

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, CITY OF MERRITT, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 1989.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

George H. Sawada, City Administrator
George M. Murray, Director of Financial Services
Don Moyes, Fire Chief
Rob Hetherington, Director of Facilities, Leisure
and Cultural Services
Alec Hunchak, Superintendent of Public Works

PRESS:

Merritt Herald
Merritt Cablevision
Radio N.L.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Amendment:

Alderman Sherwood requested that Resolution No. 479/89 be amended to include the base rate of \$8,500, plus annual adjustments for the Vancouver Consumer Price Index.

Following review by the City Administrator, the Council agreed to the inclusion of the following in the 6th line after the word "years":

"at an annual base rate of \$8,500.00, plus any increase in the Vancouver Consumer Price Index for the immediately preceding year".

486/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 24th, 1989, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

C.P. Rail - Dated November 6th, 1989, RE: Application for Abandonment.

487/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the correspondence be received by Council for information.

CARRIED

City of North Vancouver - Dated October 25th, 1989, RE: Privatization of Provincial Parks.

488/89 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade that the correspondence be received by Council for information.

CARRIED

Kinsmen Mothers' March - Dated October 25th, 1989, RE: 1990 Campaign.

489/89 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Sherwood that the correspondence be received by Council and permission be granted to conduct the 37th Annual Kinsmen Mothers' March between January 15th and 30th, 1990, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 9:00 P.M.

CARRIED

Minister of Environment - Dated October 31st, 1989, RE: PCB Wastes in Cranbrook.

490/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade that the correspondence be received by Council for information.

CARRIED

Minister of Labour and Consumer Services - Dated October 27th, 1989, RE: Drug Awareness Week.

491/89 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Cade that the correspondence be received by Council and that the week of November 19th - 25th, 1989, be proclaimed "Drug Awareness Week" within the Municipality.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor:

The Mayor expressed appreciation to B.C. Hydro for the new high pressure sodium lights recently installed along Voght Street. He also extended congratulations to Kim Gavelin and Erica Vere for their outstanding achievement of receiving the "Gold Cord" from the Girl Guides of Canada.

The Mayor concluded his report by extending an invitation to all members of Council to attend a luncheon at Ambers on November 15th, 1989, hosting a number of delegates from the Pacific Rim who are touring the Region with the view of possible investment opportunities.

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes:

492/89 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Cade that the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 8th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes:

493/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the Minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 8th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Development Permit Application No. 89-10:

494/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali that Development Permit Application No. 89-10 by B.C. Hydro & Power Authority to construct an office addition on Lot A, Plan 22880 be approved by Council.

CARRIED

Cadet Parents' Auxiliary:

495/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown that Resolution No. 1201/88 passed at a regular meeting held on October 25th, 1988, be rescinded by Council.

CARRIED

"Share B.C.":

496/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood that the Mayor along with any member of Council, be authorized to attend the "Share B.C." Conference to be held in Chilliwack, B.C., on November 18th and 19th, 1989.

CARRIED

Protective Services Committee:

R.C.M. Police Report:

497/89 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown that the R.C.M. Police Report for the month of September, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Victim Services Report:

Alderman Sherwood removed himself from the Chambers during the Council's consideration of this report.

498/89 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown that the Victim Services Report for the period July 1st to September 30th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

499/89 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade that Council submit a resolution to the 1990 Convention of the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association calling upon the Federal and Provincial Governments to increase their financial contributions towards the Victim Services Program.

CARRIED

Public Works Committee:

Minutes:

500/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 8th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Ministry of Transportation and Highways - Left-Turn Slot on Nicola Avenue:

501/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson that Council endorse the Ministry of Transportation and Highways' proposed improvements at the intersection of Nicola Avenue and Houston Street and further that the City reaffirm its request for the installation of automatic signals at the subject intersection in the near future.

CARRIED

Legion Field of Honour:

502/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson that Council reserve Section P, Rows No. 2 and 3 for the Royal Canadian Legion with the view that this area be used as their "Field of Honour" and that all plots within the said section be subject to the payment of all fees and charges prescribed under the Cemetery Rates By-Law.

CARRIED

Building Inspector's Report for the Month of October, 1989:

503/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the Building Inspector's Report for the Month of October, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

The Council requested the Administrator to reflect in the report a category of building permits issued to Federal, Provincial or Local Governments and Crown Corporations.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes:

504/89 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 8th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Chamber of Commerce:

Alderman Lali briefly reported on the highlights arising from the Chamber of Commerce meeting held on Monday, November 13th, 1989. These included the Chamber staging "Home Based" Business Seminars during the month of November, 1989, the establishment of a Special Events Committee, the nominations for the Citizen of the year and the endorsement of the need for improvements at the signalled intersection of Nicola Avenue and Voght Street.

BY-LAWS:

By-Law No. 1264:

505/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire that the "City of Merritt Traffic By-Law No. 1264, 1989" be given first reading by Council.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 1265:

506/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the "City of Merritt Sign By-Law No. 1265, 1989" be given first, second and third readings by Council.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 1266:

507/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that the "City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (III) By-Law No. 1266, 1989" be read given first reading by Council.

CARRIED

The members of Council called upon the citizens to review and offer input on the above by-laws and in particular By-Law No.'s 1264 and 1265.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Hospital:

On an inquiry by the Mayor, the Fire Chief commented on the quality and the adequacy of the Provincial field hospital equipment and supplies currently retained by the City.

Nicola Sub-Regional Economic Development Commission:

Alderman Cade reported to Council that the Commission would be focusing on a strong campaign to promote Merritt in 1990. He further reported on the Regional District's proposal to inject a substantial financial contribution towards the promotion.

High Country Tourism Association:

Alderman Lemire introduced an advertising opportunity available through the High Country Tourism Association. After the introduction, he removed himself from the Chambers.

508/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson that Council advertise in the "Accommodation 1990" Brochure and further, that the City reinstate its membership in the High Country Tourism Association.

DEFEATED

Inaugural Meeting:

The City Administrator reviewed the requirements of Section 217 concerning Inaugural Meetings of Council and pointed out that this section was not revised to coincide with the three year elections. He concluded by stating that Council has the option of holding a Statutory Meeting on Monday, December 4th, 1989, if it so desires.


Population Estimates:

The Council briefly commented on the estimates published by the Central Statistics Bureau on October 19th, 1989, noting that the report reflected that the City's population had declined to 6,077 from 6,180, since the 1986 Census.

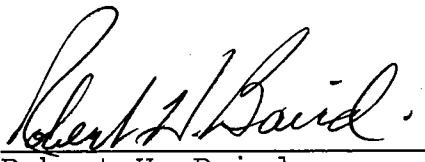
ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Alderman Henderson, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



George H. Sawada
City Clerk



Robert H. Baird
Mayor