

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, CITY OF MERRITT,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2101 GRANITE AVENUE, MERRITT, B.C.,
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 1989.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

George H. Sawada, City Administrator
George M. Murray, Director of Financial Services
Don Moyes, Fire Chief
Alec Hunchak, Superintendent of Public Works
W. Ray Paterson, Director of Planning, Licensing and
Inspection Services

PRESS:

Merritt Herald
Merritt Cablevision
Radio N.L.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

536/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on
Tuesday, November 14th, 1989, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

537/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood
that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held
on Wednesday, December 6th, 1989, be adopted as
circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

City of Trail - Dated November 22nd, 1989, Re: Fines for Moving
Traffic Violations.

538/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson
that the correspondence be received and that Council
forward a letter to the Union of British Columbia
Municipalities requesting that they approach the
Provincial Government with a view to concluding an
agreement whereby Local Government receives all the
revenue from the new fines occurring within Municipal
boundaries to offset policing costs.

CARRIED

Ministry of Government Management Services - Dated November 28th, 1989, Re: Grant-in-Lieu of Taxes for Provincial owned properties.

539/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Sherwood that the correspondence confirming payment of a 1989 grant-in-lieu of taxes for \$8,304.56 in accordance with Section 14 of the B.C. Buildings Corporation Act, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Nicola Valley Archives Association - Dated December 5th, 1989, Re: C.P. Rail Property.

540/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade that the correspondence be received by Council and that Administration inform the Association of the City's efforts to acquire the C.P. Rail right-of-way for Municipal Road Grid purposes.

CARRIED

Nicola Valley General Hospital - Dated December 4th, 1989, Re: Board of Directors' Meeting Request - C.P. Rail Property.

541/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the correspondence be received by Council and that Administration set up a meeting between Council and the Hospital Board for early in the New Year to discuss C.P. Rail property and its future utilization in a manner suitable to the Society's Continuing Care facilities.

CARRIED

Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Dated December 1st, 1989, Re: Past Achievements and Goals for 1990.

542/89 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Cade that the correspondence be received by Council and that the City renew its membership with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in 1990.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor:

The Mayor reported on the plans to vacate the City Hall this week and that tonight's Council meeting would be the last regular meeting held in the facility. He further reported on the history and the uses associated with the building since 1913 and suggested that someone should write a book about the historical aspects of the building.

The Mayor concluded his report by extending a "Healthy and Prosperous New Year" to Council and the citizens of Merritt.

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes:

543/89 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Cade that the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 6th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes:

544/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown that the Minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 6th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Application for Rezoning by Mr. & Mrs. M. Brown - Lot 19, Plan 1, from C2 to R2.

Prior to Council's consideration of this application, Alderman Henderson removed himself from the Chambers.

545/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood that Council deny the application for the rezoning of Lot 19, Blk 9, D.L. 125, Plan 1, K.D.Y.D. from C2 to R2.

CARRIED

The Council also noted that the Official Community Plan should be re-examined in 1990, with a view to updating landuses within certain sectors of the City.

Building Inspector's Report:

546/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown that the Building Inspector's Report for the month of November, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Sister City Symposium:

Alderman Cade reported that he had recently received an Information package from the Ministry of International Business and Immigration relative to the concept of "twinning". He added that the information would be circulated to the appropriate Standing Committee early in the New Year to ascertain the extent of interest in Merritt pursuing such an initiative.

Protective Services Committee:

Minutes:

547/89 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown that the Minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 6th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

R.C.M. Police - Auxiliary Program Funding:

548/89 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council approve a "Grant-in-Aid" for 1989 in the amount of \$500.00 for the Merritt R.C.M. Police Auxiliary Program and that a "Grant-in-Aid" for the same amount be referred to the 1990 Provisional Budget for consideration.

CARRIED

R.C.M. Police Report:

549/89 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown that the R.C.M. Police Report for the month of October, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Public Works Committee:

Minutes:

550/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade that the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 6th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Recreation Committee:

Minutes:

551/89 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 6th, 1989, be received by Council.

CARRIED

Kitchen Equipment:

552/89 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson that Council authorize a maximum of \$500.00 towards the reimbursement of expenses for the adhoc "Kitchen Equipment Committee" to visit supply outlets and view the various pieces of equipment available.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

By-Law No. 1264:

553/89 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown that the "City of Merritt Traffic By-Law No. 1264, 1989", be given third reading by Council.

CARRIED

On an inquiry by Council, the City Administrator reported that prior to adoption, the By-Law would have to be approved by the Minister of Transportation and Highways.

By-Law No. 1267:

554/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire that the "City of Merritt Fire By-Law No. 1267, 1989", be tabled by Council pending the receipt of additional legislative information from the office of the Fire Commissioner.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 1268:

555/89 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Cade that the "City of Merritt Annual Budget Amendment By-Law No. 1268, 1989", be reconsidered and adopted by Council.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1990 Appointments:

556/89 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson that the List of 1990 Appointments for Standing Committee's, Liaison, Task Forces and Acting Mayor as presented by the Mayor and attached to these regular minutes as Schedule "A" be adopted by Council.

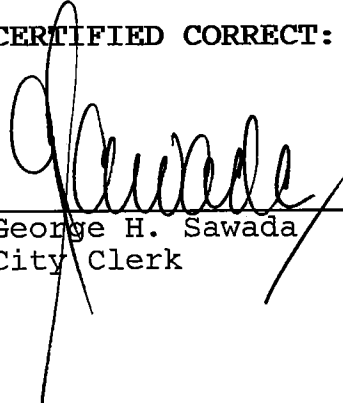
CARRIED

Following the adoption by Council, the Mayor briefly outlined the duties and responsibilities of the six Standing Committee's and the Transportation-Traffic and the Environment-Community Task Forces.

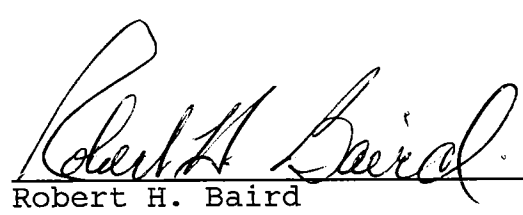
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Brown, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



George H. Sawada
City Clerk



Robert H. Baird
Mayor

I - STANDING COMMITTEES (1989/90)

** First named is Chairman for Standing Committees

(1) Administration & Finance Committee

(ALDERMEN CADE & SHERWOOD)

- Annual Budget & Five Year Capital Expenditure Program;
- All fees and charges for the General, Sewer & Water Funds (not otherwise assigned to another Standing Committee);
- Property acquisition and disposal;
- City Hall maintenance and improvements;
- Request for grants-in-aid and permissive tax exemptions;
- Beautification Advisory

(2) Labour Relations & Personnel Committee

(ALDERMEN LALI & HENDERSON)

- Renewal of Collective Agreement;
- All personnel matters for exempt and union employees;
- Represent Council under the Collective Agreement, as required;
- Human Resource Planning Advisory

(3) Development & Planning Committee

(ALDERMEN LEMIRE & CADE)

- Community Planning, Zoning & Comprehensive Subdivision initiatives;
- Landuse regulatory bylaws, controls and permits;
- Completion of Comprehensive Development Plan;
- Electoral fringe area planning and boundary;
- Downtown beautification and revitalization;
- Offstreet parking;
- Economic Development Advisory
- Tourism Advisory

(4) Protective Services Committee

(ALDERMEN HENDERSON & LEMIRE)

- Police protection;
- Victim Services Program;
- Fire protection;
- Public Safety, health and welfare;
- Pollution control;
- Mosquito control;
- Animal control;
- Safety & Flyash Advisory

(5) Public Works Committee

(ALDERMEN SHERWOOD & BROWN)

- Streets, roads, bridges and sidewalks;
- Water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems;
- Sewage treatment and disposal;
- Refuse collection and disposal;
- Street lighting;
- Traffic and onstreet parking;
- Local improvement projects;
- Park and cemetery maintenance;
- Weed control
- Airport maintenance, improvements and Advisory

(6) Recreation Committee

(ALDERMEN BROWN & LALI)

- Arena and aquatic facilities;
- Concessions;
- Planning recreation facilities;
- Recreation programs;
- Rates and charges for programs and use of facilities;
- Library, Youth Centre, Senior Citizens Complex, Recreation Vehicle Park, Visitors Centre, Civic Centre;
- Aquatic Facility Study (1990) Advisory

Museum,



II - LIAISON

- (1) Thompson-Nicola Regional District
 - Mayor Baird (Director)
 - Alderman Sherwood (Alternate)
- (2) Nicola Sub-Regional Economic Development
 - Alderman Lemire
 - Alderman Cade
- (3) South Central Union Board of Health
 - Alderman Brown
 - Alderman Cade
- (4) Merritt Chamber of Commerce
 - Alderman Henderson
 - Alderman Lemire
- (5) Emergency Measures Program
 - Mayor Baird
 - Aldermen Sherwood & Lemire
- (6) Court of Revision (List of Electors & Local Tax Assessment Rolls)
 - Mayor Baird
 - Aldermen Brown & Sherwood

III - TASK FORCES

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC:

Representatives:

- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Ministry of Transportation & Highways
- Director of Works and Services
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District (Areas "M" & "N")
- Merritt Chamber of Commerce (Highways Committee Representative)
- Alderman Glenn Henderson
- City Administrator

ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY:

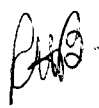

Representatives:

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Environment
- Director of Works and Services
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District (Areas "M" & "N")
- Alderman Larry Lemire
- Ralph Poynting (Citizen at Large)
- City Administrator

FOOTNOTES:

- Members to choose own Chairman
- City Administrator to facilitate & provide coordination

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IV - APPOINTMENTS:

ACTING MAYOR 1990:

- Alderman Brown January, February, 1990
- Alderman Cade March, April, 1990
- Alderman Henderson May, June, 1990
- Alderman Lali July, August, 1990
- Alderman Lemire September, October, 1990
- Alderman Sherwood November, December, 1990

V - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Responsible For:

- Public Relations and Media Information.
- Local Government Awareness Week.

Mayor is "Ex-Officio" member of all Standing Committees and Task Forces

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. B.', located on the right side of the page.

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