornerstones.**
- **And once again, I would say this is something the City of Pitt Meadows is becoming known for.**
- **I think the city's new motto – The Natural Place says it best.**
- **The City of Pitt Meadows is a natural – a naturally great place to live, work, invest and raise a family.**
- **And so, congratulations to all of you for helping to make it happen.**

- **Without further ado, I now present you, Mayor MacLean with Pitt Meadows' Letters Patent.**
- **Thank you and congratulations!**