

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 27TH, 1990.

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
A. Hunchak, Superintendent of Public Works
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 7:35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

71/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing
held on February 13th, 1990, as circulated.

CARRIED.

Alderman Cade asked Council to amend the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13th, 1990 by deleting the words "meet with" and substituting the words "would arrange a meeting between the Council and" on Page 7, under the heading **NEW BUSINESS:** and the sub-heading Chamber of Commerce.

72/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting
held on Tuesday, February 13th, 1990, as amended.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

District of Squamish - Dated February 9th, 1990, RE: Affordable Accommodation - Proposed Action in Rental Housing

73/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the correspondence for
information.

CARRIED.

South Central Health Unit - Dated February 12th, 1990, RE:
"Choosing Wellness - An Approach to Healthy Aging"

74/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lemire
THAT Council support in principle the "Choosing
Wellness" Senior Citizens Program scheduled from March
to June, 1990 in the Merritt Senior's Hall.

CARRIED.

Council directed Administration to advise the South Central Health Unit to contact the Director of Parks and Recreation if they needed further assistance.

Secretary of State of Canada - Undated, RE: Five-Star Community Awards Program

75/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive and file the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Council directed Administration to order the Program criterion and guidebook for Council's information.

REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Baird introduced Administrative Assistant, Georgina Zorn, and welcomed her to the City of Merritt.

Mayor Baird referred to a letter from the Village of Lumby dated February 15th, 1990 inviting Council and staff to an O.M.M.A. Mixed Slowpitch Tournament scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd, 1990. He said Alderman Brown would organize a City of Merritt team.

Mayor Baird read a proclamation he had received from the Superintendent of School District No. 31 regarding "Education Week".

76/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council proclaim the week of March 5th to 10th, 1990 as "Education Week" in Merritt.

CARRIED.

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes:

77/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood THAT Council receive the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Claybanks R.V. Park Contract:

78/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood THAT the contract be awarded to Archie and Lynn MacDonald for a term of two years commencing April 1st, 1990 and terminating March 31st, 1992 for a management fee of \$6.50 per occupied space and compliance with all the other terms and conditions specified in the City's Proposal Call No. 90/02.

CARRIED.

79/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT the rates in the R.V. Park be increased as follows:

- (a) Tent space from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per day;
- (b) Recreation vehicle space from \$11.00 to \$14.00 per day;
- (c) Additional fee of \$2.00 per day for recreation vehicles wanting an air conditioning hookup.

80/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council amend the MAIN MOTION by substituting
under Subsection 2(b) the figure "\$14.00" with the
figure "\$12.00".

DEFEATED.

The Council voted on the MAIN MOTION in its original
form, and it was subsequently CARRIED.

81/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lemire
THAT Council retain ownership of the Claybanks
Recreation Vehicle Park at least until September 30th,
1994 which is the end of the forgiveness period for the
"Travel Industry Development Subsidiary Agreement"
(TIDSA) grant.

CARRIED.

Water and Sewer Capital Project Grants:

82/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council vigorously pursue with the M.L.A. and the
Minister of Municipal Affairs, the matter of increasing
the City's Revenue Sharing water and sewer capital
grants to a 50% level from 25%.

CARRIED.

Application for 1990 Planning Grant:

83/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council meet with the M.L.A. to seek assistance in
the City obtaining Provincial Government approval of
its 1990 planning grant application to undertake the
pavement structure and drainage components of the
Comprehensive Development Plan.

CARRIED.

Former City Hall:

84/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood
THAT Council approve Items (1); (2)(a) to (d)
inclusive; (3)(a) to (d) inclusive; and (4) (a) to (d) *
inclusive as outlined in the memorandum from the City
Administrator dated February 19th, 1990. *asked memo*

CARRIED.

85/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Sherwood
THAT Council authorize the Director of Financial
Services to dispose of Items (5)(a) to (g) inclusive as
outlined in memorandum from the City Administrator
dated February 19th, 1990; subject firstly to the
prerequisite external approvals referenced therein, and
secondly to Item (6).

CARRIED.

Council directed Administration to forward a copy of the
resolution regarding the former City Hall to the Nicola Valley
Archives Association to apprise them of the demolition process.

City Pins:

86/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council approve the City obtaining quotations for
1,000 pins from local licensed suppliers and the Union
of B.C. Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Merritt Golf and Country Club Land Lease:

87/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council endorse the terms and conditions of the proposed lease between the City and the Merritt Golf and Country Club and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the said lease under the corporate seal of the Municipality.

CARRIED.

Annual Budget Review Process:

88/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the Administration and Finance Committee convening a Special Budget Review meeting on Wednesday, February 28th, 1990 at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes:

Alderman Lemire asked Council to amend the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21st, 1990 by inserting the words "Chairman Lemire removed himself from the Council Chambers for the discussion of Rezoning Application RZ #90-03" under the heading Rezoning Application RZ #90-03 (2399 Voght Street).

89/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade that Council receive the Minutes of the Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21st, 1990, as amended.

CARRIED.

B.C.B.C. - Rezoning Application RZ #90-02 - Proposed Ministry of Forests Complex

90/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade THAT Council direct Administration to prepare for Council's consideration and review a draft by-law to rezone to M1 (Light Industrial) approximately four acres of land described as Lot A, Section 23 and 24, Township 91, KDYD, Plan 16853 except Plan 17737.

CARRIED.

Regional Fam Tour - May 7th to 9th, 1990:

91/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade THAT Council approve two senior citizens attending Tour A of the Regional Fam Tour scheduled for May 7th to 9th, 1990 as outlined in the letter from the Village of Valemount dated February 12th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Yellowhead Highway Association Annual Meeting - April, 1990 and 1991 Conference

92/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council appoint Alderman Lemire to attend the upcoming Yellowhead Highway Association annual meeting in Edmonton on April 27th and 28th, 1990 as a voting delegate; and further, that Council approve the City of Merritt hosting the 1991 Yellowhead Highway Association Conference.

CARRIED.

Rezoning Application RZ #90-03 (2399 Voght Street):

Alderman Lemire removed himself from the Council Chambers at 8:27 p.m. for the discussion of the subject matter.

93/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a draft by-law for Council's review and consideration to rezone Lot 35, D.L. 124, Plan 747, L.D. 25, KDYD from R2 (Low Density Residential) to P2 (Church).

CARRIED.

Alderman Lemire returned to the Council Chambers at 8:45 p.m.

Public Works Committee:

Minutes:

94/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 21st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Road Closure and Exchange of Properties - City and Weyerhaeuser Ltd.

95/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a draft by-law for Council's review and consideration to provide for the road closure, consolidation, and property exchange between the City of Merritt and Weyerhaeuser Ltd. for the Houston Street truck route.

CARRIED.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes:

96/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali that Council receive the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Beer Gardens - 1990 Public Functions:

97/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the "beer garden" procedure outlined on Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 14th, 1990 regarding beer gardens - 1990 public functions.

CARRIED.

Coquihalla Challenge Bicycle Race:

98/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the City of Merritt's involvement in the Coquihalla Challenge Bicycle Race; and further, that Council provide up to \$2,400 in the 1990 budget for organizing said event.

CARRIED.

Information Centre - Tel Ad Proposal:

99/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council table the issue of installing an
advertising display panel in the City's Information
Centre until the City obtains more information
regarding costs and terms.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

By-Law No. 1266:

100/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Sherwood
THAT Council adopt "City of Merritt Zoning Amendment
(III) By-Law No. 1266, 1989".

CARRIED.

By-Law No. 1269:

101/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council adopt "City of Merritt Revenue
Anticipation Borrowing By-Law No. 1269, 1990".

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sister City Relationship:

Alderman Cade reported that he had attended a second meeting
regarding the possibility of Merritt establishing a Sister City
relationship. He thanked Patty at the Merritt Herald for
providing good publicity for the meetings.

Development Cost Charges:

Alderman Brown made a notice of motion that he would ask for a
three-year moratorium on development cost charges at the next
Standing Committee meeting.

City Administrator:

Mayor Baird said the City Administrator would be leaving at the
end of the week. He thanked Mr. Sawada, on behalf of Council,
for his diligence during his tenure with the City of Merritt, and
Mayor Baird wished him luck in his new position.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion from Alderman Cade, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



City Clerk



Robert H. Baird,
Mayor