

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND**

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Harriman, Councillors Hallberg, Henderson, Hurd, Moritz, and Reid

Administrator Peter Jmaeff  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant Betty Briggs  
Treasurer Doug Pryde

**ABSENT:** Councillor Fraser

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Harriman called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** Added to the Agenda: 9-B: Notice of Motion: Councillor Henderson - Reallocation of profit from gasoline companies.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**ADOPT MINUTES** MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 10, 2002 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**SEWER COSTS FOR FARMS**

Mr. Michael Evans addressed Council with concerns regarding sewer costs for small farms. He asked that Council come up with a fair and equitable way to charge for sewer, and not charge working farms an acreage tax as well as the sewer tax.

Mayor Harriman advised that Council has listened to the concerns brought forward, and that properties classed by BC Assessment as Class 9/Farms will be exempt from the acreage tax.

**WELLNESS CENTRE** Ms. Diane Geddes updated Council on recent activities at the Wellness Centre, and introduced two practicum students, Lynetta Thordason and Jeanette Gilmore, who will be working at the Wellness Centre until the end of April. The students advised Council that they will be working towards creating a community profile and needs assessment, among other items.

Mayor Harriman thanked the representatives, and urged everyone to visit the Wellness Centre.

**P.V.A.** Mrs. Linda Sarsons, President, Peachland Voters Association, congratulated Council members on their election, and updated Council on issues the PVA has been dealing with. The PVA looks forward to working with this Council over the next three years.

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**CRIME STOPPERS** Crime Stoppers Coordinator Bruce Faron and Assistant Acting Coordinator Bruce Smith presented facts and figures to Council on the Crime Stoppers program in the Central Okanagan, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> full year of operation. As January is 'Crime Stoppers Month,' a fund-raising dinner/dance/auction will be held January 25<sup>th</sup>, and Mayor Harriman was thanked for already purchasing tickets to attend. Further information will be provided regarding a fund-raiser golf tournament.

Mayor Harriman and Council members commended the representatives on their hard work and excellent results.

**P. RYDER** Mrs. Patricia Ryder addressed Council with concerns regarding the Trepanier Creek watershed relating to the proposed Crystal Mountain development. She reiterated that the development should not be approved until water supply issues, followed by sewage issues, are addressed.

Mayor Harriman advised that Peachland Council may consider entering back in to the Regional District's fringe area planning function, so that Peachland has a vote at the Board table regarding the Crystal Mountain development.

Councillor Reid noted that Council members will be attending a ski area planning forum at the Regional District on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Interested persons can contact Ken Arcuri at CORD regarding public attendance.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**MAYOR HARRIMAN** Mayor Harriman noted his 120 hours of work in December for Mayor's duties. He advised that no-post barriers have been placed along the newly paved portion of Princeton Avenue, following receipt of a resident's concerns. As well, no-post barriers have been extended at an intersection at Huston Road.

**COUNCILLOR HENDERSON** Councillor Henderson advised Council of the new Communications Society executive, and noted that the problems with CBC-2 have been rectified.

Councillor Henderson noted that the Economic Development Committee will get organized when he returns from vacation.

Councillor Henderson commended the Little Schoolhouse for being a great facility for Peachland.

**COUNCILLOR HALLBERG** Councillor Hallberg attended the Operational Services Committee on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Hallberg reported that a Communities In Bloom Committee meeting will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, and an Awards Night meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**COUNCILLOR HALLBERG** Councillor Hallberg also commended the Little Schoolhouse, and President Gord Thorne, recovering from recent surgery, advised that he will be back to his community volunteer duties as soon as possible.

**COUNCILLOR REID** Councillor Reid attended a CORD Economic Development Commission orientation meeting, and has placed a manual in the Councillor's office. A strategic planning session will be held January 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 am.

Councillor Reid had a municipal tour with the Public Works Superintendent last Friday, and was particularly interested in the District's water systems.

**COUNCILLOR HURD** Councillor Hurd traveled to Abbotsford last Friday with Fire Department members for a pre-construction meeting for the new fire truck. It is hoped the new apparatus will be delivered before the July 1<sup>st</sup> parade.

**COUNCILLOR MORITZ** Councillor Moritz noted that no items have been submitted for the Agenda for the tentatively scheduled Corporate Services Committee meeting on January 21, so the meeting is cancelled.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OPERATIONAL SERVICES COM.** Councillor Henderson reported that the Operational Services Committee Met on January 7 at 11:00 am to discuss the proposed Valley Music Festival, and that the Committee approved the Festival in principle. At the next Council Meeting, a motion will be put forward recommending that Council approve the Festival and refer the event to the Community Celebrations Committee.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COM.** Councillor Reid noted that Committee meetings are open to the public, and that a Development Services Committee meeting will be held at 8:30 am January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL INDEMNITIES** The Administrator presented a report regarding a recommended increase to Mayor and Councillor's indemnities. This issued was voted on at the December 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and was declared failed in error, and is now before Council for reconsideration.

Mayor Harriman explained that he failed to ask for opposing votes.

Councillor Reid noted that the last increase was 3 years ago, in 1999; this recommendation contains an approximate 10% increase, and should be delayed to December 2003 for implementation.

**COUNCIL  
INDEMNITIES (CONT.)**

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT the increases to the Mayor's and Councillor's indemnities provided for by the previous Council (Mayor to \$14,883.00; Councillors to \$8,330.85) be implemented on December 1, 2003;

AND THAT future indemnities be reviewed by an independent committee of taxpayers for recommendation to Council prior to the 2005 local government elections, for possible implementation.

**CARRIED.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**BOARD OF  
VARIANCE**

The Administrator presented a report regarding the appointment of Mr. Gordon Harris to the Board of Variance, filling a vacancy due to the resignation of Mayor Harriman upon his election to office.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Council ratifies the appointment of Mr. Gordon Harris as a member of the Board of Variance.

**CARRIED.**

**RCMP BICYCLE  
PATROL**

The Administrator presented a report regarding a request from the RCMP Bicycle Patrol for funds to purchase a new bike and upgrade another.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT Council approves support to the RCMP Bicycle Patrol in the amount of \$500 to upgrade equipment for the 2003 summer season.

**CARRIED.**

It was noted that the figures provided show that Peachland receives approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the patrols, not  $\frac{1}{3}$  as stated in the report. The Administrator advised that Peachland receives about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the hours, not necessarily of the tours.

Mayor Harriman advised that he is meeting with the RCMP this Thursday, and will confirm whether or not Lake Country contributes to the Bicycle Patrols.

**DESTRUCTION OF  
ELECTION  
MATERIALS**

The Administrator presented a report requesting Council authorization to destroy election materials, pursuant to Section 150(6) of the *Local Government Act*.

**ELECTION  
MATERIALS (CONT.)**

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT Council authorizes the destruction, on or after January 16, 2003, of the following election materials, pursuant to Section 150(6) of the *Local Government Act*:

- the ballots used in the election
- any stubs for ballots used in the election
- any copies of the list of registered electors
- any voting books used in the election
- any solemn declarations and any written statements or declarations in relation to voting proceedings, other than those used for the registration of electors.

**CARRIED.**

**POLICY #PER-130  
MANAGEMENT STAFF**

The Administrator presented a report recommending the deletion of one clause in Policy #PER-130: Management Staff. The clause requires the appointment of one management employee on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> each year to represent management staff to Council relating to conditions of employment. The Administrator advised that this action has not been done for the past 9 years, and the policy requires amendment.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT Council amends Policy #PER-130: Management Staff by deleting clause number 2.0 in its entirety;

AND THAT the remaining clauses be re-numbered accordingly.

**DEFEATED.**

Councillors Hallberg, Henderson, Hurd and Moritz OPPOSED.

Discussion against the motion included:

- it is protective for management staff to leave the clause in the policy
- deleting the clause would remove a democratic process for management staff
- it is another check and balance for management staff if an issue is not satisfied through the Administrator

Discussion in favour of the motion included:

- management staff always have the option of speaking with Council
- in a business environment, staff report to the Administrator, not the Board.

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**

The Administrator presented a report requesting Council's appointment of providers of professional services for 2003.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (CONT.)**

MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT Council appoints the following as the District's providers of specific professional services for the 2003 year:

- Valley First Credit Union – Bankers
- Lidstone, Young, Anderson, Vancouver – Lawyers
- Bell & Jacoe, Summerland – Lawyers
- Urban Systems Ltd. – Engineers.

**CARRIED.**

It was noted that BDO Dunwoody is in the fourth year of a five year contract to provide audit services, expiry 2004.

It was noted that Bell & Jacoe, Summerland, provide conveyancing and other legal services at lesser expense than Lidstone, Young, Anderson, however, Lidstone, Young, Anderson will continue to be used as the District's municipal law specialists.

**ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL VACANCY**

The Administrator presented a report advising of a vacancy on the Advisory Design Panel, which will be advertised in the near future.

MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT Council receives the report regarding a vacancy on the Advisory Design Panel for informational purposes.

**CARRIED.**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Administrator presented a report regarding a Mission Statement developed at a recent Council workshop.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Council adopts the following Mission Statement for the District of Peachland:

"Our mission is to provide the taxpayers of Peachland with the best possible services at affordable costs and to keep all Peachlanders apprised of Municipal Affairs."

**CARRIED.**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**MAYOR HARRIMAN**

Mayor Harriman advised that the following motion will be put forward at the Regular Council Meeting on February 11, 2003:

**MAYOR HARRIMAN (CONT.)** To reduce the number of building stories approved in Bylaw 1639, 2002, that amended the Official Community Plan to increase the number of stories in a building at specific street ends from a maximum of 4 stories to 8 stories. A bonus scheme was included in the same Bylaw amendment that, under *certain* conditions, would allow the maximum number of stories in buildings in these locations to be increased to 10 stories.

**COUNCILLOR HENDERSON** Councillor Henderson advised that the following motion will be put forward at the next Regular Council Meeting:

“THAT this Council recognizes that the economical development of the north, central and south Okanagan depends greatly on the construction of a new crossing from the Westside to Kelowna. It is recommended that a letter be sent to each of the petroleum product suppliers that supply the Okanagan with their product and that they make a donation towards the new bridge construction;

AND THAT the funding be provided from the profits that they have made in the last few years from the price of gasoline in the area that greatly exceeded the prices in the lower mainland and on Vancouver Island;

AND THAT this resolution should be forwarded to all of the local governments in the Okanagan for their support;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT all the local governments should forward letters to the petroleum product suppliers supporting the District of Peachland’s resolution.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**IN CAMERA MTG.** MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT an In Camera Meeting be held on January 28, 2003 at 1:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 242(2) of the *Local Government Act*.

**CARRIED.**

**BYLAWS**

**#1664 SIGNING AUTHORITY** MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT Signing Authority Bylaw Number 1664, 2002 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**#1666 ROAD NAMING** MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT Road Naming Bylaw No. 512 Amendment Bylaw Number 1666, 2002 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

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**#1668 REVENUE  
ANTICIPATION  
BORROWING**

The Treasurer presented a report explaining the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Council gives First, Second and Third Readings to Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw Number 1668, 2003.

**CARRIED.**

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

**J. RYDER**

Mr. Jim Ryder asked if Council could report on discussions at a CORD meeting held last night regarding expanded local area calling. Mayor Harriman advised that Telus has offered to do a free survey, which the Regional District Board approved, however, this issue would probably have to go to referendum. The Board feels a referendum would probably fail, as larger centers won't want to pay extra for a service they don't need.

Mr. Ryder advised that the Communications Society maintains a community website at [www.peachland.net](http://www.peachland.net). This is an excellent site maintained by Howard Fuchs.

Mayor Harriman mentioned the municipal website at [www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca), which also is excellent.

**MS. LARVIL**

Ms. Larvil requested that the motion regarding 8 story buildings be repeated. Mayor Harriman read the proposed motion.

**R. J. COLDHAM**

Mrs. Ruth Coldham asked for an explanation of what the Economic Development Committee actually does, because there is money in the budget every year but no results are seen.

Discussion took place on the difference between the District's Economic Development Committee, chaired by Councillor Henderson, and the Central Okanagan Regional District's Economic Development Commission, to which Councillor Reid has been appointed. It was determined that Mrs. Coldham's question was directed to Councillor Henderson, who has not received terms of reference for the EDC to date.

Mrs. Coldham asked Councillor Reid when he plans to begin a review of the bylaws, as it appears the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has a hard time because 99% of the bylaws are not enforceable. Councillor Reid advised that Council workshops have identified bylaw review as a top priority, and there will be public involvement in the process.

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**G. HARRIS**

Mr. Gordon Harris asked what is the status and what is Council going to do about the vacant lot at 13<sup>th</sup> and Beach Avenue, which looks like a bomb site. The Mayor advised that the situation will be resolved in the very near future and a development will commence. The Administrator noted that should there be further delays in the development, the owner would be requested to remove the concrete and level the lot.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Certified Correct.**

(Original signed by Mayor and Clerk)

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**Mayor**

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**Municipal Clerk**

Dated at Peachland, B.C.  
This 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.