



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL  
2185 VOGHT STREET  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018  
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, Director of Finance & IT  
Mr. M. Brodrick, Planning and Development Services Manager  
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services

14 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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2.1 Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

LATE ITEM

280/18

2.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT a summary of the Affordable Housing Conference, prepared by Councillor Bhangu, be added to the agenda as item 11.3**

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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281/18

- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 be adopted**

282/18

- 4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 be adopted**

RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brown called a recess to the Public Hearing at 7:07pm

RECONVENE TO COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brown reconvened the Regular Council meeting at 7:35pm

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

ARTS COUNCIL

- 5.1 The Nicola Valley Arts Council Presentation; Jean Kiegerl, President, Board of Directors November 20, 2018 Letter File: 0250

Ms. Kiegerl discussed the Arts Council's successes and programs for 2018. Most of the programs that ran in 2018 will be continuing in 2019, with the addition of building a Nicola Valley Artists Database and commencing a big band project.

Ms. Kiegerl emphasized the importance of the Arts Council as a community asset.

NICOLA VALLEY  
AGRI PARK

5.2 Nicola Valley Agri Park Society Presentation; Kris Narjes  
File: 0250

Mr. Lynn shared a First Nations prayer prior and asked if Council had any questions regarding the proposed business plan. Ms. Narjes presented the plans for the proposed facility and explained that a total of \$100 million in funding is needed, but that only \$5.2 million is needed for phase 1. Ms. Narjes and Mr. Lynn explained how there is a large amount of funding available through horse industry grants at both the provincial and federal levels, but that support from the City is required before the Society can successfully receive these grants.

The society explained that the best scenario would be for the City to purchase the lands and lease them to the Society.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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SNOW REMOVAL  
PETITION

6.1 Councillor Fehr made the following Notice of Motion at the November 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting  
File: 5400

283/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT Council direct staff to conduct a review of the City's snow removal program including a review of priorities, techniques, equipment, staffing and budget levels and report back to Council with recommendations**

7. BYLAWS

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ZONING - 2900  
POOLEY AVENUE

7.1 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2242, 2018 (2900 Pooley Avenue)  
File: 3900.2187

*Returned from Public Hearing*

284/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2242, 2018 (2900 Pooley Avenue) be read a third time**

**BUSINESS LICENCE**            7.2    City of Merritt Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 2248,  
2018  
File: 3900.2034

285/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT City of Merritt Business Licence Amendment**  
**Bylaw No. 2248, 2018 be adopted**

8.            **NEW BUSINESS**

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Nil

9.            **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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Nil

10.          **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

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Nil

11.          **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**UBCM**                            11.1    Notification of Executive Vacancies; UBCM Executive November  
19, 2018 Letter  
File: 0270

**BC CANNABIS  
STORES**                        11.2    BC Cannabis Stores; R. Blain Lawson, General Manager and  
Chief Executive Officer for the BC Liquor Distribution Branch  
November 20, 2018 letter  
File: 0270

**AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING  
CONFERENCE**                11.3    Affordable Housing Conference; Councillor Bhangu, November  
26, 2018 Report  
File: 0250

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

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

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**Corporate Officer**

**Confirmed on the      Day of      , 2018**

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**Mayor**