

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MERRITT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1989

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

Mayor Robert H. Baird
Aldermen Brown, Cade, Henderson,
Lali, Lemire & Sherwood

ADMINISTRATION:

George H. Sawada, City Administrator
John Marsh, Treasurer
Don Moyes, Fire Chief
Alec Hunchak, Public Works Superintendent
Donna Caruso, Confidential Secretary

PRESS:

Radio NL - Beverley Savoie
Merritt Herald - Roland Gebhard
Merritt Cablevision (3)

OTHERS:

Representatives of the Nicola Valley
Community Arts Council

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

104/89 THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Tuesday, February 14, 1989 be
adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

Mr. Neil Todd, representing the Nicola Valley Community
Arts Council, presented a petition with approximately 350
signatures protesting the proposed relocation of City Hall
to the Civic Centre.

Mayor Baird thanked the petitioners for attending the
Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Aspen Planers Ltd. - Dated February 17, 1989, Re:
Response to Residential Concerns Along Quilchena Avenue

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Sherwood

105/89 THAT the letter from Aspen Planers Ltd.
regarding residential concerns along Quilchena
Avenue be received.

CARRIED

City of Kamloops - Dated February 20, 1989, Re: Letter of Support for Kamloops to Host the 1993 Canada Summer Games

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

106/89 THAT the letter from the City of Kamloops be received;

AND THAT Administration write a letter of support for the City of Kamloops to host the 1993 Canada Summer Games.

CARRIED

Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Dated February 17, 1989, Re: 1989 Revenue Sharing Grants

Moved by: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Brown

107/89 THAT the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding 1989 Revenue Sharing Grants be received;

AND THAT Administration send a letter of thanks to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Dated February 7, 1989, Re: Proclamation of "Multiple Sclerosis Carnation Week"

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Brown

108/89 THAT the letter from the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada be received;

AND THAT the week of May 8 - 14, 1989 be proclaimed "Multiple Sclerosis Carnation Week" in Merritt.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Cade

109/89 THAT the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held Wednesday, February 22, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

110/89 THAT the Minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held Thursday, February 16, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

Comprehensive Development Planning Program

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

111/89 THAT the Terms of Reference for the City of Merritt Comprehensive Development Planning Program dated August, 1988, be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED

Building Inspector's Report

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Lali

112/89 THAT the Building Inspector's Report for January, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Cade

113/89 THAT the Minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held Wednesday, February 22, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Cade

114/89 THAT the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held Wednesday, February 22, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

RECREATION COMMISSION:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

115/89 THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting held Tuesday, February 21, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

Recreation Facilities Association of British Columbia

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

116/89 THAT the City renew its membership with the Recreation Facilities Association of B.C. for the fee of \$50.00.

CARRIED

Recreation Commission Vacancies

Alderman Lali informed Council that Georgina Kraus has resigned from the Recreation Commission. He further stated that three Commission positions are now vacant.

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

117/89 THAT the letter from Georgina Kraus dated February 23, 1989, resigning from her position on the Recreation Commission, be received;

AND THAT a letter of regret be sent to Ms. Kraus thanking her for serving on the Recreation Commission.

CARRIED

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

118/89 THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, February 22, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

119/89 THAT the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council be permitted to use the Main Lobby of the Civic Centre from Saturday, March 11 - 25, 1989 for a fee of \$25.00 per day;

AND FURTHER THAT they be permitted to use the Arts and Crafts Room for a fee based on the existing non-profit square footage rates being charged for other Civic Centre meeting rooms.

CARRIED

Sagebrush Spinners and Weavers

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

120/89 THAT the Sagebrush Spinners and Weavers be permitted to use the Arts and Crafts Room at the Civic Centre on the basis of the non-profit rate to be determined on a square footage basis.

CARRIED

School District No. 31

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Lemire

121/89 THAT the March 7, 1989 Naden Band Concert be deemed to be included within the reciprocal

agreement between the School District and the City;

AND THAT the May 6, 1989 Melloyds Concert be charged the applicable non-profit rate.

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

122/89 THAT Merritt Elks, Lodge No. 441, be permitted to use Central Park on April 3 and 4, 1989 to accommodate West Coast Amusements, subject to meeting administrative requirements, including health standards, liability insurance, and obtaining a valid business licence.

CARRIED

Management Contract - Archie MacDonald

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Brown

123/89 THAT the management contract for Claybanks Recreational Vehicle Park, with Archie MacDonald, be extended for one year, subject to Mr. MacDonald expending a minimum of 3% of the 1988 gross R.V. rentals toward promotion and advertising fees;

AND THAT the City also contribute 3% of the 1988 gross R.V. rentals towards promotion of the Park.

CARRIED

Chairs for Civic Centre

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Brown

124/89 THAT five hundred (500) vinyl chairs, Model No. 901 be purchased from the Canada Chair Company at the unit price of \$27.15;

AND THAT the color to be at the discretion of the Administrator.

CARRIED

Role of Recreation Commission

Alderman Lali suggested that a meeting be arranged for March 7, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. between the Recreation Commission and Council to discuss areas of mutual concern and the role of the Commission.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reported on the Annual Shmockey Game held on Saturday, February 18, 1989, commending the Fire Department and the local R.C.M.P. for their efforts in raising \$1,069.00 for charity.

Mayor Baird also saluted Ian Webster and Melissa Yurkowski for their involvement with the Trampoline Invitational Tournament held in Merritt.

Recognition was also given to Eddie Beers, who has been chosen 'Coach of the Year' in the B.C. Junior Hockey.

Yellowhead Highway Association

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

125/89 THAT Alderman Lemire be appointed as Council's representative on the Yellowhead Highway Association.

CARRIED

Press Release - Corporate Restructuring

The Mayor read a press release dated February 22, 1989 on Corporate Restructuring of the City's organization.

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Lali

126/89 THAT the Mayor's Report for February 28, 1989 be received.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Civic Centre Donations Plaque

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Cade

127/89 THAT Council purchase a "Donations Plaque" for prominent display in the foyer of the Merritt Civic Centre;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rentals paid by the citizens and resident user groups in the amount of \$688.00 or greater, be deemed by Council as donations towards the purchase of equipment and furnishings at the Merritt Civic Centre;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council establish that any citizen and resident community group, agency, or organization, be eligible to have their name placed on the "Donations Plaque" if their rentals paid to the City during 1989 amount to \$688.00 or greater, cumulative or otherwise.

DEFEATED

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Sherwood

128/89 THAT a Committee of selected user groups and Council members be established to promote and raise donations for the Civic Centre.

CARRIED

Mayor Baird recommended to Council that Aldermen Cade & Lali be Co-Chairmen on the Committee.

Victim Services Program

Alderman Sherwood removed himself from the Council Chambers.

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Cade

129/89 THAT the Victim Services Program Budget proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990 totalling \$16,600.00 be approved in principle by the Council.

CARRIED

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

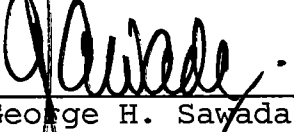
130/89 THAT the City's share of the Victim Services Program Budget proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990 totalling \$7,200.00 be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for consideration in the preparation of the 1989 Annual Budget.

CARRIED

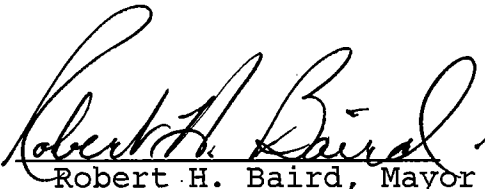
Alderman Sherwood returned to Council Chambers at this time.

On a motion by Alderman Brown the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



George H. Sawada, City Clerk



Robert H. Baird, Mayor