

**CITY OF MERRITT**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1991 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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**1. PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**

T. Day, Clerk-Administrator  
P. Tamin, Treasurer/Collector  
Y. Porada, Deputy Clerk

**MEDIA:**

Radio NL

**OTHERS:**

Delegation - E.A. Armstrong and Luanne Armstrong,  
Re: Views of Proposed Waste Incinerator.  
R. Achtem, Property Owner, Lot B, Plan 19128.  
Twenty-one members of the public.

**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1316, 1991.  
(Lot 1, D.L. 124, K.D.Y.D., Plan 38721 from P1 - Park and Public Use to C4 - Highway Commercial).

Mayor Norgaard read out the procedures to follow for a Public Hearing and advised Bylaw No. 1316 would effect the property of the Valnicola Hotel.

Mr. Day summarized: Bylaw No. 1316 would ensure that the zoning of the hotel's parking lot would conform with the zoning of the hotel.

Alderman Brown enquired if all necessary easements had been registered. The Administrator replied that they had.

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3. a) No petitions had been received and no members of the public spoke on the proposed bylaw.  
Mayor Norgaard declared this portion of the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.
- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1318, 1991, (Lot B, Plan 19128, Sec. 22, Twp. 91, K.D.Y.D., from C4 - Highway Commercial to C5 - General/Highway Commercial).

Mayor Norgaard read out the procedures to follow for a Public Hearing and advised Bylaw No. 1318 would effect the property that was currently occupied by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

Mr. Day summarized: to permit the expansion of the Ministry's building the zoning required a change from C4 to C5.

Mr. Richard Achtem provided Council with the background of his property, the purpose of the building would not alter and the number of employees would remain unchanged. Proposed plans were available for viewing.

No petitions had been received and no further members of the public spoke on the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Norgaard advised that the Zoning Amendment Bylaws would be discussed later at the Special Meeting and declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:10. A 15 minute recess was called.

4. SPECIAL MEETING:

- a) Mayor Norgaard called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

b) Petitions and Delegations:

- 1) E.A. Armstrong and Luanne Armstrong, Spokesman,  
Re: Views of Proposed Waste Incinerator.
- concerned with small waste incinerators, have well-documented research and legitimate concerns.
  - feel Council is not addressing these concerns, require specifics on both Pacific Incinerations Ltd. and Synconix Environmental Solutions Ltd. proposals.
  - have presented a package to Council, as well as two letters and to date received no reply.
  - are being cooperative and want to provide positive development in the community.

4. b) 1) - believe proposals will have a negative impact on the community and future generations.
- enquired why they could not meet with Council Committee members, rather than Council as a whole.

General discussion followed, with various Council members bringing points forth:

- both companies have contacted Council only once and a resolution resulted: "that Council approve the proposal by Synconix Environmental Solutions Ltd. and Pacific Incinerations Ltd. to establish a wood pellet plant and an international waste incinerator in Merritt subject to compliance with all Municipal, Provincial, and Federal regulations". No formal proposals presented, nor technical data received.
- question whether all of the delegation's data is fact.
- Have the appropriate Ministries been contacted for regulations, information and procedures for Public Hearings?
- administration can provide names and addresses of the companies involved.
- both proposals were discussed at open meetings.
- Pacific's proposal basically was to receive a ruling \* from Council on zoning of sites. \* ~~Industrial~~ Zoning would apply. See amending Resolution no. 690/91 of Regular Council minutes of Oct. 22, 1991.
- Council has not provided or given support, approval or anything to the companies other than zoning information.
- Council requested the delegation's wishes on the matter.
- decision lies with the Ministries and public response.
- suggest the delegation contact the applicable Ministries request material, question the procedures and state the opinion of their committee.
- municipality has authority only over certain issues: land use, zoning and proposed uses. Council opinion may be requested, but other agencies provide approvals.
- incinerator would be exempt from taxes.
- Council invited the public present to attend the public hearings if and when they are scheduled, provide their input, get the facts and keep an open mind. The delegation was commended for its work and presenting its points to Council.

The delegation and members of the public left the meeting at 8:18 p.m., as well as Alderman Hilton.

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4. c) Bylaws:

- 1) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1316, 1991.  
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Public Use to C4 - Highway Commercial).

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~~643~~/91 Moved by Alderman Typusiak, seconded by Alderman  
Henderson that Council give THIRD READING to "CITY OF  
MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1316, 1991".

CARRIED

Alderman Hilton returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

- \* see amending  
resolution no.  
690/91 of Regular  
Council minutes of  
Oct. 22, 1991.
- 2) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.\*<sup>1318</sup>~~1313~~, 1991.  
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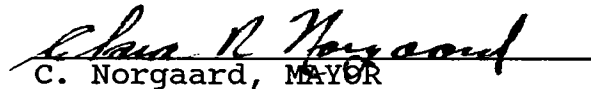
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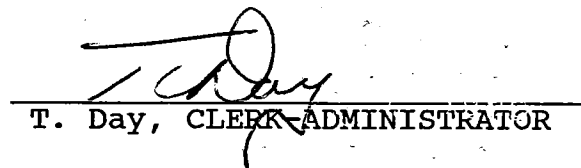
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5. ADJOURNMENT: Alderman Brown moved the meeting ADJOURN  
at 8:21 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
C. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
T. Day, CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR