

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MERRITT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1989.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

OTHERS:

Radio NL - Beverly Savoie
Merritt Herald - Roland Gebhard
Merritt Cablevision (3)
Mr. Reporter - Merritt Lions Club

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Sherwood

179/89 THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Tuesday, March 28th, 1989, be
adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

Merritt Lions Club - Presentation to the City

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Reporter to the meeting.

On behalf of the Lions Club, Mr Reporter presented a
\$2,000.00 cheque to the City to be used for the purchase of
equipment for the Civic Centre.

Performing Arts Committee and School District No. 31 -
Presentation to the City

On behalf of the Performing Arts Committee, School District
No. 31, Alderman Cade presented a \$400.00 cheque to the
City representing the silver collection proceeds from the
Naden Band concert held at the Civic Centre on March 7th,
1989. The funds to be used for the purchase of equipment
for the Civic Centre. He also presented to the Mayor an
engraved picture of the Band for display in the Centre's
foyer area.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary of State of Canada - Re: National Awareness Week

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

180/89 THAT the letter from the Secretary of State of Canada be received, and further that Administration endeavor to obtain further particulars on the Five-Star Community Award Program.

CARRIED

The Corporation of the City of Vernon - Dated March 20th, 1989, Re: Bill 60 - Municipal Amendment Act

Moved by: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Cade

181/89 THAT the letter from the Corporation of the City of Vernon be received, and further that City representatives support the City of Vernon's resolution to "Bill 60 - Municipal Amendment Act" at the upcoming Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Convention in Salmon Arm.

CARRIED

Bruce F. Beech - Received April 3rd, 1989, Re: Control of Knapweed within the City

Moved by: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Brown

182/89 THAT the letter from Bruce F. Beech be received, and further that Mr. Beech be notified that the City will do its very best to eradicate knapweed within the City of Merritt and would welcome any suggestions that he may have to control same.

CARRIED

The City of Kelowna - Dated February 28th, 1989, Re: B.C. Water and Waste Association Annual Conference

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Lali

183/89 THAT the letter from the City of Kelowna be received, and further that authorization be given for a member of Council or Administration to attend the B.C. Water and Waste Association Annual Conference to be held in Kelowna from April 23rd to 25th, 1989.

CARRIED

B.C. Sports Hall of Fame - Dated March 17th, 1989, Re:
Capital Contribution

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Lali

184/89 THAT the letter from the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame be received, and further that a \$500.00 capital contribution pledge be made to the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Building Fund on behalf of the City of Merritt.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

The Mayor reported on current events within the community, matters arising from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Local Government Awareness Program and that MLA Jim Rabbitt has presented the City with a \$133,334.00 cheque, representing the final installment for the \$400,000.00 Civic Centre Grant.

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

185/89 THAT the Mayor's report of April 11th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Local Government Awareness Program

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Cade

186/89 THAT \$300.00 be provided for cash prizes for the Local Government Awareness Program with the details to be worked out between the Mayor and representatives from the Schools.

CARRIED

Province of B.C. - Legacy Grant

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

187/89 THAT a letter of appreciation be sent to the Province of B.C. for the \$400,000.00 Legacy Grant paid to the City towards the construction of the Civic Centre.

CARRIED

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Cade

188/89 THAT the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 5th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Guidelines for Special Expenditures

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Cade

189/89 THAT the Guidelines for Special Expenditures dated February 21st, 1989, as attached to the Administration and Finance Committee Minutes of April 5th, 1989, be adopted as policy by Council.

CARRIED

Coquihalla Bicycle Challenge

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Lali

190/89 THAT the City approach the Provincial Government for funding assistance to cover the costs associated with the Coquihalla Bicycle Challenge.

CARRIED

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

191/89 THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, April 5th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Pool Repairs

For information purposes, Alderman Lali stated that the opening of the pool would be delayed to early June due to problems associated with construction and the availability of materials.

Special Occasion Licenses

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Cade

192/89 THAT the matter of Special Occasion Licenses for Public Functions be referred back to the Recreation Committee for further study.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Lali

193/89 THAT the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 5th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Cleanup Week

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

194/89 THAT the City of Merritt undertake the Annual Spring Cleaning for residential areas during the period Tuesday, May 23rd to Friday, May 26th, 1989.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Diamondvale Tennis Court

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Brown

195/89 THAT based on financial undertakings given by the Province of British Columbia in the amount of \$18,310.00 and School District No. 31 in the amount of \$10,000.00, the City appropriate the sum of \$26,690.00 in its 1989 Annual Budget to construct a Tennis Court/Hard Surface Sports Facility in the Diamondvale area on lands owned by School District No. 31 for the estimated total project sum of \$55,000.00.

CARRIED

Boundary Extension Issues Study

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

196/89 THAT the Boundary Extension Issues Study as prepared by Urban Systems Ltd., dated March, 1989, be received, and further that a copy be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture and to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

CARRIED

Fallout Abatement Committee

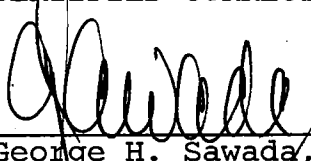
Alderman Cade reported that a meeting was held to discuss Onsite Energy's proposal to construct a co-generating plant in Merritt. He added that Onsite Energy was originally looking at a twelve megawatt plant, however, due to concerns over the availability of suitable waste, have had to downsize to a five or six megawatt plant. He further added that if constructed, the co-generating plant would cost \$7,000,000.00 to \$10,000,000.00.


Alderman Cade requested that Administration obtain an estimate of the burnable tonnage presently being disposed of at the landfill site.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Brown, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


George H. Sawada, City Clerk


Robert H. Baird, Mayor