



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019
AT 7:00 PM**

1. PRESENT:

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

REGRETS

Councillor T. Fehr

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
Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager

21 Members of the Public
Q101

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 Mr. Steve Hagen, representing Quilchena Cannabis Inc. spoke regarding item 8.2 in the agenda. He introduced himself to Council and expressed his desire to see Council make a recommendation to the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch in favour of granting a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence for his store at 1937 Quilchena Ave.

3.2 Mr. Irfan Sonawala, representing the developer for the proposed development at 4010 Walters Street, spoke to Council regarding item 7.1 in the agenda. Mr. Sonawala discussed the project generally and that the goal of the agreement is to ensure that the 19 affordable housing units are provided at cost.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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29/19

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 be adopted

30/19

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 be adopted

PUBLIC HEARING

RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

Council recessed to Public Hearing at 7:24pm

RECONVENE TO COUNCIL MEETING

Council reconvened to the Regular Council meeting at 7:28pm

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

GOLD COUNTRY

5.1 Gold Country Presentation; Marcie Down, Executive Director, Gold Country Communities Society
File: 0382

Ms. Marcie Down was unable to make the meeting to present.

HIVE CANNABIS

5.2 Hive Cannabis Presentation; Sean Bruce-Hayes
File: 0190

Sean Bruce-Hayes presented on behalf of Hive Cannabis, discussing the company's background, vision and business model, including the signage and the layout for the store.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GRANT IN AID

- 6.1 Minutes, February 05, 2019 Special Committee of the Whole – Grant in Aid Meeting
Approval of 2019 Grant in Aid Applications; Financial Services Manager February 21, 2019 Report
File: 1851

31/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category “A” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the amounts and types indicated on the spreadsheet

Councillor Christopherson declared a conflict of interest as a Director of the Merritt Country Christmas and left the meeting at 7:35pm.

32/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid request listed in Category “B” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the amount and type indicated on the spreadsheet

Councillor Christopherson returned to the meeting at 7:36pm.

Councillor Luck declared a conflict of interest as a Director of the Community Futures Development Corporation of Nicola Valley and left the meeting at 7:36pm.

33/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid request listed in Category “C” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the amount and type indicated on the spreadsheet

Councillor Luck returned to the meeting at 7:37pm.

34/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid request listed in Category “D” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the amount and type indicated on the spreadsheet

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest as a Director of the Canadian Country Music Heritage Society and left the meeting at 7:38pm

35/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category “E” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the amounts and types indicated on the spreadsheet

Councillor White returned to the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

36/19 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
THAT Council direct staff to bring back a report comparing grant in aid funding amounts in the City of Merritt to other municipalities

MERRITT AERODROME 6.2 Minutes, February 11, 2019 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
Merritt Aerodrome; Planning & Development Services Manager
February 14, 2019 Report
File: 8410

37/19 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
THAT Council direct staff to undertake an Airport Master Plan in 2019;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars in the 2019 Financial Plan to undertake an Airport Master Plan

7. BYLAWS

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW 7.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2252, 2019 (1104 & 1132 Midday Valley Road)
File: 3900.2116

ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2253, 2019 (1104 & 1132 Midday Valley Road)
File: 3900.2187

1104 & 1132 MIDDAY VALLEY ROAD *Returned from Public Hearing*

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2252, 2019 (1104 & 1132 Midday Valley Road) be read a third time

38/19

39/19 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2253, 2019 (1104 & 1132 Midday Valley Road) be read a third time

- WALTERS STREET HOUSING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZATION BYLAW**
- 7.2 City of Merritt Walters Street Housing Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 2254, 2019; Director of Corporate Services February 20, 2019 Report
File: 3900.2254
- 40/19 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Walters Street Housing Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 2254, 2019 be read a first time
- 41/19 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Walters Street Housing Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 2254, 2019 be read a second time;
- AND THAT Walters Street Housing Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 2254, 2019 be considered at a public hearing**
- FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN**
- 7.3 City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2255, 2019; Acting Chief Administrative Officer February 20, 2019 Report
File: 3900.2232
- 42/19 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2255, 2019 be read a first time
- 43/19 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2255, 2019 be read a second time
- 44/19 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2255, 2019 be read a third time

8. NEW BUSINESS

ACTING CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER REPORT

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

Ms. Thiessen provided an overview of municipal operations over the past weeks, including grant applications to BikeBC, Emergency Management BC to better equip our Emergency Operations Centre, and a Flood Planning grant for \$150,000. Applications were made for two entrepreneurship immigration programs. Ms. Thiessen provided an overview of each department and mentioned that a report regarding a Core Service review will be brought forward at the next Council meeting.

QUILCHENA
CANNABIS
COMPANY INC.

- 8.2 Quilchena Cannabis Inc. – Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence; Director of Corporate Services February 20, 2019 Report
File: 0190

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

45/19

THAT Council recommend to the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch that a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence be issued to Quilchena Cannabis Company Inc. to operate at 1937 Quilchena Avenue, with operating hours from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm seven (7) days a week;

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit the recommendation, including any required supporting material, to the LCRB

HIVE CANNABIS

- 8.3 Hive Cannabis, 1159691 B.C. Ltd. – Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence; Director of Corporate Services February 20, 2019 Report
File: 0190

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

46/19

THAT Council recommend to the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch that a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence be issued to Hive Cannabis 1159691 B.C. Ltd. to operate at 2040 Nicola Avenue, with operating hours from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm seven (7) days a week;

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit the recommendation, including any required supporting material, to the LCRB

GOLD COUNTRY 8.4 Gold Country Communities Society Annual Tourism Symposium; Tourism & Economic Development Manager February 21, 2019 Report
File: 0382

47/19 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council sponsor the 2019 Gold Country Communities Society Tourism Symposium (November 08-11, 2019) in Merritt with an in-kind donation of the Merritt Civic Centre valued at \$2,250, sponsorship of \$2,500 and Council attendance at the Tourism Symposium to be funded from the remaining grant in aid funds

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

PRIME MINISTER'S YOUTH COUNCIL 10.1 Mayor Brown informed Council of Marius Auer's application to the Prime Minister's Youth Council and made the following motion:

48/19 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council provide a letter of support in favour of Marius Auer's application to the Prime Minister's Youth Council

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

THE CURRENT 11.1 The Current; Highlights from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors' Meeting of February 14, 2019
File: 0480

SILGA 11.2 2019 SILGA Community Excellence Awards - Deadline Extension to March 01, 2019
File: 0276

2019 VISITOR SERVICES NETWORK PROGRAM 11.3 Signed 2019 Merritt Visitor Services Agreement and Trade-Mark License Agreement
File: 6300

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 12th day of March, 2019

**Original signed by
Mayor**