



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL  
2185 VOGHT STREET  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019  
AT 7:00 PM**

1. PRESENT:

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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 Manager  
Mr. W. George, Tourism and Economic Development Manager  
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services

**MEDIA**

Merritt Herald  
Q101

**PUBLIC**

17 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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2.1 Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES**

123/19

- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 be adopted**

124/19

- 4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 be adopted**

RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brown recessed to the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

RECONVENE TO COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

**BOWEN ISLAND  
GROWERS**

- 5.1 Bowen Island Growers Presentation; Zachery Chester  
File: 0250

**RCMP MERRITT  
DETACHMENT**

- 5.2 RCMP Merritt Detachment 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter January - March, 2019  
Report; S/Sgt Lorne Wood  
File: 7400

S/Sgt Lorne Wood presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report for the RCMP  
Merritt Detachment.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE  
TRAIL**

- 5.3 Mountain Bike Trail Presentation; Mark Wood  
File: 0250

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

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ZONING - 3011  
THORPE AVENUE

7.1 Housekeeping Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2258, Lot B, PL 14716, District Lot 167, PID: 008-750-378, 3011 Thorpe Avenue  
File: RZ 2019-01 & 3900.2187

*Returned from Public Hearing*

125/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2258, 2019 be read a third time**

126/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2258, 2019 be adopted**

WATER PARCEL TAX

7.2 City of Merritt Water Tax Parcel Bylaw No. 2259, 2019  
File: 3900.2259

127/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2259, 2019 be adopted**

SEWER PARCEL TAX

7.3 City of Merritt Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2260, 2019  
File: 3900.2260

128/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2260, 2019 be adopted**

FIVE YEAR  
FINANCIAL PLAN

7.4 City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2261, 2019  
File: 3900.2261

129/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2261, 2019 be adopted**

PROPERTY TAX  
RATES

7.5 City of Merritt 2019 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2263, 2019  
File: 3900.2262

130/19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt 2019 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2263, 2019 be adopted**

ZONING - 1801  
COLDWATER  
AVENUE

7.6 Rezoning and Development Variance Permit for Mr. Qian Xiang (Chen), 1801 Coldwater Avenue (Being a Consolidation of Lots 1 to 3 See CA6929604) Block 2 District Lot 125 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 838; PID: 030-514-266; Planning & Development Services Manager May 01, 2019 Report  
File: RZ2018-05, DVP2019-02 & 23900.2187

131/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2256, 2019 be read a first time**

132/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2256, 2019 be read a second time**

133/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT staff be directed to schedule a Public Hearing for 1801 Coldwater Avenue**

134/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council direct staff to give the required notice that Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP 2018-02 will be considered at a future Council meeting (1801 Coldwater Avenue)**

OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN

7.7 Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2257, 2019 - Legal Review; Director of Corporate Services May 09, 2019 Report  
File: 3900.2116

135/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council amend Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2257, 2019, in accordance with the changes made in red font on the bylaw attached as Schedule "A";**

**AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2257, 2019 for Public Hearing at the May 28, 2019 meeting;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a Zoning Amendment Bylaw, subject to final adoption of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2257, 2019, to repeal and re-enact all density provisions that conflicted with the maximum density provisions originally enacted in Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2116, 2011**

8. NEW BUSINESS

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**PUBLIC ART IN  
MERRITT**

- 8.1 Public Art in Merritt; Tourism & Economic Development Manager  
May 06, 2019 Report  
File: 0691.3

Moved, Seconded

**THAT Council directs staff to review the options for a long-term strategy for a maintenance plan for future pieces of public art within the City of Merritt**

136/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the motion be amended by adding "existing and"**

*Voting resumed on the main motion as amended*

137/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council directs staff to review the options for a long-term strategy for a maintenance plan for existing and future pieces of public art within the City of Merritt**

138/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council directs staff to prepare a draft policy for new additions of public art and ongoing maintenance**

139/19

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Staff explore options regarding the creation of a Logger's Trail, including potential locations, a plan for implementation, chainsaw carving placement and an agreement for land use**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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- 10.1 Councillor Bhangu attended McHappy Day appreciating that the funds raised stays local and the Colletville Playground fund raiser. Twenty-one thousand three hundred and five (\$21,305) dollars was raised.

- 10.2 Councillor Etchart also commented that he enjoyed his time at McHappy Day.
- 10.3 Mayor Brown reported the one hundred (100) year anniversary for the Merritt Airport will be celebrated on June 29, 2019 and that the Rural Dividend grant for one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars was officially approved.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| <b>PUBLIC HEARING RECORD</b>                        | 11.1 | Public Hearing Record, April 23, 2019 Public Hearing<br>File: 0590  |
| <b>MERRITT VISITORS CENTRE AT THE BAILLIE HOUSE</b> | 11.2 | 2019 First Quarter Report for the Merritt Visitors Centre at the Baillie House; Tourism & Economic Development Manager May 06, 2019 Report<br>File: 2240.48 |
| <b>MERRITT DANCE SOCIETY</b>                        | 11.3 | Relocation Grant - \$4,000 and In-Kind Grant of \$2,600; Lizette Nel, Head Dance Instructor, Merritt Dance Society April 05, 2019 Letter<br>File: 1851      |
| <b>CITY OF ABBOTSFORD</b>                           | 11.4 | Criminal Justice Reform in British Columbia; Henry Braun, Mayor, City of Abbotsford April 18, 2019 Letter<br>File: 0200                                     |
| <b>CITY OF ABBOTSFORD</b>                           | 11.5 | Continued Widening of TransCanada Highway #1 through the Fraser Valley; Henry Braun, Mayor, City of Abbotsford April 18, 2019 Letter<br>File: 0200          |
| <b>DELEGATION LETTER</b>                            | 11.6 | Proposed Mine at 701 Highway 8; Linda A. Brown, Mayor, City of Merritt May 08, 2019 Letter<br>File: 0411  |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 9:08 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Officer**

**Confirmed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**