



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 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

19 Members of the Public
Q101

2. CALL TO ORDER

2.1 Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

3.1 Ms. Ginny Prowal spoke regarding item 8.1, the Merritt Tourism Asset Mapping Inventory, encouraging Council to consider the inclusion of trails and addressing the issue of fragmented trails. Ms. Prowal particularly noted the potential to designate trails in the Lindley Creek - Midday Valley Road area, including Windy Canyon.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
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50/19
- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 be adopted
- 51/19
- 4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 be adopted
5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions
- ANHART COMMUNITY HOUSING SOCIETY
- 5.1 Anhart Community Housing Society Presentation; Megan Hansen, Community Engagement Coordinator, Anhart Community Housing Society
File: 0250
- Krystal Weibe presented on behalf of Anhart Community Housing Society, introducing Council to the organization, its philosophy, goals and plans in the City of Merritt. Anhart intends to build an affordable housing complex with approximately 80 units at their 3757 De Wolf Way site. The group anticipates that their development application will be submitted in the next 5-6 months and stated that affordability could be increased if Council allowed an increase to density.
- MLA JACKIE TEGART
- 5.2 Legislature Update; Jackie Tegart, MLA, Fraser-Nicola
File: 0135
- MLA Tegart presented Council with an update regarding issues and efforts affecting citizens in the Nicola Valley. She discussed her efforts to support forestry, mining and agriculture, transit, wildfire and flooding, tourism, economic development, working with youth, and homelessness and mental health. MLA Tegart encouraged Council to come to her with any issues, stating that she will work to get them on the floor provincially.
- MERRITT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- 5.3 Merritt Youth Advisory Council Presentation; Marius Auer
File: 0250
- Marius Auer presented to Council regarding the formation of a Youth Advisory Council in Merritt and presented Council with draft terms of reference for the group.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY PLAN
BYLAW

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

AND

ZONING BYLAW

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

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

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Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment
Bylaw No. 2253, 2019 (1104 & 1132 Midday Valley Road)
be adopted**

FIVE YEAR
FINANCIAL PLAN

7.2 City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No.
2255, 2019
File: 3900.2232

54/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
**THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan
Amendment Bylaw No. 2255, 2019 be adopted**

8. NEW BUSINESS

**MERRITT TOURISM
ASSET MAPPING
INVENTORY**

- 8.1 Merritt Tourism Asset Mapping Inventory; Tourism & Economic Development Manager February 28, 2019 Report
File: 6300

55/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
**THAT Council adopt the Tourism Asset Mapping
Inventory and Report;**

**AND THAT Council directs staff to update the Tourism
Asset Mapping Inventory on a regular basis;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff use the Tourism Asset
Mapping Inventory as a working plan for projects in
2019-2021**

Voting Opposed: Councillor Etchart

56/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
**THAT Council direct staff to bring back a report on the
status of and options for securing public access to
Windy Canyon**

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- 8.2 2018 Capital Project Report; Acting Chief Administrative Officer
March 06, 2019 Report
File: 1700

This report was presented for information only

**ACTING CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER REPORT**

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

This report was presented for information only

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 9.1 Councillor Bhangu made the following Notice of Motion:

**THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report for Council on
what can be done to make the City of Merritt Traffic Bylaw
enforceable on Nicola Avenue**

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Fehr reported on concerns that had been expressed to him by a wheelchair user in our community. The citizen discussed the lack of wheelchair accessible taxi's, curb access, automatic door openers, and inadequate signage at disabled parking spots. There are thirty (30) wheelchair users in Merritt, including two (2) children. Councillor Fehr wanted Council to consider these comments as it moves into OCP review and strategic planning.
- 10.2 Mayor Brown reported that the grand re-opening of the Legion would be on March 16, 2019, to celebrate the recently completed renovations.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**BACKCOUNTRY
CLOSURES**

- 11.1 Request for Support of a Resolution for 2019 SILGA - Backcountry Closures; Terry Rysz, Mayor, District of Sicamous February 28, 2019 Letter
File: 0276

GAS PRICES

- 11.2 Request for Support of a Resolution for 2019 SILGA - Gas Prices; Terry Rysz, Mayor, District of Sicamous February 28, 2019 Letter
File: 0276

MERRITT AIRPORT

- 11.3 First Airplane to Land in Merritt 100 Year Anniversary; June 29, 1919 Photo: H. Priest
File: 0250

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 26th day of March, 2019

**Original signed by
Mayor**