



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**CITY HALL**  
**2185 VOGHT STREET**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018**  
**AT 7:00 PM**

1. **PRESENT:**

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Mayor L. Brown  
Councillor M. Bhangu  
Councillor A. Etchart  
Councillor T. Fehr  
Councillor T. Luck  
Councillor M. White

**REGRETS**

Councillor K. Christopherson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT  
Mr. Wayne Anderson, Financial Services Manager  
Mr. M. Brodrick, Planning and Development Services Manager  
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services  
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

18 Members of the Public

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

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2.1 Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)**

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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287/18

- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 be adopted**

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- 4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

THOMPSON NICOLA  
REGIONAL DISTRICT

- 5.1 Thompson Nicola Regional District Presentation; Sukh Gill, Chief Administrative Officer, Thompson Nicola Regional District  
File: 0420

Ken Gillis, TNRD Board Chair, provided an introduction to the TNRD and its CAO, Sukh Gill. Mr. Gillis discussed the importance of having an excellent CAO and described the qualities that Council should look for in hiring a CAO.

Sukh Gill provided facts about the TNRD, the services it provides, how it is funded and the portion of funding paid by the City of Merritt. Mr. Gill also gave an overview of the Thompson Regional Hospital District and its purposes.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

ZONING - 2900  
POOLEY AVENUE

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- 7.1 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2242, 2018 (2900 Pooley Avenue)  
File: 3900.2187

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2242, 2018 (2900 Pooley Avenue) be adopted**

**BUSINESS LICENCE**            7.2    City of Merritt Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 2248, 2018  
File: 3900.2034

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Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 2248, 2018 be adopted**

8.            **NEW BUSINESS**

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**TNRD CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS**

8.1    TNRD Contribution Agreements; Director of Corporate Services  
December 13, 2018 Report  
File: 2280.12 & 2280.14

291/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the following agreements between the Thompson Nicola Regional District and the City of Merritt:**

- 1. Financial Contribution Agreement for the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre**
- 2. Financial Contribution Agreement for Recreation Facilities**

**FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

8.2    Fire Protection Agreement – Thompson Nicola Regional District  
Specified Areas of Electoral Areas M and N; Acting Chief  
Administrative Officer December 13, 2018 Report  
File: 2280.01

292/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT Council direct the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign a one-year extension for the Fire Protection Agreement with the Thompson Nicola Regional District**

NON-MEDICAL  
CANNABIS RETAIL  
LICENCE

8.3 Mon-Medical Cannabis Retail Licence - 2040 Nicola Avenue;  
Director of Corporate Services December 13, 2018 Report  
File: 0190

293/18

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council direct staff to gather residents' views regarding the proposed Cannabis Retail Licence at 2040 Nicola Avenue by requesting written submissions in response to posting public notice at 2040 Nicola Avenue, issuing notices to residents within one hundred (100) feet of the property, and by publishing notices in two (2) consecutive editions of the Merritt Herald**

COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES

8.4 Terms of Reference for the Police Committee, Policy Review  
Committee and Finance & Audit Committee  
File: 0530

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council re-establish the Police Committee and appoint Mayor Brown, Councillor Bhangu and Councillor Christopherson to that Committee**

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council re-establish the Policy Review Committee and appoint Mayor Brown, Councillor Bhangu and Councillor Christopherson to that Committee**

296/18

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council re-establish the Finance and Audit Committee and appoint Mayor Brown, Councillor Etchart and Councillor Luck to that Committee**

FCM 8.5 FCM 2019 Conference May 30-June 02, 2019 Agenda  
Council Conference Attendance Policy  
File: 0278

297/18 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT Council advise staff which Councillors wish to attend the 2019 FCM Conference;**  
**AND THAT more than one (1) Councillors be permitted to attend the 2019 FCM Conference;**  
**AND FURTHER THAT the Policy Review Committee review the Council Conference Attendance Policy to ensure that every member of Council has the opportunity to attend at least one FCM Conference during the Council term**

HOUSING AGREEMENTS 8.6 Housing Agreements; Director of Corporate Services December 13, 2018 Report  
File: 6750

298/18 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT Council direct staff to make necessary amendments to the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw to improve clarity around the use of housing agreements and ensure their enforceability**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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Nil

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME 11.1 2018 Grant in Aid Summary Report; Susan Roline, Treasurer, Canadian Country Music Heritage Society November 25, 2018 Letter  
File: 1851

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| <b>SILGA COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS</b>           | 11.2 | Nomination Information for the SILGA Community Excellence Awards; Alison Slater, SILGA Executive Director<br>File: 0276   |
| <b>SILGA AGM</b>                                   | 11.3 | Call for Resolutions and Call for Nominations; Alison Slater, SILGA Executive Director<br>File: 0276  |
| <b>GRANT PAYMENT DETAILS REPORT</b>                | 11.4 | 2018 Grant-in-Lieu Property Tax Payment; Honourable Jinny Sims, Ministry of Citizens' Services November 08, 2018 Letter<br>File: 0135   |
| <b>TRANS CANADA YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION</b> | 11.5 | Municipal Membership Application, Paul Smith, President, Trans Canada Yellowhead Association and Sandy Salt, Past-President, Trans Canada Yellowhead Association November 16, 2018 Letter<br>File: 0367 |
| <b>FLOODING IN MERRITT 2017-2108</b>               | 11.6 | Flooding in Merritt 2017-2018; Vince Smoluk, President 673848 BC LTD DBA Nicola Meadows December 12, 2018 Letter<br>File: 5220  |

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Officer**

**Confirmed on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**