



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

Tuesday, July 9, 2019
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. J. Dinwoodie, Director of Engineering & Development
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services
Mr. G. Lowis, Corporate Services Co-op Student
Mr. W. George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager
Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager

MEDIA & PUBLIC: Merritt Herald
Q101
10 members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm due to concerns with the sound equipment and was reconvened at 7:03pm

Mr. Smith then explained the new agenda format, and how Merritt would soon be unveiling a new site where Councillors and public could see agendas and minutes online.

2. LATE ITEMS

Nil

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes- June 25, 2019

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THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 25, 2019 be adopted

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Public Hearing - Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2265, 2019

Mayor Brown adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:05pm.

Mayor Brown resumed the Regular Meeting at 7:10pm.

6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

6.1 Red Dress Project; Ingrid Roughed, NVIT

File: 0250

Ingrid Roughead spoke about the #StrongerTogether and Red Dress projects, along with Erica Bose from Lower Nicola Indian Band, who explained the symbolism of the medicine wheel.

Ingrid encouraged people to donate red dresses, and stories, with explicit consent. She is hoping for the event to run in the last, or second last week of July, and will inform Council of the date.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Notice of Motion

File: 3900.2187

Councillor Bhangu withdrew his notice of motion regarding secondary suites.

8. BYLAWS

8.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment

File: 3900.2116

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THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2263, 2019 be adopted

Against (1): Mike Bhangu

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

8.2 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment

File: 3900.2187

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THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2264, 2019 be adopted

Against (1): Mike Bhangu

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

8.3 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2265, 2019

File: 3900.2187

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Returned from Public Hearing

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2265, 2019 be read a third time

Against (1): Mike Bhangu

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

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THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2265, 2019 be adopted

Against (1): Mike Bhangu

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 **Council Committees**

File: 0570

Mr. Smith explained the current committees set up, and the proposed additions, and corrected the wording in the report that Select committees were appointed by Council.

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THAT Council establish the Environment Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached as Schedule "A";

AND THAT Council direct staff to prepare Terms of Reference for Council consideration of the following committees:

- Airport Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Emergency Executive Committee
- Accessibility & Age Friendly Planning Committee
- Tourism & Economic Development Committee

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.2 **Chief Administrative Officer Verbal Update**

File: 0112

Mr. Hildebrandt updated on his activities and plans for Core Services, flooding, capital projects, budget, and strategic planning.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Councillor Christopherson

THAT Council send a letter of support to Dan Albas MP expressing support for bill C447 (<https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-447/first-reading>)

10.2 Mayor Brown

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report regarding options to create a traffic signal at the intersection of Grimmet and Voght Street.

10.3 Councillor Bhangu

THAT Council send a letter of support to the Province, urging increased provincial support to libraries.

10.4 Mayor Brown

THAT Council direct staff to amend the City of Merritt Committee Policy, which states that committee appointments expire on September 30th in the year of a general local election.

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Nil

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 City of White Rock - Proposed Vacancy Tax

File: 0135

12.2 District of Houston - Provincial Support for Libraries

File: 0135

12.3 District of Sicamous - Provincial Support for Libraries

File: 0135

12.4 City of Richmond - Lobbyist Registration

File: 0135

12.5 City of Richmond - Conflict of Interest Complaint Mechanism

File: 0135

12.6 City of Richmond - Statement of Disclosure Updates

File: 0135

12.7 City of Richmond - Recovering Costs for Local Climate Change Impacts

File: 0135

12.8 Town of Ladysmith - Provincial Support for Libraries

File: 0135

12.9 Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources - 2019 - Drought Level 3

File: 0135

12.10 Drought level

Mr. Smith confirmed Merritt is at drought level 3, and further water restrictions may be coming in the future.

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 7:46pm

Original signed by

Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

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

Confirmed on the 23rd day of July, 2019

Original signed by

Mayor

Linda A. Brown