

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRITT, HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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

**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 7:30 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting - October 25, 1990**

578/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade  
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting  
held on Thursday, October 25, 1990.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Ministry of Environment - Dated October 24, 1990, RE: Proposed  
Biomedical Waste Incineration Plant - City of Merritt**

579/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

580/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
THAT Council instruct Administration to advise Synconex  
Environmental Ltd. that the City is still interested in  
their proposal to locate a Biomedical Waste Incineration  
Plant within the City of Merritt boundaries; and further,  
that the City send a copy of the letter to the Minister  
of Environment.

CARRIED.

The Council instructed Administration to contact the Ministry of Environment in January, 1991 to find out the status of the proposals.

**M.L.A. - Yale-Lillooet - Dated October 20, 1990, RE: Banning of  
Beehive Burners in Merritt**

581/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade  
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

The Council instructed Administration to ask the M.L.A. for Yale-Lillooet if the Provincial Government had established a time-frame for the installation of an Olivine burner at Tolko Industries Ltd.

Ministry of Environment - Dated October 26, 1990, RE: Flyash in the Nicola Valley

582/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

B.C. Hydro - Dated October 29, 1990, RE: Power Smart Program - Proclamation

583/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council receive the correspondence and proclaim the month of November, 1990 as "Power Smart Month in Merritt"; and further, that the City participate in "Power Smart Night" on Wednesday, November 14, 1990 by turning off all unnecessary lighting in municipal buildings at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

**REPORTS:**

**Administration and Finance Committee:**

**Minutes**

584/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on October 31, 1990.

CARRIED.

**Development and Planning Committee:**

Nil

**Protective Services Committee:**

Nil

**Public Works Committee:**

**Minutes**

585/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 31, 1990.

CARRIED.

Ministry of Transportation and Highways - Further Four-Laning of Nicola Avenue and Signalization of Nicola/Houston

586/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council refer the five-year plan for the four-laning of Nicola Avenue (east) and signalization of Nicola Avenue/Houston Street projects to the 1991 budget discussions for Council's consideration.

CARRIED.

Bridge Across Coldwater River

The Council discussed the Ministry of Transportation and Highways suggestion regarding a single-lane, inexpensive bridge being built across the Coldwater River to access the mills, and agreed that the City should further pursue other alternatives to river crossings.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes

Nil

Alderman Brown told the Council that the kitchen equipment was installed and ready for operation.

Alderman Lemire suggested the City look into City fire insurance coverage now that the kitchen was in operation.

BY-LAWS:

City of Merritt Budget Amendment By-law No. 1292, 1990

587/90 Moved by Alderman Cade, seconded by Alderman Lemire  
THAT Council waive the rules of procedure and give first three readings to "City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure By-law 1292, 1990".

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Purchase of Truck Chassis & Sewer Treatment Plant Sludge Spreader

588/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cade  
THAT Council authorize the purchase of a 1984 NS200 Mack Mid-Line C/O diesel truck complete with sludge spreader in the amount of \$37,074.00; and further, that Council authorize the Mayor and Treasurer/Collector to execute the required documents.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Yellowhead Highway Association 1991 Convention - Merritt

Alderman Lemire said that although he would no longer be Council's representative on the Yellowhead Highway Association, he would still like to assist in coordinating the 1991 Yellowhead Highway Association Convention.

589/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Cade  
THAT Council authorize Alderman Lemire to continue his involvement with the organization of the 1991 Yellowhead Association Convention even though he will not longer be on Council.

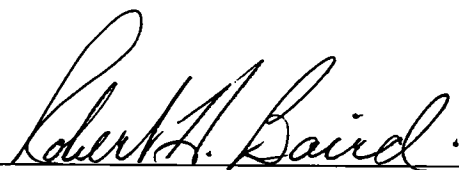
CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Council adjourned the Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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H.C. Ellens,  
City Clerk

  
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Robert H. Baird,  
Mayor

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          H. Lali, L. Lemire

**ADMINISTRATION:**

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G.M. Murray, Treasurer/Collector  
G.V. Zorn, Administrative Assistant

**MEDIA:**

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**OTHERS:**

Mayor-elect C. Norgaard  
Aldermen-elect:     T. Fox  
                          J. Hilton  
                          D. Laird  
                          R. Typusiak

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Acting Mayor Cade called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., and he introduced and welcomed the newly elected Merritt City Council.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting - November 8, 1990

590/90     Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
          THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting  
          held on Thursday, November 8, 1990, as circulated.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce - Dated November 9, 1990,  
RE: All-Candidates Forum Letter of Appreciation

591/90     Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Brown  
          THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce - Dated November 14, 1990, RE:  
Letter of Appreciation for Council Cooperation and Support

592/90     Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown  
          THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Nicola Contractors Association to Deputy Minister of Highways -  
Dated November 15, 1990, RE: Truck Route Proposal

593/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Lemire  
THAT Council receive the correspondence and invite the  
Nicola Contractors Association to attend an upcoming  
Standing Committee meeting to discuss the proposed truck  
route with Council.

CARRIED.

Council instructed Administration to advise the newly elected  
Council of the Nicola Contractors Association meeting scheduled for  
December 9, 1990.

REPORTS:

Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes

594/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration  
and Finance Committee meeting held on November 14, 1990.

CARRIED.

City Hall Furniture

595/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council authorize Administration in consultation  
with the Mayor to purchase the following office furniture  
at a cost not to exceed \$7,030.54:

- (1) Furniture for City Hall entry way;
- (2) Chairs for accounting clerks;
- (3) Filing cabinet for the City Administrator;
- (4) Blinds for windows between City Hall and the Civic  
Centre hallway;
- (5) Plants, clock, computer stand, and miscellaneous  
items for front office.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association - Grant-in-aid Request

596/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire  
THAT Council approve a grant-in-aid request from the  
Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association in the amount of  
\$135.00.

DEFEATED.

Personnel & Labour Relations Committee:

Minutes

597/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Personnel and  
Labour Relations Committee meeting held on Wednesday,  
November 14, 1990.

CARRIED.

Lidstone Young Anderson - Seminar for Municipal Clients

598/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council approve the Clerk-Administrator attending a one-day municipal seminar (free of charge) on Friday, November 30, 1990 at the Meridien Hotel, Vancouver, B.C. from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes

599/90 Moved by Alderman Lemire, seconded by Alderman Lali THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 1990.

CARRIED.

Economic Development - City of Merritt

600/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the City entering into a two-year contract with the Nicola Valley Community Futures Association to provide economic development services to the City of Merritt effective January 1, 1991 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

601/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council table Resolution No. 600/90 for the new Council's consideration.

CARRIED.

Protective Services Committee:

Minutes

602/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 1990.

CARRIED.

Crime Watch Proposal for the City of Merritt

603/90 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council invite S/Sgt. R. Stewart to the next Standing Committee Meeting to discuss with Council the Crime Watch Program.

CARRIED.

Public Works Committee:

Minutes

604/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lemire THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 1990.

CARRIED.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes

605/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation  
Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 1990.

CARRIED.

N.V.J.S.S. - Dated October 11, 1990, RE: Request to Burn Christmas  
Trees in Central Park Parking Lot

606/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council approve the request from the Nicola Valley  
Junior Secondary School Music Department to burn  
Christmas trees in the Central Park parking lot on  
Saturday, January 5, 1991 for concert tour fund raising.

CARRIED.

Family Skating Package - Rotary Auction

607/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of  
\$75.00 to the Merritt Centennials for 50% of a \$150.00  
family skating package for the Merritt Rotary Club  
auction scheduled for December 5, 1990.

CARRIED.

Arena Roof Repairs

608/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Lali  
THAT Council approve the repair of the Nicola Valley  
Memorial Arena roof at an estimated cost of \$18,000 in  
the spring of 1991; and further, that the City engage T.  
Owen, Architect, to provide professional services at a  
cost not to exceed \$2,250 as follows:

- (1) prepare specifications and details for a tender call;
- (2) assist the City in calling tenders, respond to questions during tendering, review tenders, and recommend a contractor;
- (3) provide inspection services, including contract administration and inspection of roof sheeting prior to roof application;
- (4) provide a final inspection and progress certificates, substantial performance and total performance of certificates (including an allowance for two site inspections).

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

City of Merritt 1991 Council Indemnity By-law No. 1293, 1990

609/90 Moved by Alderman Lali, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council waive the rules of procedure and give first  
three readings to "City of Merritt 1991 Council Indemnity  
By-law No. 1293, 1990".

CARRIED.



Amendment

610/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman  
THAT Council amend Paragraph No. 5 of Resolution No.  
509/90 to read "THAT this by-law shall come into force  
and effect as of December 3, 1990".

The Motion died for the lack of a seconder.

City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund  
Expenditure By-law No. 1292, 1990

611/90 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson  
THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt  
Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment By-law No. 1292,  
1990".

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:


Aldermen Lali, Lemire, and Cade thanked Council and the citizens  
of Merritt for their experience as members of City Council during  
their respective terms.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council adjourned the Meeting at  
8:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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H.C. Ellens,  
City Clerk

  
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Alderman J. Cade,  
Acting Mayor