



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019
AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. S. Thiessen, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. M. Brodrick, Planning and Development Services Manager
Mr. W. George, Tourism and Economic Development Manager
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services

17 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

2.1 Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

3.1 Manuel Olguin spoke in favour of the BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot (Item 8.3), stating that Community Futures has received interest from two (2) entrepreneur families, despite the fact that Merritt isn't yet part of the program. Manuel discussed the requirements of the program and the benefits to the City of Merritt.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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17/19

- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

HERITAGE WEEK

- 5.1 Heritage Week Presentation; Craig Gray, Secretary, Nicola Valley Museum & Archives and Murphy Shewchuk, Past President, Nicola Valley Museum & Archives
File: 0250

Craig Gray and Murphy Shewchuk presented their request that Council proclaim February 18-24 as Heritage Week, to match the Provincial and Federal proclamations. They discussed the “Tie that Binds” event on February 21st and invited council and the public to attend. They also provided an update on the operations of the Nicola Valley Museum & Archives for 2018.

18/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council proclaim February 18-24 as Heritage Week in the City of Merritt

NICOLA VALLEY
COMMUNITY
THEATRE SOCIETY

- 5.2 Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society Proposal for a Performing Arts Theatre near the Civic Centre Presentation; Rich Hodson
File: 0250

As a director of the NVCTS, Councillor Christopherson declared a conflict of interest in relation to this item and left the meeting at 7:25pm

Mr. Rich Hodson presented to Council regarding the City’s request to provide architectural drawings showing where the community theatre could be located on City property, options included both unattached and attached variants located in different positions around the Civic Centre/City Hall property.

Mr. Hodson outlined the proposed plan for the City to take ownership of the theatre, which would be operated by the Theatre Society or another arts group in Merritt. Mr. Hodson also described fundraising activities to support the construction of the Movie Theatre project at the original NVCTS site at the Railyard Mall.

Councillor Christopherson returned to the meeting at 7:45pm

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

**OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY PLAN
1104 & 1132 MIDDAY
VALLEY ROAD**

- 7.1 Application to rezone Lot 1 District Lot 166 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 2668, PID: 002-097-966; and Lot 2 District Lot 166 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 26688, PID: 005-042-933; 1104 and 1132 Midday Valley Road, from Future Development (FD) to Light Industrial (M1); Planning & Development Services Manager January 30, 2019 Report File: RZ2018-08

**ZONING BYLAW
1104 & 1132 MIDDAY
VALLEY ROAD**

19/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2252, 2019 be read a first time

20/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2252, 2019 be read a second time

21/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2253, 2019 be read a first time

22/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2253, 2019 be read a second time

23/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council direct staff to schedule a public hearing for RZ2018-08; 1104 & 1132 Midday Valley Road

8. NEW BUSINESS

ACTING CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER REPORT

- 8.1 Acting Chief Administrative Officer Report; Acting Chief Administrative Officer Verbal Report;
File: 0112

For Information Only - The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations of the City.

Ms. Thiessen provided an overview of municipal operations over the past weeks, including the successful hosting of a Flood Mitigation Workshop on January 29, work on grant applications, the budget process, tourism initiatives and immigration programs. Ms. Thiessen announced that the Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE was ratified.

GRANT
APPLICATION - CEPF

- 8.2 Grant Application - CEPF, Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning; Acting Chief Administrative Officer February 07, 2019 Report
File: 1853

24/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the application for Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, under the Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning stream;

AND THAT the requested funding be used to develop a flood risk assessment, update our flood mapping and create a flood mitigation plan;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide support and direction for the overall grant management

**ENTREPRENEUR
IMMIGRATION
PROGRAMS**

8.3 Entrepreneur Immigration Programs: Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot and BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot; Economic Development & Tourism Manager February 07, 2019 Report
File: 0135 & 0175

25/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council direct staff to apply for the two (2) Entrepreneur Immigration Programs: Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot and the BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot;

AND THAT Council provides a letter of support for the City of Merritt Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Program application

**DESTINATION BC -
VISITOR SERVICES
NETWORK
PROGRAM RENEWAL**

8.4 Destination BC - Visitor Services Network Program Renewal; Economic Development & Tourism Manager February 07, 2019 Report
File: 1854.36

26/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council directs staff to renew the Visitor Services Network Program through Destination British Columbia, designating the Merritt Visitor Centre at the Baillie House as the primary location for face-to-face visitor services and the tourism department for the City of Merritt (Tourism Merritt) as the primary location for online and other visitor services

**GRANT
APPLICATION -
CYCLING NETWORK
PLAN**

8.5 Grant Application - Cycling Network Plan; Acting Chief Administrative Officer February 07, 2010 Report
File: 1853

Councillor Fehr declared a conflict of interest, citing that his business could be impacted by this decision; Councillor White declared a conflict of interest, citing her membership with Tourism Nicola Valley, a potential partner in this application. Both Councillors left the meeting at 8:15pm.

27/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council direct staff to complete the grant application for the BikeBC 2019-2020 Cycling Network Plan requesting fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include the City's portion of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars in the 2019 Financial Plan for the development of a Cycling Network Plan

Councillors Fehr and White returned to the meeting at 8:25 pm

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Nil

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ASHCROFT
TERMINAL**

11.1 Information Session regarding Ashcroft Terminal; Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser Nicola February 01, 2019 Letter
File: 0135

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:27 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 26th day of February, 2019

**Original signed by
Mayor**