

**CITY OF MERRITT**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1991 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, BC**

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**PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**

T. Day, Clerk-Administrator  
P. Tamilin, Treasurer-Collector  
D. Osborne, Parks & Recreation Director  
A. Campbell, Clerk-Typist

**MEDIA:**

Merritt Herald  
Radio CJNL  
Shaw Cablevision

**OTHERS:**

Maisie Fish

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Acting Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

**Amendment**

Acting Mayor Laird requested Council to add:

- . under "Correspondence" item (m), a letter to the City from Hardy BBT Limited dated September 9th, 1991 and item (n), a letter to the City from the Ministry of Tourism dated September 5th, 1991;
- . under "Reports" an addition to the Recreation Committee report;
- . under "Bylaws" item (a), additional information and item (h), City of Merritt Zoning Amendment By-Law No. 1318, 1991 (Ministry of Transportation and Highways);
- . under "New Business" item (a), New Agenda Format.

599/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Fox  
THAT Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting held  
on Tuesday, September 10th, 1991 as amended.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 27th, 1991

600/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Hilton  
THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
Council held on Tuesday, August 27th, 1991.

CARRIED.

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

Merritt Tourist Information Gift Shop Operation

- Maisie Fish

Maisie Fish presented her position as operator of the gift shop  
requesting Council's consideration for the continuation of sales  
of certain food items and drinks through her shop.

Acting Mayor Laird thanked Mrs. Fish for attending the Council  
meeting, and she left the Council Chambers at 7:45 PM.

Upgrading of Street Condition of Second Avenue

601/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Hilton  
THAT Council receive the petition from the residents of  
Second Avenue and refer their request to the 1992 Budget.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Planning Professional Programs 1991 (Fall)

- UBC Centre for Human Settlements School of Community and Regional  
Planning.

602/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Typusiak  
THAT Council receive for information the Fall 1991  
Courses and Registration Form.

CARRIED.

Application to Operate Fruit Stand at Merritt Information Centre  
- E.R. Shaw (Farmer Ed's Fruit Stand)

603/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive Mr. Shaw's letter dated August 30th, 1991, and refer it to an In Camera Meeting.

CARRIED.

Crime Watch Program - Merritt Area  
- S/Sgt. Stewart, Merritt R.C.M.P. Detachment

604/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the R.C.M.P. letter dated August 27th, 1991 and refer it to the next Protective Services Committee Meeting.

CARRIED.

Hope Brigade Days  
- Ross F. Relyea, President

605/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive for information the Hope Brigade Days letter dated August 30th, 1991.

CARRIED.

D. Osborne informed Council that Gloria Bee & the Bee Train will be representing Merritt in the parade.

Request for Support (Heritage site)  
- City of Kelowna

606/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Hilton THAT Council receive for information and support the request made in the letter from the City of Kelowna dated August 27th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Letters of Information - Ministry of Forests  
- T.R. Sheldan, District Manager, Merritt Forest District

607/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive for information and file the letter from the Ministry of Forests dated August 21st, 1991.

CARRIED.

List of Parades and Awards Won - Gloria Bee & the Bee Train

608/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive for information the report received from F.J. Embury on August 19th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Task Force on Public Order - Ivan C. Messmer, Solicitor General

609/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive for information the letter from the Solicitor General dated August 19th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Utility Tax - District of Logan Lake

610/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the letter from the District of Logan Lake dated August 16th, 1991 and endorse their concerns.

CARRIED.

Donation Request - Tumbleweed Playschool Society

611/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council receive the letter from Tumbleweed Playschool Society dated August 19th, 1991 and further that Council authorize the Superintendent of Public Works in consultation with the Society to commence and complete the installation of sewer and water lines to the new location as soon as possible at a cost of approximately \$1,500 and further to amend our 1991 Budget to reflect this and that this action be detailed under Accounts Receivable for 1991.

CARRIED.

Request for Support, RE: Alaskan Boundary Line  
- City of Prince Rupert, BC

612/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive and support the letter from the City of Prince Rupert dated August 21st, 1991.

CARRIED.

Rails-to-Trails: Moving Forward Symposium

- Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

613/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive for information the registration form from Rails-to-Trails referring to the November 15th-16th, 1991 Symposium.

CARRIED.

Well at Tourist Info Centre - Hardy BBT Limited

614/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak seconded by Alderman Hilton THAT Council receive the information regarding the well upgrading at the Information Centre and refer the matter back to the Public Works Committee and their meeting with the officials of the Department of Highways in Victoria.

CARRIED.

- The Administrator stated that the City Administrator met with Mr. Kirk of the Department of Highways regarding the Tourist Centre and other areas of common interest. The lease on the Tourist Centre is to be renegotiated by the end of this year. Mr. Kirk felt that if the upgrading of the Tourist Centre washrooms was the Department of Highways responsibility that funds would be available if it was absolutely necessary. The City Council and Administrator will be meeting next week in Victoria with the Department's senior officials.

- Alderman Hilton felt that more quotes should be obtained before accepting Hardy BBT Limited's proposal. He also would like to know if the Ministry of Highways will take responsibility or not.

- Alderman Brown would like Council to reconsider the Department of Highways lease contract due to increased costs that the City can no longer afford.

- Alderman Typusiak stated that this is a continuing problem and feels that the City needs to obtain a proper study to rectify the situation once and for all.

- Alderman Hilton cannot justify the expense being incurred outside the City limits and feels that the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Highways should be responsible. If the Ministries cannot commit to the expenses then he would suggest the Information Center washrooms be shut down.

- Aldermen Henderson and Brown both agreed with Alderman Hilton's viewpoint.

Operation of Tourist Info Centre - Ministry of Tourism

615/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive for information the letter from the Ministry of Tourism dated September 5th, 1991.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Committee Reports:

Administration and Finance Committee:

Alderman Typusiak reported on the Committee meeting with the TNRD held Monday, September 9th, 1991 in Merritt.

In Attendance: Chairman TNRD Board of Directors, Chuck Marshal; Director, Pat Lunzmann (area N); TNRD Administrator, Eric Shishido; TNRD Treasurer, John Smith; Acting Mayor David Laird, Alderman John Hilton, City Administrator - Tom Day, City Treasurer - Peter Taminlin, and Alderman Typusiak. The following items were discussed.

1. PEP Co-ordinator for Area's M & N

The TNRD has no available funding for this service and cannot raise such funding without approval for the service by referendum by the residents of areas M & N. The earliest this could occur would be in time for the 1993 Budget. The TNRD position remains that Provincial funding and assistance should continue for such a program. They would welcome any invitation by the City to lobby jointly the Provincial Government for continuation of funding for such an area program if a common co-ordinator is appointed.

2. Fire Inspections Area M & N

There is currently mechanisms in place for a Provincial jurisdiction body to do fire inspections in areas M & N and until all the logistical issues can be satisfactorily resolved, the TNRD would prefer that the existing procedure remain in place.

3. Landfill Contract

A renewal contract must be negotiated by September 30th, 1991. The Administration from the City and the TNRD are working on a new contract for submission to Council and the TNRD.

4. Fees for Service for Recreation and Fire Protection Services

The TNRD administration requests that the City provide the appropriate data, reports, and documentation to the TNRD as soon as is practical to ensure that the process goes smoothly. The City agreed to do so.

As Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, Alderman Typusiak thanked all the participants for the smooth, frank, and productive meeting.

616/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Hilton THAT Council receive the report of the Administration and Finance Committee dated September 9th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Recreation Committee:

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - August 26, 1991

617/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission held August 26, 1991.

CARRIED.

- Concession

618/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council allow Merritt Minor Hockey and the Arena Manager to install additional vending machines.

CARRIED.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - September 4th, 1991

619/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission held September 4th, 1991.

CARRIED.

- Commission Appointments

620/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council appoint Dwayne Tom and Noni Miyazaki to the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission for a term expiring December 31st, 1992.

CARRIED.

- Central Park Master Plan

621/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council accept the master plan draft of Allan Neufeld, Landscape Architect, of August 27th, 1991.

CARRIED.

- Reciprocal Usage - School District No. 31

622/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council amend Clause No. 1 of the School District No. 31/City of Merritt Reciprocal Use Agreement Letter of August 22nd, 1989 (Resolution No. 400/89) to clarify that the reciprocal usage is for school pupils and for activities directly benefiting school pupils and that exceptions to this will be dealt with directly by City Council.

623/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council defer Motion 622/91 to the next Administration and Finance Committee Meeting.

CARRIED.

624/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council approve a one year extension to the letter of agreement, RE: City/School District No. 31 Reciprocal Use Policy to terminate on August 22nd, 1992.

CARRIED.

625/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Hinton THAT Council provide School District No. 31 with a letter requesting its consideration of a relaxation of the overtime rate provision of its rental policy to assist community groups wishing to use the schools on weekends in doing so at a lower cost, but without lack of facility control.

CARRIED.

Administration Reports:

Building Inspector's Report

626/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the Building Inspector's Report for Month of August, 1991.



Animal Control Report

627/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council receive the Animal Control Report for Month of August, 1991.

CARRIED.

Merritt Travel Info Centre Report

628/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive the Merritt Travel Info Centre Report for the Month of August, 1991

CARRIED.

Chamber of Commerce Agreement for Signage Revenue Sharing

629/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council authorize the payment of all of the \$810.21 cost of preparation of the City Map for the Advertising Signage at the Information Centre incurred by the Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED.

The Treasurer advised Council that there are funds available in the Economic Development Budget account that could be used.

Tourist Centre - Operating and Capital Costs and Increased Usage of Washrooms

630/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive for information the report by P.W. Tamin, Treasurer included in the agenda of the regular Council meeting of September 10th, 1991.

CARRIED.

Deputy Clerk - Yvonne Porada

631/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council receive for information the memo from the Clerk-Administrator dated September 5th, 1991.

CARRIED.

**BY-LAWS**

**City of Merritt Animal Contral By-law No. 1312, 1991**

632/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Fox  
THAT Council rescind third reading of By-law No. 1312,  
1991 and refer the by-law back to the Protective Services  
Committee.

CARRIED.

**City of Merritt Commmunity Recreational Facilities Rental Rates  
By-law No. 1313,1991**

633/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council rescind third reading and amend By-law No.  
1313, 1991.

CARRIED.

634/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council give third reading to By-law No. 1313, 1991  
as amended.

CARRIED.

**City of Merritt Tennis Complex Lease By-law No. 1314, 1991**

635/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak  
THAT Council reconsider and adopt By-law No. 1314, 1991.

CARRIED.

**City of Merritt Travel Expense By-law No. 1315, 1991**

636/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Alderman Brown  
THAT Council reconsider and adopt By-law No. 1315, 1991.

CARRIED.

**City of Merritt Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1316, 1991  
- Rezoning Application No. 91/03, Valnicola Motor Hotel**

637/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Typusiak  
THAT Council give first and second reading to By-law No.  
1316, 1991.

CARRIED.

City of Merritt Mobile Home Parks By-law No. 1317, 1991

638/91 Moved by Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Typusiak THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to By-law No. 1317, 1991.

CARRIED.

The Administrator stated that this By-law will not affect existing mobile home parks.

City of Merritt Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1318, 1991

- Ministry of Transportation and Highway's offices on Voght Street (Registered owner - Highbury Construction Ltd.)

639/91 Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Henderson THAT Council give first and second reading to By-law No. 1318, 1991.

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Merritt Tourist Information Gift Shop Operation

- Maisie Fish

640/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council defer the matter of the contract to the Development and Planning Committee.

DEFEATED.

641/91 Moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Brown THAT Council direct the Administration to write Maisie Fish a letter informing her that she has Council's permission to continue selling confections with no further additions to her inventory list without consulting City Council. Further, that the existing policy of no consumption of food or beverages on the premises be retained.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

OMMA Executive Meeting

Alderman Henderson give a verbal report on the OMMA Meeting. They decided to keep the same theme of 'Policing' for 1992.

Agenda Format

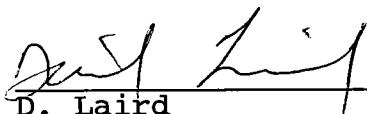
642/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman Fox THAT Council adopt the Administrator's suggested agenda format as outlined in the extra agenda for September 10th, 1991 Council meeting and that the procedure by-law be amended to reflect same.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion from Alderman Brown the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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D. Laird  
Acting Mayor.

  
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T. Day,  
Clerk-Administrator.