

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONFER THE FREEDOM OF THE MUNICIPALITY ON
RONALD LOU-POY AND JOHN PETERS PENDRAY
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006 AT 1:30 P.M.**

- Present:
- Chair:** His Worship, Mayor Frank Leonard
- Council:** Councillors Susan Brice, Judy Brownoff, Vic Derman, Bob Gillespie, Wayne Hunter, Jackie Ngai, and Leif Wergeland
- Guests:** Her Honour, The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia; Mrs. Elaine Leonard; Dr. Ron and Mrs. May Lou-Poy and Family; Mr. John and Mrs. Joyce Pendray and Family; Former Saanich Mayor Ed Lum; Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Paone, 11 Field Ambulance; the Honourable Minister of Natural Resources Gary Lunn; the Honourable Minister of Advanced Education, Murray Coell; the Honourable Minister of Community Services, Ida Chong; invited guests and citizens of Saanich.
- Staff:** Ms. Corinne Coell, Director of Ceremonies; Honourary Aide de Camp, Inspector Scott Green; Mr. Tim Wood, Administrator; Chief Constable Derek Egan; Mr. Chris Nation, Municipal Solicitor; Deputy Fire Chief Mike Burgess; Ms. Carrie MacPhee, Municipal Clerk; Ms. Karen Gordon, Administrative Assistant to the Administrator; Ms. Gisele McMillan, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor; Ms. Tracy Ryan, Special Events Coordinator.

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PROCESSION AND SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the Official Party, which included Her Honour, The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia; Mayor Frank Leonard; Aide de Camp, Inspector Scott Green; Mrs. Elaine Leonard; Dr. Ron and Mrs. May Lou-Poy; Mr. John and Mrs. Joyce Pendray; and Councillors Susan Brice, Judy Brownoff, Vic Derman, Bob Gillespie, Wayne Hunter, Jackie Ngai, and Leif Wergeland, were piped into the Council Chambers.

Director of Ceremonies, Corinne Coell, invited the audience to remain standing and join in the singing of The National Anthem.

Call to Order and
Mayor's
Welcoming
Remarks

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOMING REMARKS OF HIS WORSHIP,
MAYOR FRANK LEONARD**

His Worship called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone on this rare and special occasion as the Council confers the Freedom of the Municipality on Ronald Lou-Poy and John Peters Pendray, who are here today with their families. I am very pleased to welcome Her Honour who has been especially generous with her time during Saanich's Centennial year. I would also like to welcome former Saanich Mayor Ed Lum, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Paone, representing the 11 Field Ambulance, and attending members of Parliament and the Legislative Assembly.

The Lieutenant
Governor's
Remarks

**REMARKS OF HER HONOUR, THE HONOURABLE IONA
CAMPAGNOLO, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Your Worship Mayor Frank and Ms. Elaine Leonard, Former Mayor Ed Lum, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Paone, the Honourable Minister of Natural Resources Gary Lunn, Honourable British Columbia Ministers Murray Coell and Ida Chong, Chief Derek Egan, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Burgess, Freedom of Saanich Honourees Mr. John and Ms. Joyce Pendray, Dr. Ron and Ms May Lou-Poy, honoured Councillors and citizens of Saanich:

I am not quite certain how I managed to attend three of the many fine events being held celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of Saanich, but I do know how significant and enjoyable they have been. Today's celebration of the Freedom of Saanich is no less delightful for all of us. We have honoured the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Saanich Police Department, and seen a truly grand celebration of Saanich citizens, each one of whom has lived 50 years or longer in this lovely valley. Today we mark the Centennial of Saanich by paying tribute to some exceptional citizens who have been elected to hold the Freedom of Saanich.

We look at freemen of the recent past of Saanich, including former Mayor Hugh Curtis here today, and a number of British Columbia's most outstanding citizens of the past, Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Les Passmore, Freeman King, George and Blytha Pearkes, Ken Middleton, Bruce Hutchison, and Hugh Curtis. In each one we see the superb contributions of individuals who have exceeded all ordinary expectations of contributing to the good of their society by serving the common good with absolute selflessness. Today, joining those memorable citizens are Freemen: Ron Lou-Poy and John Pendray with May Lou-Poy and Joyce Pendray who we salute with this time honoured ceremony of recognition and with the profound thanks of the Municipality of Saanich. This high honour of Freedom of Saanich has also been bestowed on the 11th (Victoria) Service Battalion and the 11 Field Ambulance. In the case of regiments the freedom of the city traditionally means that the companies have the freedom to march through the town with fixed bayonets, or swords drawn!

For an individual, the Freedom of the City is one of the oldest surviving traditional ceremonies still in existence today. It is believed that the first Freedom of the City was presented in London in 1237. The Medieval term, "freeman", described a man who was not the property of any feudal lord, but who enjoyed privileges such as the right to earn money and own land. Town dwellers that were protected under the charter of their town or city were referred to as "free", thus the term freeman indicated "Freedom of the City". In those centuries, all freemen received a book of 'The Rules for the Conduct of a Life', written by the Lord Mayor of London in 1737. The book was carried with a certificate in a casket, much the same way we carry around a driver's license today. The title freeman marked a close association between membership in a city and in the ancient guilds (or businesses) of that city. Livery too was based on being a freeman and together with the certificate and book, was essential for any man who wanted to exercise a trade in the city.

There were some other rights accorded to those in the past who were designated as freemen that I should mention, among them was: the right to herd sheep through the town, to be immune from pressgangs, to be married in St. Paul's Cathedral and buried in the city, to be drunk and disorderly without fear of arrest and, if convicted of a capital offence, to be publicly hanged with a silken cord!

Today's honoured recipients need have no fears, I was recently so honoured by my own former home city and was advised that the single privilege conveyed by the granting of the honour was the freedom to park anytime, anywhere in the city without paying any parking fees! In receiving this high honour of Saanich, the Pendrays and the Lou-Poys can vote in elections, run for council and have their names printed first on the list of electors! Although I have not consulted with Mayor Frank Leonard, I suspect Saanich has some special privileges in mind for Ron and May who have distinguished themselves in many spheres, with Ron presently in a second term as an admired Chancellor of the University of Victoria. Similarly for John and Joyce Pendray who have been partners through the 29 years that John served as President of Island Farms Dairies Cooperative, where he won many honours and their many dedicated services to Saanich.

It gives me great pleasure to join in these honours today. To both couples, my congratulations as you receive the freedom of this lovely, century-old municipality; and, as representative in our province of Her Majesty, The Queen of Canada, it is my honour and pleasure to salute Ron and John and May and Joyce and to thank them fully and sincerely for their dedicated work and inspiring example that serves to enhance and strengthen this century-old municipality!

Mayor's
Introduction of
Ronald Lou-Poy

INTRODUCTION OF RONALD LOU-POY BY HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR FRANK LEONARD

Ronald Lou-Poy grew up in a close extended family with a good understanding of Chinese cultural history. His grandfather emigrated from China in the 1890's and initially sold silk before turning to farming. Ron's father carried on farming and expanded to greenhouses, a store, and eventually a successful wholesale operation called the Pioneer Fruit and Vegetable Company.

Ron's parents instilled in him the importance and value of education. With the additional encouragement of an influential teacher, Lawrie Wallace, Ron attended Victoria College and subsequently the University of British Columbia, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1957 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1960.

Ron met his future bride while attending UBC. May was a pharmaceutical student from Alert Bay and Ron likes to describe their romance in his own way. He says it was a traditional Chinese courtship which included the customary gifts of food, pork, biscuits and six live chickens all delivered in a borrowed station wagon!

Ron was hired by Crease and Company, one of the oldest law firms in the province, in 1960 and was made a full partner shortly thereafter. His reputation within the legal profession is that of a thoughtful, meticulous and effective solicitor and he has been appointed Queens' Counsel.

A long-time Saanich resident, Ron inspires by example and empowers by deeds. He has been involved with a broad spectrum of organizations as a lawyer and philanthropist, such as Kiwanis, United Way, Victoria Crime Stoppers, the Chinese Benevolent Association and the McPherson Foundation, of which he was President. He was instrumental in the fundraising campaign for the reconstruction of the Gate of Harmonious Interest in historic Chinatown, and worked to ensure the Chinese Cemetery was declared an historic site. His most recent endeavor is as a Director of the BC Achievement Foundation.

Ronald Lou-Poy became the unofficial role model for University of Victoria students and UVic's ambassador when he was elected Chancellor in 2003. His quiet demeanor, impeccable integrity and strength of character recently won him a second term by acclamation.

In addition to his terms as University Chancellor, Ron has served two terms on the University of Victoria's Board of Governors, and was an original Director of the University of Victoria Innovation and Development Corporation. The family created the May and Ron Lou-Poy Fund of Excellence in the Faculty of Law and were significant contributors to the University's Harry Lou-Poy Infant and Toddler Centre, which is named in honour of his father.

Ron Lou-Poy has been recognized locally and nationally. He received the Order of Canada in 2004, an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Victoria in 2000, the Community Service Award from the Canadian Bar Association (BC Branch) and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. Most recently Ron was made an Honorary Judge of the Citizenship Court of Canada.

Ron has always honoured his family through his work and community service. He is thankful to his extended family, his grandparents, parents, and most especially his wife May and their two children, Patrick and Anne-Marie.

Ronald Lou-Poy is honoured for his outstanding community leadership and for the example of dedication and commitment he provides.

Presentation of
Scroll To
Mr. Lou-Poy

PRESENTATION OF THE SCROLL

The Scroll, signed by His Worship and the Municipal Clerk, was presented to Mr. Lou-Poy by Her Honour and His Worship.

The Scroll reads:

"The District of Saanich
British Columbia

In the matter of conferring the Freedom of the District of Saanich pursuant to the Community Charter.

The Freedom of the District of Saanich by unanimous vote of all the members of the Municipal Council, is hereby conferred upon

Ronald Lou-Poy.

The Distinction, being the highest honour the Municipality can bestow and is made to recognize a long and outstanding career in public service, acknowledging a commitment and dedication which has benefited this community and this Province.

Presented at a ceremony in the Council Chambers on the 10th day of June, 2006."

Signing of
Roll of Freeman

SIGNING OF THE ROLL OF FREEMAN

Mr. Lou-Poy, His Worship, and the Municipal Clerk signed the Roll of Freeman which reads: "The freedom of the District of Saanich, by unanimous vote of all the members of the Municipal Council, is hereby conferred upon Ronald Lou-Poy by virtue whereof, the distinguished person above named, is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Freeman of the District of Saanich and, by subscribing his/her signature hereto, hereby graciously accepts the honour thus bestowed."

Freeman
Lou-Poy's
Response

RESPONSE OF FREEMAN RONALD LOU-POY

Mr. Lou-Poy thanked His Worship and Council for bestowing the honour of Freeman upon him, Her Honour and His Worship for their kind remarks, and his wife and family for their support throughout the years.

Mayor's
Introduction of
John Peters
Pendray

**INTRODUCTION OF JOHN PETERS PENDRAY BY HIS WORSHIP,
MAYOR FRANK LEONARD**

John Peters Pendray was born May 15, 1925 on the first "Pendray Farm" - in a farmhouse that still stands today at Swan Lake. John's parents were Saanich pioneers and involved all four children in the family farm. When farm help was scarce during the Second World War, John was faced with the difficult choice of pursuing his education or continuing the family milk delivery business. With his usual fortitude, he did both. He started at 4:00 am and completed half his deliveries, then completed the deliveries after school. His long days continued when he joined the University Air Training Corp while attending Victoria College and working on the farm.

John knew instinctively that in order to keep farming viable and attractive to younger generations, he had to be flexible and innovative in all aspects of farming. He embraced technology, veterinary and soil science, and sound business practices. John became a noted ground crop grower, and won Reserve Grand Champion in 1973 for table stock at the Royal Winter Fair and won the Grand Championship for British Columbia in 1974, exemplifying that exceptional quality can still be maintained while achieving high yields.

John has been described as an ambassador for farming. He emphasized the importance of education and would always take the time out of his busy days to give tours for school children and foreign students. His community commitment also included being a member of the Saanich Police Board during the late 1970's.

Dairy farming is a way of life for generations of Pendrays. And that way of life is centered on the family. John married Joyce, the love of his life, in 1948 and they raised four wonderful children. David, Dianne, Michael and Carol all worked on the farm in their formative years. The Pendray Farm is still in the family, as Dave Pendray is now the owner/operator of the largest dairy farm on Vancouver Island.

Along with building the most successful dairy farm on Vancouver Island, one of John's proudest accomplishments has been the success of Island Farms Co-Operative. As a driving force behind Island Farms, he served as President for 30 years. Island Farms was clearly established as one of the major milk companies in Western Canada, particularly when it took over Silverwood Dairies, a national company, in 1981 and Palm Dairies, another national company in 1987.

As President, John always exhibited the strength of character that made him distinctive and successful. His skill in motivating others by co-operation and mutual understanding has been widely acknowledged in the industry. In recognition of good farming and outstanding community leadership, the BC Institute of Agrologists honoured him by naming him as Agriculturist of the Year in 1985!

He has since served as a member of the BC Dairy Foundation, focusing and emphasizing both provincial and national strategies for dairy farming. More recently, he is a charter member and was the first Chairman of the Peninsula Agricultural Commission which seeks to inform elected officials on the importance of sustainable farming strategies.

His energy, enthusiasm and community involvement has been fuelled by the desire that a viable farming industry be passed on to future generations. His wife Joyce and their family share the philosophy that farming is a way of life, a life John loves and is most grateful for.

Saanich and our region are grateful for a lifetime of dedication and commitment to business and community that defines John Peters Pendray.

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Freeman
Pendray's
Response

RESPONSE OF FREEMAN JOHN PETERS PENDRAY

Her Honour, His Worship, Honourable Members, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislature, Saanich Councillors, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your Council for the honour you have given to our family today. As in most farms, our whole family participated in the day to day operations. Our son, David, operates the farm now. I would particularly like to thank my wife, Joyce, for all her support during the years and for taking charge of the office work.

In a larger sense, the Island Farms Co-op family worked together and produced some remarkable results in both growth and in becoming a responsible local corporation. I would like to thank those managers and Board members present for the success in building Island Farms.

In closing, may I pay tribute to our parents who settled in this beautiful part of the world. They raised four of us and set high standards for us. They taught us to be responsible to our family and community. They taught us to make our community an even better place for future generations.

Thank you, I am deeply honoured.

Presentation of
Gift

PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

On behalf of the District of Saanich, His Worship presented Her Honour with a framed photograph of the collection of Trilliums to be planted on the grounds of Government House.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT, SINGING OF GOD SAVE THE QUEEN, AND RETIREMENT TO RECEPTION

His Worship adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.

The Director of Ceremonies invited the audience to rise and join in the singing of God Save the Queen.

Her Honour, His Worship and members of the Official Party departed the Council Chambers and retired to Middleton Plaza for a reception.

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MAYOR
I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK