

CITY OF MERRITT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, JULY 30TH, 1991 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL,
CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, BC**

PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

Mayor C. Norgaard
Aldermen: R. Brown, T. Fox, G. Henderson,
J. Hilton, D. Laird, R. Typusiak

ADMINISTRATION:

P. Tamilin, Treasurer-Collector/Acting Administrator
A. Hunchak, Superintendent of Public Works
G. Zorn, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

MEDIA:

Merritt Herald
Radio CJNL

OTHERS:

M.E. West, Kiwanis Club of Merritt
E. Colter
A. Colter
P. Beers
N. Beers
V. Langeloo
H. Langeloo

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Alderman Brown asked Council to add to the agenda "Merritt Information Centre" under RECREATION COMMITTEE - Other Business.

486/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting held
on Tuesday, July 30th, 1991, as amended.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

487/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, July 16th, 1991.

CARRIED.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

Mary Ellen West, Kiwanis Club of Merritt - Labour Day Parade

Mary Ellen West, representing the Kiwanis Club of Merritt, said that the Kiwanis Club would organize the 1991 Labour Day Parade.

Ms. West outlined the projected cost for organizing the parade, and said the Kinsmen Club was requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$423.86. She explained that any monies left would be returned to the City with a complete statement of expenditures. Ms. West said that she had already received 15 confirmed entries for the parade.

Alderman Hilton and the representative from CJNL Radio entered the Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m.

The Superintendent of Public Works left the Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Norgaard thanked Ms. West for attending the Council meeting, and she left the Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m.

Quilchena Residents - Rip Rap on Nicola River Bank

Nick Beers, Angus Colter, Vere Langeloo, and Harry Langeloo said they wanted Council to reverse its decision not to rip rap the river bank on properties abutting the Nicola River west of Woodlane Village based on the following points:

- concern for safety of children and adults;
- property pins indicate the river bank is not private property;
- City has provided rip rap on several other areas adjacent to the river;
- tree root system has temporarily halted erosion;
- only 120 feet of river bank needs to be rip rapped;
- point of greatest erosion will go quickly upon onset of high water;
- rip rap work upstream towards the bridge has changed the current of the river;
- City has until August 10th to complete the rip rap work according to Ministry of Environment specifications.

Mayor Norgaard thanked the delegation for attending the meeting, and they left the Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Norgaard said that she, Alderman Laird, and the Acting Administrator had met with Gary Youde and Brian Hobbs, from Urban Systems Ltd., to discuss the work program and road networking system on Crown Lands located in the northeast bench area.

488/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council receive the Mayor's Report of Tuesday, July 30th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Administration and Finance Committee:

489/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 1991.

CARRIED.

Kinsmen Mother's March (July 28th, 1991), RE: Request to Canvass Door to Door in Merritt in January, 1992

490/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council approve the request from the Kinsmen Mother's March to canvass door-to-door for their fundraising campaign in Merritt in January, 1992.

CARRIED.

Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce (July 18th, 1991), RE: Request for Grant-in-Aid for Rodeo and Fair Days

491/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council deny the request from the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce for a 1991 grant-in-aid for the Rodeo and Fair Days Parade given the 1991 grant-in-aid budget has already been expended.

CARRIED.

July 30, 1991

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 96 (June 20th, 1991), RE: Request for Grant-in-Aid for Remembrance Day Church Service - November 11th, 1991

492/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council approve the request from the Royal Canadian Legion for a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$214.00 (waiver of Civic Centre Auditorium rental fee) for the Remembrance Day Church Service on November 11th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Policy and Procedure in Conjunction with Unsightly Premises Bylaw

493/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council instruct Administration to proceed with implementing the policy and procedure in conjunction with City of Merritt Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1278, 1990 as outlined in the report from the Fire Chief (July 18th, 1991).

CARRIED.

Mountain View Contractors Ltd. - Tipping Fees

Mayor Norgaard left the Council Chambers at 7:58 p.m. for discussion of the following matter, and Acting Mayor Hilton assumed the Chair.

494/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council approve the City paying \$807.50 to Mountain View Contractors Ltd. for tipping fees for the disposal of old City Hall demolition waste material.

CARRIED.

Affirmative - Aldermen Laird, Henderson and Typusiak
Negative - Aldermen Brown and Fox

Mayor Norgaard returned to the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m. and resumed the Chair, and Acting Mayor Hilton resumed his seat at the Council table.

Accounts Payable - June/July, 1991

495/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council approve payment of the City of Merritt Accounts Payable for June and July, 1991.

CARRIED.

Development and Planning Committee:

Minutes:

496/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council receive the minutes of the Development and Planning Committee held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 1991.

CARRIED.

Urban Systems Ltd. (July 11th, 1991), RE: Northeast Servicing Review

497/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council approve Revision No. 3 of the Preliminary Development Concept Plan prepared by Civic Engineering Services Ltd. regarding the north Bench Crown Land subject to Ministry of Transportation and Highways verification of appropriate road rights-of-way width.

CARRIED.

498/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council approve the work program and professional fees in the amount of \$6,700.00 (plus G.S.T. and disbursements) as outlined and attached to the letter from Urban Systems Ltd. (July 11th, 1991).

CARRIED.

Kiwanis Club of Merritt - Request for Grant-in-Aid

499/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve the request from the Kiwanis Club of Merritt for a grant-in-aid in the amount of up to \$500.00 for the upcoming Rodeo Fair Days Parade expenses.

CARRIED.

Protective Services Committee

Minutes:

Alderman Typusiak noted that under "Petitions and Delegations" the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 1991 stated that Merritt ranked third in British Columbia for crime incidents per capita. He said that section should have read "Merritt ranked third in British Columbia for criminal code incidents per officer".

500/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Protective
Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 23rd,
1991 as amended.

CARRIED.

Animal Control Bylaw

501/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Fox
THAT Council instruct Administration to draft a City of
Merritt Animal Control Bylaw as recommended in a report
from the Fire Chief/Bylaw Enforcement Officer (July 10th,
1991).

CARRIED.

Crime in Merritt

502/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council instruct Administration to investigate the
Crime Stopper Tips Program in Merritt and provide a
report for the next Standing Committee Meeting.

Amending Motion:

503/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council amend the Main Motion by inserting the words
"and a Crime Watch Program" before the words "in
Merritt".

Amending Motion - CARRIED.

Main Motion - CARRIED.

Ministry of Social Services - Request for Street Worker in Merritt

504/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council instruct Administration to contact the
Ministry of Social Services in Merritt expressing
Council's concern about increased crime and the
possibility of the Ministry acquiring a street worker to
handle children and youth on Merritt streets at night
time.

CARRIED.

Public Works Committee:

Minutes:

505/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Henderson
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Public Works
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 1991.

CARRIED.

Merritt Information Centre Water System

506/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council authorize the expenditure of up to
\$20,000.00 for renovations to provide for a water
reservoir to ensure the operations of rest rooms at the
Merritt Information Centre; and further that Council
authorize Mayor Norgaard to lobby the Provincial
Government to provide funding for said renovations.

CARRIED.

Mayor Norgaard said that she, the City Administrator, and the
Treasurer-Collector would meet with the Ministry of Transportation
and Highways on Thursday, August 2nd, 1991 to discuss several
matters of mutual concern.

507/91 Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council authorize the Superintendent of Public Works
to travel to Vancouver to look into purchasing some used
water tanks for the water reservoir at the Merritt
Information Centre.

CARRIED.

Rip Rap of Nicola River

508/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council instruct Administration to proceed with rip
rap work on the Nicola River bank west of the property
referred to in Resolution No. 462/91 under the direction
of the Ministry of Environment specifications to a
maximum of \$4,000.00 providing the funding is available.

CARRIED.

Affirmative - Mayor Norgaard, Aldermen Brown, Hilton
Laird, and Typusiak
Negative - Aldermen Fox and Henderson

Recreation Committee:

Minutes:

509/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak
THAT Council receive the minutes of the Recreation
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 1991.

CARRIED.

Western Canadian Orienteering Championships (July 7th, 1991),
RE: Request to Rent Portable Toilets for Orienteering
Championships

510/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak
THAT Council deny the request from Western Canadian
Orienteering Championships to rent the City's portable
toilets for the 13th Annual Western Canadian Orienteering
Championships given the City will have no toilets
available on that date.

CARRIED.

Merritt Mixed Slowpitch Association (July 22nd, 1991), RE: Request
for Special Occasion Licence - July 27th and 28th, 1991

511/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council approve the request from the Merritt Mixed
Slowpitch Association for Special Occasion Licence to
conduct a beer garden in Central Park on July 27th and
28th, 1991 subject to R.C.M.P. approval.

CARRIED.

Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Development and Construction Committee

512/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak
THAT Council refer the request from the Nicola Valley
Aquatic Centre Committee that two of its representatives
serve on the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Development and
Construction Committee to said Development and
Construction Committee for its consideration.

CARRIED.

Central Park Master Plan

513/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council approve Concept A of the design concept
presented by Allan Neufeld, Architect, with modifications
for additional parking capacity on the Central Park
Master Plan.

Mayor Norgaard reported that she had asked Mr. Neufeld, Architect, to reconsider his proposal to develop trails along the embankment behind Central Park. She said she had further asked Mr. Neufeld to relocate the buildings on the Master Plan given that the present building site encroached upon R.C.M.P. owned lands. Mayor Norgaard said she had also suggested that the Architect place measurements on the plan.

514/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council defer Resolution No. 513/91 until Council receives a response from Mr. Allan Neufeld, Architect, regarding Mayor Norgaard's suggested modifications to Concept A of the Central Park Master Plan.

CARRIED.

Committee of the Whole

Merritt Information Centre

515/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the Mayor in the Chair.

CARRIED.

The Committee discussed the offensive conditions in the Merritt Information Centre restrooms and **RECOMMENDS** that Council instruct Administration to post signs for the travelling public advising that the Merritt Information Centre restrooms are temporarily out of commission and further advising travellers to use restroom facilities in downtown Merritt until the water problem is resolved.

516/91 Moved by Alderman Laird, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED.

517/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Laird THAT Council approve the recommendations made by the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

City of Merritt Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1308, 1991

518/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Hilton
THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt
Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1308, 1991".

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Civic Properties and Recreation Commission
Amendment Bylaw No. 1309, 1991

519/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Laird
THAT Council reconsider and adopt "City of Merritt Civic
Properties and Recreation Commission Amendment Bylaw No.
1309, 1991".

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Signing Officer for City of Merritt

520/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council appoint Mr. Tom Day, Clerk-Administrator,
as a signing authority for the City of Merritt; and
further, that Council rescind the appointment of Ms.
Georgina Zorn as a signing authority.

CARRIED.

Report from Mayor Norgaard - Disaster Management for Government
Officials Seminar

521/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Brown
THAT Council receive the report from Mayor Norgaard
(undated) regarding the Disaster Management for
Government Officials Seminar on September 5th, 1991; and
further, that Council authorize Alderman T. Fox, Alderman
R. Typusiak, and Fire Chief, R. Finley, to attend said
seminar at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 per person.

CARRIED.


South Central Union Board of Health Report

Alderman Brown said he had heard about major changes in the health
field at the last South Central Board of Health Meeting, and that
he would provide a report at the next Council Meeting.

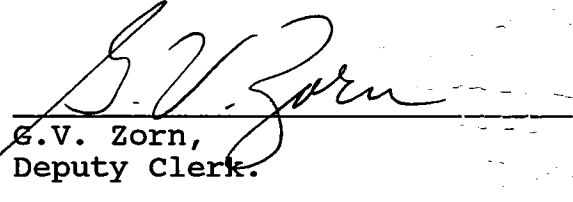
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion from Alderman Brown the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



C.R. Norgaard,
Mayor.



G.V. Zorn,
Deputy Clerk.