



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 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. Wayne Anderson, Financial Services Manager
Mr. M. Brodrick, Planning and Development Services Manager
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services

MEDIA

Merritt Herald

16 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

3.1 Catherine Wayne, 2500 Reid Court, spoke in opposition to the development application at 4010 Walters Street. Ms. Wayne said that she didn't oppose development on the site generally, but did oppose this particular development. She cited the following concerns:

- Does not feel the City should amend the maximum density for the area set out in the OCP, which is the long-term plan for the community.
- Worried that the parking reduction will result in a spillover onto neighbouring parking lots and streets
- A crosswalk would be required
- There is already insufficient sewer and storm drain infrastructure
- Light pollution

Ms. Wayne also stated that she would like to see an end of use recycling plan for the building.

3.2 Deborah Merrick, a Reid Court resident, spoke in opposition of the development at 4010 Walters St., stating that she was worried about the effects of reducing parking for the development.

3.3 Michael Parkinson, 2560 Reid Court, spoke in opposition of the development at 4010 Walters St. He expressed concern with the size of the building for the size of the lot, the reduction in parking, and the loss of sun on Reid Court.

3.4 Lawrence McKenna, 2463 Reid, spoke in opposition of the development at 4010 Walters St. In addition to what was said by others, he echoed concern over parking and traffic and said that a traffic light would be needed, as even now, it is difficult to turn onto Voght Street.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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01/19

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 be adopted

02/19

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

BC ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Merritt Assessment Statistics Presentation; Graham Held, Deputy Assessor, BC Assessment
File: 1950

Graham Held presented to Council regarding what BC Assessment is, its purpose, goals, and how properties are classified and assessed. Mr. Held presented statistics regarding the 2019 assessment roll for British Columbia and the City of Merritt.

4010 WALTERS STREET

- 5.2 Multi-family development at 4010 Walters St.; Gregg Lindros, Agent
File RZ2018-06

Gregg Lindros requested that Council give 1st and 2nd reading to the OCP and Zoning Amendment Bylaws related to the 4010 Walters Street development. He explained that bylaw readings would be a signal that Council is interested in proceeding with this project, subject to the outstanding issues being addressed and receiving the public's concerns. He also said that this would help secure financing and stabilize the construction schedule.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

ZONING - 4010
WALTERS ST.

7.1 Proposed multi-family development. Requires amendments to the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw to rezone Lot A, Section 22, Township 91, KDYD, Plan KAP34945, except Plans 38115, KAP47644, KAP49313 and KAP 53152, 4010 Walters Street, from Highway Commercial (C4) to High Density Residential (R4); Manager of Planning and Development Services January 4, 2019 Report
File: RZ2018-06, 3900.2187

03/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council give first and second reading to the attached draft Official Community Plan Amendment No. 2051 (4010 Walters Street) and;

THAT Council give first and second reading to the attached draft Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2050 (4010 Walters Street) and;

THAT staff be directed to schedule a public hearing for the two draft bylaws subsequent to the Housing Agreement and Road Encroachment Agreement being approved by Council, and after the identified outstanding issues are addressed, including Fire Access.
Voting Opposed: Councillors Bhangu, Etchart and White

04/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council give first reading to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2051 (4010 Walters Street)
Voting Opposed: Councillors Bhangu, Etchart and White

05/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council give second reading to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2051 (4010 Walters Street)
Voting Opposed: Councillors Bhangu, Etchart and White

06/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council give first reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2050 (4010 Walters Street)
Voting Opposed: Councillor White

07/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council give second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2050 (4010 Walters Street)
Voting Opposed: Councillor White

8. NEW BUSINESS

TNRD COMMUNITY
WORKS FUND
AGREEMENT

8.1 TNRD Community Works Fund Agreement; Acting Chief
Administrative Officer January 3, 2019 Report;
File: 1854.8

08/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Director of
Corporate Services to sign the TNRD Community
Works Fund Agreement, Contract #2018-150**

CAO REPORT

8.2 CAO Report; Acting Chief Administrative Officer January 3,
2019 Report;
File: 0112

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

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Bhangu reminded staff and Council about
nominations for the SILGA Excellence Award and requested that
staff consider persons or programs that could be nominated.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 58

11.1 Congratulations; Gordon Comeau, Chair, Board of Education of
School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) October 24, 2018
Letter
File: 0491

OFFICE OF THE
OMBUDSPERSON

11.2 Quarterly Report: July 1 - September 30, 2018; Jay Chalke,
Ombudsperson, Province of British Columbia December 4, 2018
Letter
File: 0411

GAS TAX PAYMENT

11.3 Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment; Arjun
Singh, UBCM President, December 10, 2018 Letter
File: 0270

**GOLD COUNTRY
TOURISM
SYMPOSIUM**

- 11.4 Gold Country Annual Tourism Symposium and Fam Tour 2019;
Marcie Down, Executive Director, Gold Country Communities
Society December 20, 2018 Letter
File: 0382

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 22nd day of January, 2019

**Original signed by
Mayor**