

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRITT, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1990.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

George M. Murray, Director of Financial Services/
Acting City Clerk
W. Ray Paterson, Director of Planning, Licensing
& Inspection Services
Alec Hunchak, Superintendent of Public Works
Darch Osborne, Director of Parks & Recreation
Georgie Zorn, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA:

Merritt Cablevision
Merritt Herald
Radio 'NL

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., and welcomed Leader Sally Brown and the 2nd Merritt Guides to the Council Meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Council amended the minutes of the March 27th, 1990 Regular Meeting by inserting the name "Cade" after the word "Alderman" and substituting the word "prune" with the word "spray" in the last sentence in Resolution No. 162/90; and by inserting the word "Carried" after Resolution No. 164/90.

183/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 27th, 1990, as amended.

CARRIED.

184/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, April 4th, 1990.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

City of Vancouver - Economic Development Office - Dated March 22nd, 1990, Re: Business Improvement Areas Seminar

185/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Member of Parliament, Okanagan-Similkameen-Merritt - Dated March 13th, 1990, RE: Radio Licence Fee Increases

186/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the correspondence for information and direct staff to investigate how the radio licence fee increase will affect the City of Merritt.

CARRIED.

British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association - Dated March 28th, 1990, RE: Disposal of Euthanized Animal Cadavers

187/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Education Week 1990 Committee - Dated March 26th, 1990, RE: Use of Civic Centre Auditorium for Education Week Activities

188/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Sherwood THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Mayor Baird congratulated the School District #31 Education Week Committee for organizing such a successful event during the week of March 5th to 9th, 1990.

Minister of Transportation and Highways - Dated March 22nd, 1990, RE: Okanagan Connector from Aspen Grove to Peachland

189/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the correspondence for information and send a response to the Minister of Transportation and Highways expressing Council's disappointment with her Ministry's decision; and further, that Council invite said Minister to Merritt for an on-site inspection and review of traffic and safety concerns regarding the subject portion of Highway 5A.

CARRIED.

Alderman Lemire said he would meet with the Provincial Transportation Task Force Committee representative for Merritt to discuss Council's concerns about the subject portion of Highway 5A, and provide a report to Council on the outcome of said discussions.

Minister of Transportation and Highways - Dated March 23rd, 1990, RE: Highway 5A and Kingsvale Connection

190/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Sherwood THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Minister of Transportation and Highways - Dated March 29th, 1990, RE: Merritt Municipal Airport Development Plan Grant

191/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the correspondence for information and send a letter of thanks to the Minister of Transportation and Highways for the \$10,000 grant for a Merritt Airport development plan.

CARRIED.

Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture - Dated
March 16th, 1990, RE: Building Safety Week Proclamation

192/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council receive the correspondence for
information.

CARRIED.

Alderman Lemire expressed his concerns about the problems he felt
the Canada Building Code presented for developers, and he
informed Council of his intent to bring the matter forward at a
future Regular Meeting.

Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada - Dated March 12th, 1990,
RE: National Citizenship Week 1990 Proclamation

193/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council proclaim the week of April 15th to 21st,
1990 as "National Citizenship Week 1990" in Merritt.

CARRIED.

Late Correspondence:

194/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council add to the agenda under Correspondence,
the following late items.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology - Dated April 6th, 1990,
RE: Community Breakfast/Street Market - April 28th, 1990

195/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council support in principle the request from
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology to hold a
community breakfast/street market on April 28th, 1990
providing they obtain support from 60% of the downtown
merchants and approval from the R.C.M. Police.

CARRIED.

Merritt Elks #441 - Undated, RE: Permission to Hold a Walkathon
Saturday, April 21st, 1990

196/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council grant permission to the Merritt Elks #441
to hold a Walkathon in Merritt on April 21st, 1990 at
11:00 a.m. as outlined in their correspondence.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Baird reported on his discussions with the Thompson-Nicola
Regional District Board regarding an upward adjustment for cost
sharing of fire fighting services and the regional library
facility. He expressed his appreciation to Director Leroy Wagner
for his cooperation and assistance at the recent Board meeting.
Further, Mayor Baird said the Thompson-Nicola Regional District
had expressed a willingness to address recreational cost sharing
at a later date.

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes:

197/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 4th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Home Care Society - Dated March 30th, 1990, RE: Request for Funding for a Seniors and Disabled Persons Van

198/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the correspondence for information and instruct staff to advise the Home Care Society that although it is not Council's policy to contribute to activities of this nature, they would investigate the matter further and reconsider their request at a later date.

CARRIED.

Municipal Officers' Association - Undated, RE: M.O.A. Conference - Penticton, B.C.

199/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council authorize the Director of Financial Services/Acting City Clerk to attend the Municipal Officers' Association Conference scheduled for May 29th to June 1st, 1990 in Penticton, B.C.

CARRIED.

1990 Spring Clean-Up:

200/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council authorize Alderman Cade to initiate discussions with School District No. 31 to develop a plan for promoting "Clean-up Week" activities.

CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes:

201/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 4th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Protective Services Committee:

Minutes:

202/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council receive the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 4th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Merritt Victim Witness Program Proposal Call - 90-04:

Alderman Sherwood removed himself from the Council Chambers for the discussion of the following matter:

203/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council award the Merritt Victim Services Coordinator contract to Mrs. Joan Sherwood effective April 1st, 1990 until March 31st, 1991; and further, that Council authorize the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to execute said agreement.

CARRIED.

Alderman Sherwood returned to the Council Chambers.

Public Works Committee:

Minutes:

204/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 4th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes:

205/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 4th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Portable Washroom Facility:

206/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of a portable washroom facility in the amount of \$9,100 from Northgate Trailer Industries Ltd. subject to a member of Council or staff viewing the facility prior to purchase.

CARRIED.

Pool Committee Meeting:

207/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council refer the minutes of the Pool Committee Meeting held on April 3rd, 1990 to the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission for review and consideration.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

City of Merritt Annual Budget Amendment By-law No. 1271, 1990:

208/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt Annual Budget Amendment By-law No. 1271, 1990".

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Council Indemnity By-law No. 1273, 1990:

209/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt Council Indemnity By-law No. 1273, 1990".

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Tax Exemption By-law No. 1274, 1990:

210/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt Tax Exemption By-law No. 1274, 1990".

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Development Cost Charges:

211/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council take from the table Resolution No. 133/90 of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 13th, 1990.

CARRIED.

212/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council direct staff to prepare a by-law to amend "City of Merritt Development Cost Charge By-law No. 883" and "City of Merritt Development Cost Charge By-law No. 1158" by adjusting the Assist Factor to 50% from 95%.

Amendment:

213/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council amend the Main Motion to read "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a by-law to amend "City of Merritt Development Cost Charge By-law No. 883" and "City of Merritt Development Cost Charge By-law No. 1158" by adjusting the Assist Factor to 0% from 95%".

AMENDMENT CARRIED.
MAIN MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

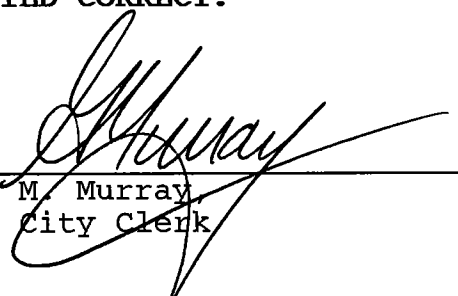
Local Government Awareness Week:

Alderman Henderson reported to Council that plans were underway for Local Government Awareness Week 1990 activities scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Centre.


ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Brown, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



George M. Murray
Acting City Clerk



Robert H. Baird,
Mayor