

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Held Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

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

CAO Chris Prosser  
Corporate Officer Betty Briggs  
Treasurer Doug Pryde

Members of the Public  
Members of the Media

**ABSENT:** Councillor Reid

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT the Agenda be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 25, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 25, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**MAYOR HARRIMAN** Mayor Harriman reported 124 hours spent on Mayor's duties in January. Highlights of the month were participating in the New Year's Day 10 km walk and watching the polar bear swim, and attending the presentation of a quilt from the Peachland Quilters to PFRS. He encouraged everyone to wear red on February 14<sup>th</sup> in support of the BC & Yukon Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**COUNCILLOR HENDERSON** Councillor Henderson attended the Heart & Stroke Foundation breakfast last Thursday. He is working with Dave Cain towards having Peachland the home of a pipe band, and more information will be forthcoming. He advised Council that the Economic Development Committee is recommending that Council support a Peachland advertisement in the Thompson Okanagan Cultural Corridor magazine, which distributes 100,000 copies to trade shows, etc., and 20,000 copies in the Valley.

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**COUNCILLOR HENDERSON (CONT.)** He noted that in the past two years, Peachland has not been mentioned in the publication. Council would be taking a leadership role in promoting Peachland with this advertising. Councillor Henderson has obtained sponsorship of \$4,000 from local businesses and others.

MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT Council approves payment of 50% of the \$6120 cost to advertise Peachland in the Thompson Okanagan Cultural Corridor magazine.

**CARRIED.**

Councillor Henderson OPPOSED.

The Treasurer confirmed \$8,000 in the EDC budget this year. The CAO noted that last year, \$10,000 was budgeted and only \$99 was used; this year, \$8,000 was budgeted in anticipation of this advertising. Councillor Henderson would prefer that the funding for this advertising come from the District's general promotion budget.

**COUNCILLOR FRASER** Councillor Fraser attended Robbie Burns night at the Seniors Activity Centre, the Heart and Stroke Foundation breakfast, a PDRS Board of Directors meeting, and noted the Peachland Library is now open an additional 5 hours per week.

**COUNCILLOR HALLBERG** Councillor Hallberg attended an Economic Development Commission strategic planning session, has committed to 6 hours at the IGA for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and commended organizers Gail Wainwright and Joanne Lawson.

**COUNCILLOR HURD** Councillor Hurd announced that the proposed career and job fair has been cancelled due to lack of assistance offered to organize the event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PSBCCC** Councillor Henderson reported on behalf of the Peachland Spirit of BC Community Committee regarding three projects reviewed by the Committee towards the submission of an Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Grant: curling rink, visitor information center, and renovations to Peachland Primary School. Committee members agreed that all projects would have a community benefit of some kind, however, the majority of members felt that the renovation to the Primary School would have the most benefit to the widest range of residents.

MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Mayor Harriman:

THAT Council submit an application to the Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Program for the renovation and restoration of the Peachland Primary School for an Arts and Cultural Centre in the amount of \$790,000;

AND THAT the District's funding share be contingent upon acceptance for funding under the Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Grant Program in the amount of \$790,000;

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**PSBCCC (CONT.)**

AND THAT the funding for the District's share be funded through the District's Building Reserve Account, General Revenue or Borrowing.

The CAO confirmed that this would be a 50% grant to a maximum of \$330,000, however, the total cost must included in the resolution.

Discussion took place:

Councillor Hurd:

- not in favour at all
- arts and performing arts have pushed to have a theatre; in Kelowna, the Rotary Centre for the Arts can't pay for itself, the Symphony is in financial trouble
- the CAO advised that the grant is for projects less than \$1,000,000; the Curling Club doesn't have an estimate for their project
- is this quote finite

CAO:

- class 'c' quotes include generous contingencies
- the \$940,000 includes an optional addition to the Primary School

Councillor Hurd:

- quoted from a Peachland Signal article
- Curling rink has a better link to the Olympics than arts and culture; who would go to the Primary School to watch the Olympics on tv
- Primary School should be renovated as a centennial project
- a curling rink would be a 'westside' facility
- quoted from an Internet article regarding children facing physical activity crisis, with children being 40% less active than 30 years ago

Councillor Fraser:

- would prefer to see money going to a curling rink
- what are Peachland Primary School Committee recommendations

Councillor Hallberg:

- concerned with 50% grant, class 'c' quotes, low costs for extension
- sees the necessity for arts and culture in the community
- other options for Primary School, ie. Heritage status
- money from downtown land sales could go towards rebuilding Primary School
- Olympic funding should focus on a curling rink

Councillor Moritz:

- Primary School Committee has had trouble and delays getting reports
- no reports received from staff on electrical, mechanical, structural, environmental conditions of building; therefore the Committee has not met
- the basic question the Committee is considering is, 'is the building worth keeping'
- costs in this proposal are speculative
- concerns include asbestos flooring tile, bat guano in the attic possibly creating ceiling structure rot, floor joists require doubling

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**PSBCCC (CONT.)**

Councillor Moritz (cont.):

- if there is \$1 million to spend, it might be better in a multi purpose building which incorporates arts and culture

Mayor Harriman:

- this is a major project, with no urgency for a decision tonight
- suggest waiting until a report is received from the Primary School Committee

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT the resolution regarding an Olympic Live Sites Grant – Arts and Cultural Centre, Peachland Primary School, be deferred.

**DEFEATED.**

Councillor Hurd:

- the 6 Council members present can vote on this tonight

Councillor Henderson:

- noted that all 3 projects received votes; the objective was to get the grant; the curling rink project does not meet grant criteria

CAO:

- grant submission deadline is December 31, 2005, with project completion required by March 31, 2006

Mayor Harriman:

- suggested waiting for recommendations from Primary School Committee

Councillor Hurd:

- it is speculation that the Curling Club won't get funding
- if this is deferred to February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Council members could be dead

Councillor Hallberg:

- takes offence at suggestion to wait for full Council to vote on this

Question was called on the original motion:

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AND THAT the funding for the District's share be funded through the District's Reserve Account, General Revenue or Borrowing.

**DEFEATED.**

Councillors Fraser, Hallberg, Hurd and Moritz OPPOSED.

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**PSBCCC (CONT.)**

MOVED by Councillor Hurd, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Council apply for an Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Program grant for the Curling Club.

**WITHDRAWN.**

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Hurd put forward a Notice of Motion that information on curling rink costs be made available to Council for the next meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**FIRE PROOF  
CABINETS**

The Treasurer presented a report requesting early budget approval for purchase of two fire proof filing cabinets for storage of District vital records, including original minutes, bylaws and legal documents. With the vault room not having fire proof ceiling and door, extra protection for vital records has been recommended by the document management consultant.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Council authorizes early budget approval for the purchase of two, four drawer, fire proof filing cabinets from Corporate Express for the quoted price of \$2300 plus taxes each.

**CARRIED.**

Councillor Fraser OPPOSED.

**TRAVEL EXPENSE  
POLICY**

The Treasurer presented a report recommending adoption of the new Travel Expense Policy #FIN-210, and outlined the changes to the previous policy.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Mayor Harriman:

THAT Council rescinds Travel Expense Policy – Council and Appointed Officials #FIN-210 dated February 13, 2001;

AND THAT Council adopts Travel and Expense Policy #FIN-210.

**AMEND MOTION**

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT the per kilometer rate contained in Policy #FIN-210 be amended to be set at the federal Canada Customs and Revenue Agency rate.

**CARRIED.**

**MAIN MOTION AS  
AMENDED**

THAT Council rescinds Travel Expense Policy – Council and Appointed Officials #FIN-210 dated February 13, 2001;

AND THAT Council approves Travel and Expense Policy #FIN-210 with the per kilometer rate set at the federal Canada Customs and Revenue Agency rate.

**CARRIED.**

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**BUILDING PERMIT SOFTWARE** The Treasurer presented a report requesting early budget approval for purchase of Building Permit Tracking Software.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of Building Permit Tracking Software from VADIM Software for \$6,265 plus taxes.

**CARRIED.**

**COUNCIL REMUNERATION REVIEW COM.**

The CAO presented a report regarding applications received from volunteers for the Council Remuneration Review Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT Council appoints Mr. Jeff Slater and Mr. Roy Jones to sit on the Council Remuneration Review Committee;

AND THAT one or three more members be added to the Committee.

**CARRIED.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

THAT an In Camera Meeting be held at 1:00 p.m. February 22, 2005, pursuant to Sec. 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter*.

**CARRIED.**

**BYLAWS**

**Bylaws for Final Reconsideration and Adoption:**

**#1748 WATER RATES** MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT Water Rates Bylaw No. 1713 Amendment Bylaw Number 1748, 2005 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**#1749 DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES & FEES** MOVED by Councillor Hurd, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT Development Approval Procedures and Fees Bylaw Number 1749, 2005 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT** MOVED by Councillor Hurd, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

(Original signed by Mayor and Corporate Officer)

**Certified Correct.**

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**Mayor**

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**Corporate Officer**

Dated at Peachland, B.C. this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2005.