

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, CITY OF MERRITT,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.,  
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1990.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

George H. Sawada, City Administrator  
George M. Murray, Director of Financial Services  
W. Ray Paterson, Director of Planning, Licensing &  
Inspection Services  
Darch Osborne, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Georgie Zorn, Administrative Assistant

PRESS:

Merritt Herald  
Merritt Cablevision

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

36/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire  
that Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council  
Meeting held on January 23rd, 1990, as circulated.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Girl Guides of Canada - Dated February 8th, 1990, Re: Approval  
to Hold Parade.

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37/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown  
that Council receive the correspondence and approve the  
Girl Guides of Canada request to hold a "torchlight"  
parade on February 23rd, 1990; and further, that  
Council proclaim the week of February 19th to 24th,  
1990 as "Thinking Week" in Merritt.

CARRIED.

Merritt Flying Club - Dated February 7th, 1990, Re: Second  
Annual Cattle Country Fly-in Weekend

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38/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali  
that Council receive the correspondence for  
information.

CARRIED.

Honours and Awards Secretariat - Dated February 1st, 1990, Re:  
Order of British Columbia Nominees

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39/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Cade  
that Council receive the News Release for information.

CARRIED.

Canadian Red Cross Society - Dated January 31st, 1990, Re: Approval to Campaign

40/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire that Council receive the correspondence and approve the the request from the Canadian Red Cross Society to campaign door-to-door from March 12th to 19th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Services Agencies of B.C. - Dated January 8th, 1990, Re: Multicultural Week in B.C. - February 8th - 24th, 1990

41/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council receive the correspondence and proclaim the week of February 8th to 24th, 1990 as "Multicultural Week in British Columbia" to be so celebrated.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Baird said that February 15th would mark the 25th anniversary of the introduction of Canada's flag. He said that during Local Government Awareness Week in April, he would suggest the Canadian flag as a topic for essay contests.

Mayor Baird said that the City Administrator had accepted a position in Central Saanich effective April 1st, 1990. He said the City would immediately begin recruiting for a replacement for the Administrator.

Mayor Baird told Council about an upcoming International Trade Convention scheduled for March 19th to 23rd in Vancouver.

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes:

42/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lemire that Council receive the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1990.

CARRIED.

B.C. Hydro and Power Authority:

43/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council direct Administration to prepare for Council's consideration, a report outlining the following:

- (a) a draft electrical energy efficiency policy,
- (b) a statement on the budgetary ramifications, if any, of the adoption of such a policy,
- (c) an implementation strategy for the policy, and
- (d) any 1990 draft budget requirements.

CARRIED.

Former City Hall:

44/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lemire that Council engage the services of Pinchin, Harris, Holland Associates to undertake a survey and assessment of asbestos-containing building materials for the sum of \$2,150.00.

CARRIED.

45/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood that on completion of the survey and assessment, Council direct Administration to invite proposals from firms specializing in the removal of asbestos-containing building materials.

CARRIED.

1990 Council Memberships:

46/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lemire that Council renew 1990 memberships in the Yellowhead Highway Association, the B.C. Parks and Recreation Association, and the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association.

CARRIED.

Animal Control Services:

47/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council award the animal control services contract to Bob and Trish Dunn on the following terms and conditions:

- (1) An initial term of twelve (12) months for the sum of \$15,467.50, and at the City's sole discretion, renewable for a further term of twenty-four (24) months for the sum of \$30,935.00.
- (2) Either party shall have the right to terminate the contract throughout the initial term and the subsequent term by giving 30 days notice in writing to the other.
- (3) The contractor to comply with all other duties, responsibilities and requirements set out in the City's Animal Control Services Proposal Call No. 90/01.

CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes:

48/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade that Council receive the Minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Rezoning Application RZ #90.01 - Nyssen Holdings Ltd.:

Alderman Sherwood declared a possible conflict of interest and left the Council Chamber at 8:27 p.m.

49/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade that Council direct staff to prepare a by-law to rezone the north west corner of Lot B, D.L. 122, KDYD, Plan 31990, except Plan 17076 from R2 (Low Density Residential) to R3 (Medium Density Residential) for first reading and subsequent presentation at a public hearing.

CARRIED.

Alderman Sherwood returned to the Council Chamber at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Building Inspector's Report - January, 1990:

50/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Cade that Council receive the Building Inspector's Report for January, 1990.

CARRIED.

Board of Variance Meeting:

51/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade that Council receive and file the Minutes of the Board of Variance Meeting held on Wednesday, January 17th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Proposed Boundary Extension:

52/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade: that Council authorize the Development and Planning Committee to meet with the Electoral Area Directors of "M" and "N" for the purpose of examining the feasibility of a boundary extension to include lands south east of the existing municipal boundary; and further, that for the said meetings, the Council authorize the Administration to prepare a preliminary plan and report of the area proposed to be included within the City of Merritt.

CARRIED.

Public Works Committee:

53/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council receive the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Tolko Industries Ltd. - City Water Services:

54/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire that Council approve Tolko Industries Ltd. request to use City water on Lot 1, Plan 2300 providing they make application to be included within City boundaries, all at their expense.

CARRIED.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes:

55/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council receive the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Parade '90 Committee:

56/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council approve in principle the 1990 Parade scheduled for Labour Day weekend; and further, that the Parade '90 Committee provide Council with a statement of projected revenues and expenditures associated with the proposed event.

CARRIED.

Merritt Youth Centre:

57/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council approve negotiations with the Rocky Mountain Rangers Cadet Corp for a five-year management agreement for the Merritt Youth Centre; and further, that Council direct Administration to prepare a draft agreement for Council's review and consideration.

CARRIED.

Rental Rates - Civic Centre:

Alderman Lemire declared a possible conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at 8:46 p.m.

58/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council authorize Administration to provide up to a maximum of 20% discount in rates for consecutive multiple day users of the Civic Centre Auditorium and meeting rooms.

Alderman Lemire returned to the Council Chambers at 8:49 p.m.

CARRIED.

Janitorial Quotations:

59/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council enter into an agreement with Shamrock Janitorial Services of Merritt to provide janitorial services at the Civic Centre in the amount of \$21,600.00 for a three-year term.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Arts Council:

60/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council enter into a one-year usage agreement with the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council for the Civic Centre Arts and Crafts room at a monthly rental rate of \$200.00.

CARRIED.

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Appointments:

61/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Sherwood that Council appoint Trish Dunn, Barton Howes, Ernie Hayward, and Janice Riley to the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission each for a two-year term expiring December 31st, 1991; and further, that Council appoint Richard Jackson for a one-year term expiring December 31st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Council directed staff to write to Troy Hunter thanking him for his application to the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Baird suggested that Council meet with the newly formed Commission to jointly consider recreation priorities in the City of Merritt.

1990 Parks Fees and Charges:

62/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council revise the 1990 parks fees and charges as follows:

- (a) Adult per team regular and playoff games \$ 90.00
- (b) Tournament and special bookings:
  - (per field per day) \$ 15.00
  - (per field per weekend) \$ 40.00
- (c) Exclusive park use:
  - (large per weekend) \$220.00
  - (small per weekend) \$110.00

CARRIED.

Civic Centre Kitchen:

63/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council approve the concept of a caterer's (holding) kitchen vis-a-vis a full preparatory kitchen for the Civic Centre which would provide for the City equipping the kitchen with counter, sinks, stove, oven, dishwasher, refrigerator, and freezer to accommodate the needs of groups and caterers bringing meals that are largely prepared in advance and would specifically exclude the supply of dishes, glasses and cutlery.

CARRIED.

64/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council send a letter of thanks to each member of the Kitchen Committee for the time and excellent work devoted to the Civic Centre Kitchen issue.

CARRIED.

Proposed Indoor Aquatic Centre:

65/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council retain the services of Camrec Facilities Consultants Ltd. to prepare a schematic design and design development up to a maximum of \$7,500.00 as outlined in the letter from the City Administrator to Camrec Facilities Consultants Ltd. dated February 6th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Rotary Club Letter of Support:

66/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council support the Merritt Rotary Club developing Rotary Park; and further, that Council endorse said Club's application for an "Employment Plus" grant.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

By-Law No. 1264:

67/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown that Council adopt "City of Merritt Traffic By-Law No. 1264, 1989".

CARRIED.

By-Law No. 1266:

Alderman Sherwood declared a possible conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at 9:30 p.m.

68/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade that Council give second and third readings to "City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (III) By-Law No. 1266, 1989".

CARRIED.

Alderman Sherwood returned to the Council Chambers at 9:33 p.m.

By-Law No. 1269:

69/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council give first, second, and third readings to "City of Merritt Revenue Anticipation By-Law No. 1269, 1990".

CARRIED.

By-Law No. 1270:

70/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire that Council give first reading to "City of Merritt Zoning Amendment By-Law No. 1270, 1990".

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sister City Symposium:

Alderman Cade said he had attended a meeting regarding the possibility of Merritt establishing a Sister City relationship. He said a second meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd, 1990 for interested persons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chamber of Commerce:

Mayor Baird said he would arrange a meeting between the Council and the Merritt Chamber of Commerce in March to explore goals and objectives for 1990.

Senior Citizens' Organization Facility:

Mayor Baird said the Senior Citizens' Organization wanted to meet with Council in the near future regarding their existing facility.

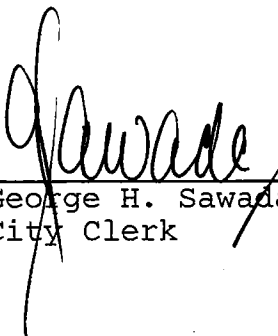
School District Budget:

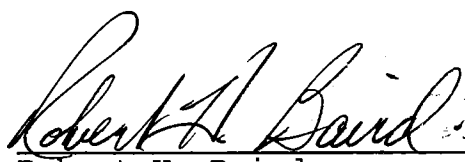
Mayor Baird said Council had offered to meet with School District No. 31 regarding 1990 budget matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Brown, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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George H. Sawada  
City Clerk

  
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Robert H. Baird  
Mayor