

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRITT HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 1990 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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**PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Harry C. Ellens, Clerk-Administrator  
Georgina 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.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Council amended the minutes of Tuesday, May 22nd, 1990 as follows:

- Resolution No. 306/90 - Change to read "THAT Council approve leasehold improvements in the amount of \$1,035.44 and direct staff to release the remainder of the Merritt Centennials holdback."
- Resolution No. 313/90 - Change to read "THAT Council approve the request from Maranatha School to use Voght Park once or twice per year for school activities only, free of charge".
- Resolution No. 322/90 - Change to read "THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator to request the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to approve the City of Merritt's participation in the community planning function".

325/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, May 22nd, 1990, as amended.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture - Dated May 8th, 1990, RE: 1990 Planning Grant Program

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326/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the correspondence and direct staff to further investigate the 1990 planning grant for pavement and drainage study.

CARRIED.

Minister of Solicitor General - Dated May 29th, 1990, RE: Sharing Traffic Fine Revenue with Municipalities

327/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Ministry of Crown Lands - Dated June 1st, 1990, RE: Crown Land Proposed for Residential Development

328/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the correspondence and direct staff to invite the Development Officer to meet with Council and discuss an appropriate marketing program for Crown Lands proposed for sale.

CARRIED.

Ministry of Forests - Dated May 4th, 1990, RE: Merritt Forest District Manager

329/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the correspondence and direct staff to invite the District Manager to a Committee meeting to meet the City Council.

CARRIED.

Alderman Sherwood declared a possible conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers for discussion of the following matter.

District of Logan Lake - Dated May 29th, 1990, RE: Merritt Victim Services Program

330/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade THAT Council receive the correspondence and direct the Clerk-Administrator to meet with the Administrator from Logan Lake and discuss terms and conditions of the Merritt Victim Services Program Coordinator providing services in Logan Lake.

CARRIED.

Alderman Sherwood returned to the Council Chambers.

Motion Sports - Dated May 29th, 1990, RE: 1990 Lotto B.C. Coquihalla Challenge Bicycle Race

331/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

U.B.C.M. - Dated May 31st, 1990, RE: Rogers/CNCP Application to Enter into Long Distance Telephone Market

332/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Royal Canadian Legion #96 - Dated May 29th, 1990, RE: Letter of Appreciation

333/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Cade  
THAT Council receive the correspondence for  
information.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Baird read two letters from the M.L.A., Yale-Lillooet, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, respectively, advising the City of Merritt of a forthcoming \$370,000 grant to upgrade lighting at the Merritt Airport.

334/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council receive, with thanks, the correspondence  
for information.

CARRIED.

Administration and Finance Committee

335/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration  
and Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June  
6th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Canada Day Committee - Request for Grant-in-aid

336/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of  
\$1,300 to the Canada Day Committee for upcoming Canada  
Day celebrations; and further, that Council authorize  
the Director of Financial Services to administer the  
Canada Day accounts.

CARRIED.

R.C.M. Police Report - April, 1990

337/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council receive the report of the R.C.M. Police  
for April, 1990.

CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

338/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and  
Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 6th,  
1990.

CARRIED.

Municipal Incentive Grants for Rental Housing

339/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Cade THAT the City of Merritt apply to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for a rental housing study grant in the amount of \$8,800; and further, that upon said grant approval the City retain the services of Maguire and Rossworn, Research Associates, to proceed with a study on rental housing in the City of Merritt.

CARRIED.

Public Works Committee:

340/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 6th, 1990.

CARRIED.

1990 Sidewalk Construction Tender

341/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Cade THAT Council award the 1990 sidewalk construction tender to Ken Nicholls Construction in the amount of \$26,035.

CARRIED.

Airport Runway Repairs

342/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council proceed with airport runway repairs as outlined in the memorandum from the Superintendent of Public Works dated May 31st, 1990.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Recycling Society

343/90 Moved by Alderman Sherwood, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council appoint Alderman Glenn Henderson to represent the City on the Nicola Valley Recycling Society.

CARRIED.

Recreation Committee:

344/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 6th, 1990.

CARRIED.

Merritt Men's Slowpitch Beer Garden Request

345/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council approve the request from the Merritt Men's Slowpitch League to hold a beer garden on June 16th and 17th, 1990 in Central Park subject to approval from the R.C.M.P. Police and the Liquor Licence Inspector.

CARRIED.

Gymnastics Club Use Agreement

346/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council approve a rental agreement between the  
City of Merritt and the Merritt Gymnastics Club  
effective September 18th, 1990 to expire on May 31st,  
1991; and further, that Council authorize the Mayor and  
Clerk-Administrator to execute said agreement.

CARRIED.

Civic Centre Waste Receptacles

347/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council approve the purchase of four interior  
waste receptacles for the Civic Centre in the amount of  
\$424.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Evangelical Free Church - Civic Centre Rental

348/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council approve a rental agreement between the  
City of Merritt and the Nicola Valley Evangelical Free  
Church effective July 1st, 1990 to expire on August  
31st, 1990 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for a fee of  
\$75.00 for each day of use subject to the following:

- (1) 10-Day telephone notice by the City to pre-empt  
Church use;
- (2) 30-Day cancellation clause;
- (3) Church piano stored at own risk;
- (4) use of stage if Nicola Valley Arts Council agrees;
- (5) use of "Green Room" at no charge;

and further, that Council authorize the Mayor and  
Clerk-Administrator to execute said agreement.

CARRIED.

Dog Problems in Parks

The Council briefly discussed the problem of unleashed dogs in  
City Parks, and requested that the animal control officers  
provide increased surveillance of parks to control the problem.  
Council asked that the Parks and Recreation Director provide  
Council with a report on the dog situation in City Parks.

**BY-LAWS:**

City of Merritt Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1272, 1990

349/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade  
THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt  
Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1272, 1990".

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1275, 1990

350/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt Land  
Use and Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1275, 1990".

CARRIED.

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

351/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt  
Unsightly Premises By-law No. 1278, 1990".

CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Flooding in Merritt

Council discussed flood levels in Merritt and suggested that enquiries regarding flood damage funding assistance from senior levels of Government be referred to the M.L.A. for Yale-Lillooet.

Water Restrictions

Council discussed water conservation practices and education, and directed the Clerk-Administrator to investigate costs of purchasing water conservation packets for Merritt residents.

Southern Highway Interchange - Welcome to Merritt Sign

352/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Sherwood  
THAT Council approach the Ministry of Highways to provide a "Welcome to Merritt" sign for the Southern highway interchange similar to the sign being constructed at the northern highway interchange, at said Ministry's expense.

CARRIED.

Granite Avenue Request for Rezoning

353/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council direct staff to contact property owners adjacent to 1913 Granite Avenue to advise of the City's intent to rezone a portion of the 1900 block from commercial to residential and provide a report to Council on whether the City should proceed with said rezoning.

CARRIED.

Minister of Transportation & Highways - Visit to Merritt

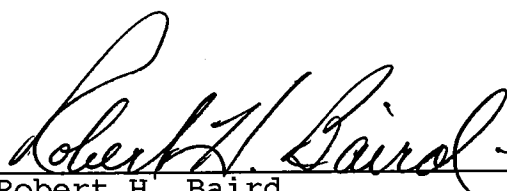
Council discussed the Minister's upcoming visit to Merritt, and directed staff to outline Council's traffic and safety concerns and forward an agenda to the Minister prior to her visit.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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H.C. Ellens,  
Clerk-Administrator

  
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Robert H. Baird,  
Mayor