



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018
AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor N. Menard
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor L. A. Brown
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor D. Norgaard
Councillor G. Prowal

REGRETS

Councillor M. Goetz

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. M. Brodrick, Planning and Development Services Manager
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

27 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

2.1 Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

With the upcoming election, there was no public input period pursuant to Section 21 (f) of the City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw No. 2055, 2008.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

212/18

- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 be adopted

Mayor Menard called a recess to a Public Hearing at 7:02pm

Mayor Menard reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:42pm

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

**COMMUNITY
FUTURES NICOLA
VALLEY**

- 5.1 Student Ambassador 2018 Wrap-Up Presentation
File: 0362

Mae Ketter introduced the two 2018 Tourism Ambassadors, who shared about their experiences and successes interacting with residents and tourists throughout the summer. The students operated primarily from the City's new mobile kiosk, which was open for 47 days. The Ambassadors interacted with a total of 3,033 people and shared their success story.

COMFORT INN

- 5.2 Request for Landscaping Refund; Lalli Randhawa, Comfort Inn
File: 3090 & DP2018-01

Mr. Randhawa petitioned Council to release funds held as landscaping security. Mr. Randhawa described some of the successes his hotel has had, including two significant awards. Mr. Randhawa explained that he never could have been so successful unless the hotel looked good. Mr. Randhawa acknowledged that in some areas, there were deviations from the original plan for the hotel, but that on the whole, more money, not less was spent on beautifying the hotel grounds.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard left the meeting at 7:59pm due to a declared conflict of interest in relation to item 6.1

CIVIC CENTRE/
CONFERENCE
CENTRE

- 6.1 Excerpt; July 24, 2018 Minutes Regular Council Meeting
Information Regarding past Scope of the Merritt Civic Centre Building, Potential costs to Build a Performing Arts Centre and Options for Parking; Manager of Recreation & Facilities August 23, 2018 Report
File: 7940

213/18

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to continue to work with the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society (NVCTS) on the feasibility and associated costs of constructing a Performing Arts Theatre attached to the Merritt Civic Centre (MCC), or on the land adjacent to it; and to further explore the possibility of public private partnership and the availability of municipal grant opportunities regarding Performing Arts building construction

Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard returned to the meeting at 8:04pm

7. BYLAWS

ZONING - 1990
CHAPMAN STREET

- 7.1 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2243, 2018
File: 3900.2187

Returned from Public Hearing

214/18

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2243, 2018 be read a third time

GOOD NEIGHBOUR BYLAW	7.2	Good Neighbour Bylaw; Director of Corporate Services August 23, 2018 Report File: 3900.2238
215/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 2238, 2018 be read a first time
216/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 2238, 2018 be read a second time Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown
217/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 2238, 2018 be read a third time Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown
ANIMAL CONTROL	7.3	Animal Control Bylaw; Director of Corporate Services August 23, 2018 Report File: 3900.2241
218/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw No. 2241, 2018 be read a first time
219/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw No. 2241, 2018 be read a second time Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown
220/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw No. 2241, 2018 be read a third time Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

8. NEW BUSINESS

COMFORT INN

- 8.1 Request for a full Refund of Landscape Security (Amend DP2014-H); 713 DeWolf Way, Comfort Inn, Parcel A (BEING A CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 1 AND 2, SEE LB525657) DISTRICT LOT 23 TOWNSHIP 91 KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN KAP86720, PID: 029-243-459
File: 3090 & DP 2018-01

221/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council receive this staff report for information (3713 DeWolf Way, Comfort Inn)

222/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council refund the remaining landscaping security (3713 DeWolf Way, Comfort Inn)
Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Prowal

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 9.1 Councillor Prowal made the following notice of motion:

THAT Council review the City of Merritt Controlled Substance Bylaw for the purpose of including cannabis

- 9.2 Mayor Menard made the following notice of motion:

THAT the City of Merritt host the 2020 SILGA Conference

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Baker provided a Gas Buddies update, thanked citizens for their treatment of firefighters staying in the City, and wished Council the best in their 8 upcoming Minister meetings.
- 10.2 Councillor Brown has attended Friday Night markets, Rotary meetings, the Juniper House open house and reminded everyone of the upcoming rodeo weekend.
- 10.3 Councillor Prowal attended the Airstream Caravan gathering at Claybanks RV park, expressed concern over blocking the Coldwater river to make swimming holes and the number of human caused fires in the province.

- 10.4 Councillor Norgaard attended a Food Sovereignty meeting and a Thompson Watershed Disaster Mitigation Flood and Debris Flow meeting. Councillor Norgaard also expressed that she wouldn't be running for office in the upcoming election.
- 10.5 Councillor Christopherson attended a Health committee meeting and Friday Night markets.
- 10.6 Mayor Menard read a thank-you letter from a participant in the high school rodeo, attended a TNRD Clearwater meeting, met with a veterans motorcycle group riding across Canada from Newfoundland to BC, held drop in meetings, attended the Juniper House open house, had discussions with a Motion Notion representative regarding noise, and welcomed May Ing, who was born in Merritt in 1918, as she returned to the City of Merritt for a visit in her 100th year.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**FINANCE & AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

- 11.1 Minutes; Finance & Audit Committee August 14, 2018 Meeting
File: 0554

**DISTRICT OF
HOUSTON**

- 11.2 Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Government; Jonathan Van Barneveld, Acting Mayor, District of Houston August 14, 2018 Letter
File: 0135

PROCLAMATION

- 11.3 Proclamation; **"Waste Reduction Week in Canada"** October 15-21, 2018
File: 0630

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

**Certified correct in accordance with Section 124(2) (c) of the
Community Charter.**

Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the 18th Day of September, 2018

Mayor

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

