

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRITT, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C. ON TUESDAY, MAY 8TH, 1990.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

George M. Murray, Director of Financial Services/
Acting City Clerk
Georgina Zorn, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA:

Merritt Herald
Radio 'NL

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

254/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting
held on Tuesday, April 24th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Alderman Henderson pointed out that he had attended the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 24th, 1990 after the public speaking contest for "Local Government Awareness Week" had adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE:

M.L.A. - Yale-Lillooet to N.V.A.A. - Dated April 12th, 1990, RE:
Archives Grant Application Approval

255/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire
THAT Council receive the correspondence and thank Mr.
Rabbitt for the Province's grant to the Nicola Valley
Archives Association.

CARRIED.

Thompson-Nicola Regional District - Dated April 26th, 1990, RE:
Resolution Concerning Regional Highway Improvements

256/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the correspondence and direct
staff to forward a letter of support for the Thompson-
Nicola Regional District request to the Minister of
Transportation and Highways to improve regional
highways.

CARRIED.

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Nicola Valley Tribal Council - Dated March 29th, 1990, RE:
Proposed Native Heritage Village

257/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information
and direct staff to invite the Nicola Valley Tribal
Council to discuss their proposal with Council at the
upcoming Standing Committee meeting.

CARRIED.

Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine to U.B.C.M. - Dated April
18th, 1990, RE: Slash Burning in British Columbia

258/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the correspondence for
information.

CARRIED.

A.P.E.C. Canada - Dated April 17th, 1990, RE: Support for
English as Canada's Official Language

259/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Lemire
THAT Council receive the correspondence for
information.

CARRIED.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Dated March 9th, 1990, RE:
Proclamation

260/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information
and proclaim the month of May, 1990 as "Multiple
Sclerosis Month" in Merritt.

CARRIED.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Dated March 9th, 1990, RE:
Request for Approval to Campaign

261/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council approve the request to campaign for
donations for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada
from May 10th to 13th, 1990.

CARRIED.

C.O.H.S. Steering Committee - Undated, RE: Proclamation

262/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information
and proclaim the week of June 17th to 23rd, 1990 as
"Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week" in
Merritt.

CARRIED.

Fitness Canada - Undated, RE: Proclamation

263/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information
and proclaim the week of May 25th to June 3rd, 1990 as
"Fitness Week" in Merritt.

CARRIED.

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REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Baird reported that the new Clerk-Administrator, Mr. Harry Ellens, would begin with the City on Thursday, May 10th, 1990.

Mayor Baird said that the Director of Planning, Licensing and Inspection Services had accepted a position in Kelowna, and the City would be discussing building inspection services with the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

Mayor Baird said he had attended the Okanagan Municipal Mainline Association and Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association Conventions on the week-end in Osoyoos and Penticton, respectively, and he briefly outlined the topics of discussion.

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes

264/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Canada Day Celebration

265/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council support in principle the preparation and organization of Canada Day celebration events in Merritt subject to participation from other funding sources.

CARRIED.

Visitors' Information Centre Gift Shop

266/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council direct staff to call for proposals by mid-June for the Visitors' Information Centre gift shop lease for a two-year term starting January 1st, 1991.

CARRIED.

Merritt Golf and Country Club Lease

267/90 THAT Council direct staff to revise Clause 9 of the agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt Golf and Country Club to read as follows:

"The LESSEE shall not carry out or cause to be carried out any additions or alternations to the premises, other than normal repairs and maintenance including minor improvements, without the prior written consent of the LESSOR and in the giving of such consent the LESSOR may attach whatever conditions, directions, stipulations, prohibitions or deadlines as it deems appropriate and the same shall be conditions of this Lease. All such works shall be wholly at the expense of the LESSEE."

CARRIED.

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Municipal Insurance Coverage

268/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the recommendations outlined in the memorandum from the Director of Financial Services/Acting City Clerk dated April 27th, 1990 (Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of these minutes) regarding municipal insurance coverage.

Amendment

269/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council amend the Main Motion to read "THAT Council approve the recommendations outlined in the memorandum from the Director of Financial Services/Acting City Clerk dated April 27th, 1990 (Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of these minutes) regarding municipal insurance coverage excluding Recommendation No. (2) (b).

Amendment - CARRIED.
Main Motion - CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes

270/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Development Permit Application No. 90-07 - 2776 Voght Street

271/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve Development Permit Application No. 90-07 by Melvyn Andrew Knight to develop a western saddlery shop on Parcels A, B, C & D, D.L. 125, K.D.Y.D., Plan B-935 (2766 Voght Street) subject to the following:

- (1) Ministry of Transportation and Highways approval;
- (2) the development of at least 13 parking spaces;
- (3) consolidation of lots;
- (4) No overnight horse lodging.

CARRIED.

Garith Holdings Ltd. - "The Wash" - Paving

272/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the request from Garith Holdings Ltd. to pave the lane behind "The Wash" providing the property owner pays one-half the actual cost.

CARRIED.

Development Permit Application No. 90-08 - 2601 Granite Avenue

273/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council approve Development Permit Application No. 90-08 by Raymond Missere to install gasoline pumps on Lots 17 and 18, D.L. 123, Plan 9900 (2601 Granite Avenue) providing said development meets all applicable regulations including on-site paving.

CARRIED.

Protective Services Committee:

Minutes

274/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Merritt Victim Services Program

275/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council direct staff to transfer \$2,000 from the Merritt Victim Services Program 1989/90 budget to the 1990/91 budget to provide a \$1,000 increase to the Coordinator's 1990/91 salary and a \$1,000 increase to the 1990/91 travel and training budget.

CARRIED.

Public Works Committee:

Minutes

276/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Line Painting City Streets

277/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council award the 1990 line painting program tender to Inter City Traffic based on the per unit quote in the memorandum from the Superintendent of Public Works dated May 1st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Council directed staff to immediately proceed with line painting on City streets so that the project would be completed before school was finished for the year.

Council briefly discussed "Clean Up Week" activities.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes

278/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Merritt Gymnastics Club - Use of Civic Centre

279/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the Merritt Gymnastics Club request to use the Civic Centre auditorium for five hours per week during the month of June, 1990.

CARRIED.

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Merritt Gymnastics Club Use Agreement

280/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council direct staff to prepare, for Council's
review and consideration, a draft agreement between the
City of Merritt and the Merritt Gymnastics Club under
the same terms and conditions as in their present
agreement effective September 1st, 1990 and expiring on
May 31st, 1991.

CARRIED.

Parks Mower Unit

281/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council approve the purchase of a JD915 mower from
Multiturf Specialists for \$12,057 (including taxes and
delivery).

CARRIED.

H. Logan - Request for Expense Allowance Increase

282/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council approve an increase of \$25.00 per month
for Harold Logan effective May 1st, 1990 for the
transportation of volunteers to and from the Visitors'
Information Centre until October, 1990.

CARRIED.

Coquihalla Challenge - Merritt Event

283/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council approve a temporary road closure to
accommodate the Merritt Time Trials of the Coquihalla
Challenge on May 19th, 1990 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. as
follows:

Coutlee - Blair to Houston
Houston - Jackson to Coutlee
Jackson - Houston to Blair
Blair - Jackson to Coutlee

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

City of Merritt Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1277, 1990

284/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council give first reading to "City of Merritt
Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1277, 1990".

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Unsightly Premises By-law No. 1278, 1990

285/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lali
THAT Council give first reading to "City of Merritt
Unsightly Premises By-law No. 1278, 1990".

CARRIED.

May 8, 1990

NEW BUSINESS:

Yellowhead Highway Association Convention

Alderman Lemire reported that he had attended the Yellowhead Highway Association Convention recently held in Edmonton, and he discussed the following items resulting from the Convention:

- 1991 Convention will be held in Merritt on April 28th, 1991.
- The Association will submit a recommendation to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to designate Highway No. 5 from Kamloops to Merritt as a branch of the Yellowhead Highway.

Okanagan-Mainline Municipal Association Convention

Alderman Henderson reported on the O.M.M.A. Convention recently held in Osoyoos. He said the theme was "Communication in Government" and that Merritt would host the 1992 O.M.M.A. Convention.

Seniors' Wellness Committee

Alderman Lali said he had attended a Seniors' Wellness Committee Meeting, and he complimented the City's seniors for their active interest in improving their community.

Clerk and Approving Officer Appointment

286/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council appoint Harry C. Ellens as Clerk-Administrator and Approving Officer for the City of Merritt.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

By-law No. 1270 - Nyssen Holdings Ltd.

287/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council give second and third readings to "Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1270, 1990".

288/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council table the Main Motion.

CARRIED.

Special Meeting (In Camera)

289/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council call for a Special Meeting (In Camera) on Tuesday, May 8th, 1990 following the Regular Meeting.

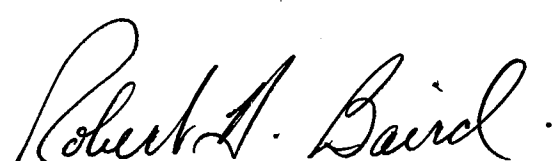
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Lali, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


George M. Murnay,
Acting City Clerk


Robert H. Baird,
Mayor

SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED TO AND FORMING PART OF THE REGULAR MINUTES OF TUESDAY,
MAY 8, 1990



CITY OF MERRITT

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: George M. Murray, Director of Financial Services/
Acting City Clerk
Subject: MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COVERAGE
Date: April 27th, 1990

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INTRODUCTION:

Alderman Lemire has reviewed the City's property insurance coverage with Ellis Insurance, based on the "Appraised Values" as prepared by Universal Appraisal Co. in 1985. Subsequently, Alderman Lemire and I have had a meeting to review his findings and agree upon a combined recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We reviewed the property values of the current insurance contract (i.e. with the 10% valuation increase). Below are our recommendations as a result of this review:

- (1) We found a number of insured properties where the policy deductible was greater than the property value, or the difference was too small to worry about. The list is as follows:

Storage Shed (Yard)	\$ 1,400
Pipe Storage Shed	1,200
Main Park:	
- Dugouts	5,000
- Announcer's Booth	1,500
- Bleachers	6,000
Cemetery Storage Room	8,000

Fencing:

- Works Yard	18,500
- Centennial Pool	5,000
- Lawn Bowling Club	4,000
- S.T.P. Reservoir #2	5,000
Ice Cream Building	3,000
Gas Pump & Tank	6,100

We feel the above list should be removed from the current policy, and the items repaired or replaced as damage occurs.

- (2) Items that should be removed from the policy for other reasons:

(a) City Hall and related Equipment \$380,965

This removal is due to the upcoming demolition of the old City Hall.

(b) Voght Street Bridge \$650,000

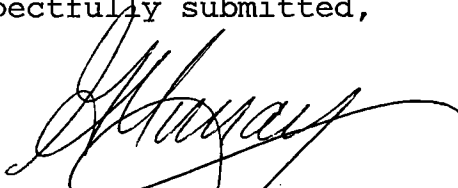
This item should be removed because its exposure is fairly limited and the related costs are very high. The primary exposer is flooding which would not be covered under existing policy.

- (3) Items to be increased:

Valuable papers and records are currently insured at \$30,000, however, Alderman Lemire and I agree that a figure of \$100,000 is more appropriate.

- (4) A "limited scope" appraisal should be conducted prior to the tendering of insurance services for next year. The "limited scope" would include all major facilities but would not encompass the small areas of the City's assets including office equipment, etc.

Respectfully submitted,



George M. Murray
Director of Financial Services/
Acting City Clerk

GMM:gvz