

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRITT,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH,
1989.

PRESENT: COUNCIL:

Mayor Robert H. Baird
Aldermen: R. Brown, J. Cade, G. Henderson,
H. Lali, L. Lemire & R. Sherwood

ADMINISTRATION:

John Marsh, Treasurer/Acting Clerk
Don Moyes, Fire Chief
Ray Paterson, Director of Planning, Licencing
and Inspections
Rob Hetherington, Director of Facilities, Leisure
and Cultural Services
Janet Roth, Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

301/89 THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held
on Tuesday, May 23rd, 1989, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Merritt Golf and Country Club - Dated May 25th, 1989, Re:
Charity Week.

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

302/89 THAT the letter from Merritt Golf & Country Club be
received, and further that the Golf Club be contacted
for specific information on how they would like Council
to promote Charity Week.

CARRIED

Minister of Tourism and Provincial Secretary - Dated April 28th,
1989, Re: Network Council Initiatives.

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Cade

303/89 THAT the letter from the Honourable Bill Reid, Minister
of Tourism and Provincial Secretary be received, and
further that Administration be requested to proceed
with applications to the Ministry for a facsimile
machine, brass name badges, crested polo shirts and a
special award.

CARRIED

James T. Rabbitt, M.L.A. - Dated June 12th, 1989, Re: Liquor
Policy Review.

Alderman Lemire excused himself from the meeting at this point.

Moved by: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Brown

304/89 THAT the letter from James T. Rabbitt, M.L.A., be received, and further that he be invited to attend a meeting to discuss what would be required to develop a liquor policy for Merritt.

CARRIED

Alderman Lemire returned to the meeting at this point.

James T. Rabbitt, M.L.A. - Dated June 16th, 1989, Re: Water and Sewer Revenue Sharing Grant Approvals.

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Brown

305/89 THAT the letter from James T. Rabbitt, M.L.A., advising that the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture has approved Water and Sewer grants totalling \$247,500 be received, and further that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee for review and subsequent report back to Council.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Report ^{OF} to the Mayor:

The Mayor reported on meetings held in Victoria on June 14th, 1989, which included the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, the Minister of Transportation and Highways, the Secretary of State and James Rabbitt, M.L.A., covering a variety of topics.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor welcomed Rob Hetherington to the staff.

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Brown

306/89 THAT the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 7th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Merritt Parents for Better Parks

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded Alderman Lemire

307/89 THAT Council authorize a \$2,000 Grant-in-Aid to the "Merritt Parents for Better Parks" for the purpose of completing landscaping works at Rotary Park.

CARRIED

City Hall Renovations

Moved: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Brown

308/89 THAT Council agree in principle that the City Administration move it's offices within the Civic Centre, subject to costs, renovation plans and any other subsequent matters that may be brought forward.

CARRIED
OPPOSED Alderman Henderson

City Pins and Spoons

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

309/89 THAT the Mayor be authorized to purchase a supply of official City pins (2,000) and spoons (500) from a supplier providing the best price.

CARRIED

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Cade

310/89 THAT the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 21st, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Cade

311/89 THAT Council authorize a \$2,000 Grant-in-Aid to the Nicola Valley Arts Council.

CARRIED

Property Tax Exemption By-Laws

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Brown

312/89 THAT the City Property Tax Exemptions for 1990 be prepared based on the existing 1989 Exemption By-Laws No. 1235 and 1236.

CARRIED

Resignation of the Treasurer

On behalf of Council, Alderman Sherwood thanked the Treasurer, Mr. John Marsh, for his dedication and assistance over the past year and extended best wishes in his new position at the City of Parksville.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Lali

313/89 THAT the Minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on June 7th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

District of Logan Lake

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

314/89 THAT the Mayor and Administrator be authorized to arrange for the District of Logan Lake to locate a video display at the Merritt Information Centre for an appropriate annual rental, provided all equipment costs are borne by the District of Logan Lake, and further that the video content be approved by the City.

CARRIED

Application for Rezoning

Alderman Henderson excused himself from the meeting at this point.

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Sherwood

315/89 THAT Rainbow Diamond Drills Ltd. application for the rezoning of Lots 10 and 11, Block 27, Plan 626 from General Commercial - C2, to Service Commercial - C3, be endorsed in principle by Council for By-Law introduction and submission to a public hearing.

CARRIED

Alderman Henderson returned to the meeting at this time.

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

316/89 THAT the Minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on June 21st, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Chamber of Commerce

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Lemire

317/89 THAT the Council authorize a \$5,000.00 Grant-in-Aid for 1989 to the Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Lali

318/89 THAT the City contribute \$2,000 to the Chamber of Commerce to cover the cost of running 15,000 current brochures to be circulated by the Chamber during the summer of 1989.

CARRIED

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Sherwood

319/89 THAT the City inform the Chamber of Commerce that the computer hardware they requested to borrow will be kept for City application, however, they may borrow the software to use as they wish.

CARRIED

Rental Agreement for T.N.R.D. Inspection Offices

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

320/89 THAT the City enter into an Agreement with the T.N.R.D. to locate their Inspection Office at City Hall as follows:

- Effective June 5th, 1989, a rental of \$200.00 per month (payable in advance) which includes local telephone service, utilities and a minimum of clerical support services.
- All photocopying, long distance calls, postage and the fax charges shall be invoiced to the T.N.R.D. as monitored and recorded by the City.
- The above rental agreements shall continue in force and effect until the administration offices of the City are located in the Civic Centre, or the T.N.R.D./City gives notice (30 days) to vacate the premises, whichever is the sooner.

CARRIED

The Mayor informed Council that the T.N.R.D. had approved the agreement on June 29th, 1989.

Building Inspector's Report

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Sherwood

321/89 THAT the Building Inspector's Report for May, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Protective Services Committee:

Police Report and Fire Report

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Brown

322/89 THAT the Police Report and the Fire Report for the month of May, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Public Works Committee:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Lali

323/89 THAT the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on June 7th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Cade

324/89 THAT the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on June 21st, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Public Works Capital

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Lali

325/89 THAT the Public Works Roads, Streets and Drainage Capital Expenditure Program totalling \$300,000.00 be approved as follows:

Completion of Mamette Avenue and Curbing on Garcia Street	\$106,000
- Excavate 2 ft. & fill 1 block on Coutlee Ave.	
- Asphalt 3 blocks on Coutlee Ave.	
- Cap 2" 3 blocks on Jackson Ave.	\$125,000
Pave Golf Club Road	\$9,000
Paving of a 6-7 ft. wide walkway from the liquor store to railway tracks.	\$4,000
Construction of 3 Wheelchair ramps	\$3,000
Minor works for Sidewalks, Patching, Weed Control and Mosquito Control	\$53,000
	<u>\$300,000</u>

CARRIED

Recreation Commission:

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

326/89 THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting held on May 30th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Cade

327/89 THAT the five motions relating to the Indoor Aquatic Facility as contained in the May 30th, 1989, Minutes of the Recreation Commission be referred to the next Recreation Standing Committee Meeting for review and report back to Council.

CARRIED

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

328/89 THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 7th, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Trevor Owens, Architect - Sidewalk Diffusers

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

329/89 THAT Council authorize an expenditure of \$1,250.00 to provide airflows and maintain sound level generation within Hall Area "C" of the Civic Centre.

CARRIED

Merritt Centennials Ltd.

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Cade

330/89 THAT proposed amendments by the Merritt Centennials Ltd. not be introduced to the Agreement dated September 2nd, 1989, between the City of Merritt and the Merritt Centennials Ltd.

CARRIED
OPPOSED Aldermen Brown,
Lemire & Henderson

Recreation Commission Vacancy

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

331/89 THAT pursuant to Section 3 of the City of Merritt Civic Properties and Recreation Commission By-Law No. 1244, 1989, the Council appoint Mr. Doug Strand to the Commission for a term ending December 31st, 1990.

CARRIED

Minutes

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Brown

332/89 THAT the Minutes of the Meeting between the Recreation Committee and the School District No. 31, held on June 20th, be received.

CARRIED

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

333/89 THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 21st, 1989, be received.

CARRIED

Urban Systems Ltd. - Civic Centre Site Improvement Plans

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

334/89 THAT Council phase the Civic Centre Site Improvements project over two fiscal years with a view to Administration calling for tenders for the infrastructure in 1989 and the landscaping in 1990.

CARRIED

Arena Fees and Charges

Moved by: Alderman Lali
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

335/89 THAT the Arena fees and charges rate increase as referenced in the Interim Recreation Director's report dated April 14th, 1989, be implemented for the 1989/90 season.

CARRIED

Arena Contract and Management of Recreation Facilities

Moved by: Alderman Lemire
Seconded: Alderman Cade

336/89 THAT Administration be directed to call for separate proposals for the Arena Contract and for the management of the recreational facilities/programs in Merritt by October 31st, 1989, with a submission deadline of November 30th, 1989, and to be awarded by December 31st, 1989, with a July 1st, 1990, implementation date.

CARRIED
OPPOSED Alderman Lali

Swimming Pool Season's Passes

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Sherwood

337/89 THAT a 25% refund be provided for all present swimming season's passes on a request basis upon proof of purchase.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

By-Law No. 1250

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

338/89 THAT the 'City of Merritt Civic Centre Short Term Capital Borrowing By-Law No. 1250, 1989", be reconsidered and adopted by Council.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 1252

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

339/89 THAT the "City of Merritt Local Improvements Reserve Fund Transfer By-Law No. 1252, 1989", be reconsidered and adopted by Council.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 1253

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Brown

340/89 THAT the "City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Revenue Fund Expenditures By-Law No. 1253, 1989", be reconsidered and adopted by Council.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention

Alderman Sherwood, Alderman Lali and Alderman Cade reported on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention in Vancouver, held on June 9th to 11th, 1989.

Task Report on Landfill and Recycling

Mayor Baird reported that the task report on landfill and recycling prepared by Jim Rabbitt, M.L.A., referred to as the "Rabbitt Report" was discussed at a meeting with the Regional District this past week and further, that a motion was passed requesting that the Province implement all the recommendations contained in the task report.

Moved by: Alderman Brown
Seconded: Alderman Cade

341/89 THAT Council write a letter to the Province requesting that they implement the recommendations contained in the "Rabbitt Report" with respect to landfill and recycling.

CARRIED

Cancellation of Regular Meeting

Moved by: Alderman Sherwood
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

342/89 THAT the next regular Council meeting scheduled for July 11th, 1989, be cancelled.

CARRIED

Nicola Valley Video

Moved by: Alderman Cade
Seconded: Alderman Brown

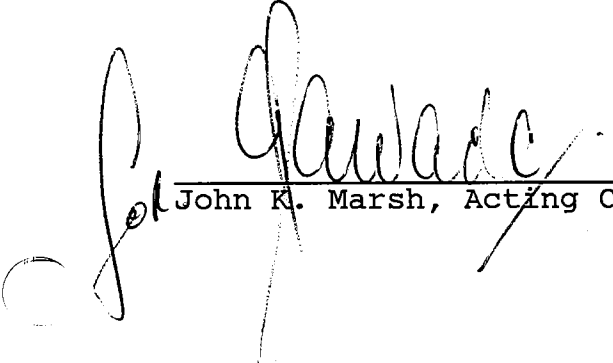
343/89 THAT Administration be requested to investigate the costs associated with updating the Nicola Valley video currently on display at the Merritt Visitor's Centre.

CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Alderman Brown, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



John K. Marsh, Acting Clerk



Robert H. Baird, Mayor

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