



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Monday, May 27, 2019
At 1:00 pm

Mission Statement: The City of Merritt is a progressive, attractive, economically viable City that is socially responsible and environmentally sustainable.

Council

Mayor Linda A. Brown

Councillor Mike Bhangu

Councillor Kurt Christopherson

Councillor Adam Etchart

Councillor Travis Fehr

Councillor Tony Luck

Councillor Melvina White

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 AT 1:00 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

Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager
Mr. M. Brodrick, Planning & Development Services Manager
Mr. C. Henderson, Public Works Superintendent
Mr. S. McKeown, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

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2 members of the public

2. CALL TO ORDER

2.1 Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, April 29, 2019 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EVACUATION
PLANNING

- 6.1 Evacuation Planning Presentation; Sheila Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT and Sky McKeown, Recreation & Facilities Manager
File: 7130

Director of Finance & It presented to Council the structure of Emergency Management in BC. The first priority is to keep First Responders safe and save lives. Protection of property and infrastructure is a lower priority.

Ms. Thiessen also discussed the potential structure of an Emergency Operations Centre with adjustments for the size of the emergency.

Potential Hazards include:

- Wildfire
- Flood
- Dangerous Goods Transport Incident

Evacuation Process:

- Identify population at risk
- Identify Evacuation Routes and modes of transportation
- Identify assembly point and reception centres for evacuees
- Communication of the Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order
- RCMP enforcing the Evacuation Order

Ms. Thiessen also reported that Evacuation Routes have been identified in every direction (north, east, south and west); and discussed the processes and differences between an Evacuation Alert and an Evacuation Order.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

9. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 2:10 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 09th Day of July, 2019

**Original signed by
Mayor**