

# CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

Mayor - C. Norgaard  
Councillors - D. Laird, R. Brown, T. Fox  
G. Henderson

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T. Day  
Clerk - Y. Porada  
Treasurer - S. Gill  
Planner - F. Sinclair  
Fire Chief - R. Finley  
Director of Parks  
& Recreation - D. Osborne

MEDIA: Shaw Cable, Merritt Herald and Merritt News

DELEGATIONS: R. Ellis, Chairman, C. Marshall, Director,  
Pat Lunzmann, Electoral Director, E. Shishido,  
Administrator, T.N.R.D.  
A. Dalton, Director of Libraries, C.T.-N.L.S.  
R. Ellis, Chairman, R. Kask, Vice-President of  
Administrative Services, 1993 Canada Games

Two members of the general public.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Meeting, Tues., March 9/93.

283/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson  
that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of  
Tues., March 9/93, including the Extra Agenda of March 9/93.  
CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

a) Regular Meeting, Tues., Feb. 23/93.

284/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird  
that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
Tues., Feb. 23/93. CARRIED

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5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- a) 1993 Canada Summer Games Regionalization Committee, Mr. R. (Bob) Ellis, Chairman and Mr. R. Kask, Vice-President of Administrative Services - Signage.

Mr. Kask opened the delegation with:

- an introductory report on the status of the 1993 Canada Summer Games budget and fundraising;
- thanked the City of Merritt for its support; and
- advised that the sailing venue location at Quilchena is still being negotiated, but noted if this location could not be settled, alternatives are being explored.

Mr. Ellis presented the following:

- advised that Merritt's Regionalization Committee, (noting Darch Osborne and Helmut Kanduth) was working extremely hard to make the 1993 Canada Summer Games a success;
- appealed to the Council to consider installation of the Canada Games signage;
- requested C. Marshall, Director to provide a rundown on the costs involved with Chase's installation: 2 men @ 2 manhours; \$200 for equipment; and approximately \$50 for materials; and
- emphasized that certainly, of all of the smaller municipalities, Merritt would probably gain the most spin-off from the Canada Games, therefore its citizens would probably support expenditures involved with signage.

Council's main concern was with the location of the signage (approximately 20 miles south of Merritt), which was the area preferred by 1993 Canada Summer Games Committee. Mr. Ellis advise the Committee had to be more realistic and accept the location Council chose.

- b) T.N.R.D., Mr. R. (Bob) Ellis, Chairman - Discussion on Regional District/City Issues.

Eurasion Milfoil - Nicola Lake - R. Ellis Chairman

- the Ministry of Environment was not supplying additional funding for the 1993/94 budget;
- the Ministry was aware of the problem at Nicola Lake and was giving it consideration;
- the Regional Board believes this issue is the Provincial Government's responsibility; and
- a meeting was scheduled with the Assistant Deputy Minister Dr. Jon O'Riordan for March 17/93 to discuss this matter.

Merritt Library Lease - C. Marshall, Director

- advised the Library Board's main concern was with Merritt requesting payment of taxes, which if paid throughout the region, calculates to 10% of the library's "book" budget;

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5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: b) Cont'd.

- b) - the time line for the new library facility in Merritt, is slated for approximately 1994/95; and
- cancellation of the Provincial Government's GO B.C. Program has drastically effected the funding calculated for construction of the facilities in Williams Lake and Merritt, but this is still being negotiated.

The delegations and all but one member of the general public, left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks -

- 1) Feb. 23/93 - Discharge of Untreated Wastewater.

285/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from the Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks, Feb. 23/93 - Discharge of Untreated Wastewater. CARRIED

- 2) Feb. 17/93 - Beverage Container Strategy.

286/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from the Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks, Feb. 17/93 - Beverage Container Strategy. CARRIED

- b) Ministry of Advanced Education, Training & Technology, Feb. 24/93 - UCC College Facilities.

287/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training & Technology Feb. 24/93 - UCC College Facilities. CARRIED

- c) Fraser Basin Management Board, Open Houses.

288/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE notice from the Fraser Basin Management Board, Open House and AUTHORIZE expenses for the Mayor to attend on March 15/93 in Kamloops, B.C. CARRIED

- d) U.B.C.M. -

- 1) March 3/93 - Final Pre-Budget Consultation Meeting.

289/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from U.B.C.M., March 3/93 Final Pre-Budget Consultation Meeting and SUPPORT the Minister of Finance being requested to maintain the 1992 Revenue Sharing Unconditional grant level for 1993. CARRIED

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6. CORRESPONDENCE: d) Cont'd.

- d) 2) New Environmental Legislation and Regulation: A Conference on the Delegation of Provincial Powers.

290/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from U.B.C.M. - New Environmental Legislation and Regulation: A Conference on the Delegation of Provincial Powers and AUTHORIZE expenses for Councillor Laird to attend. CARRIED

- e) Yellowhead Action Report #95 - Winter 1993.

291/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Yellowhead Action Report #95 - Winter 1993, Yellowhead Highway Association. CARRIED

- f) Ministry of Health, Feb. 25/93 - Child Care Regulation Review - Community Forums. Discussion Guides in "Reader" File.

292/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Ministry of Health, Feb. 25/93 - Child Care Regulation Review - Community Forums and AUTHORIZE expenses for Councillor Laird to attend. CARRIED

- g) Merritt Rescue Team -  
1) Feb./93 Report.

293/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Merritt Rescue Team's Report, Feb./93. CARRIED

The remaining member of the general public left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

- 2) March 3/93 - Sigma 1 Rescue System.

294/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from Merritt Rescue Team, March 3/93 - Sigma 1 Rescue System and AUTHORIZE expenditure of \$5,000 as a downpayment for the purchase of said system. CARRIED

- h) T.N.R.D., March 3/93 - Second Part-time Caretaker at the Lower Nicola Landfill.

295/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from T.N.R.D., March 3/93 - Second Part-time Caretaker at the Lower Nicola Landfill. CARRIED

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**6. CORRESPONDENCE: h) Cont'd.**

- 296/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council AGREE to amending Section 1.(a) and 2. of the City/T.N.R.D. Refuse Disposal Contract to allow for an additional part-time site attendant, provided the second attendant does not increase the 1993 budget. CARRIED
- 297/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a letter to the T.N.R.D. and REQUEST clarification on the current practice of charging tipping fees vis-a-vis Section 12. of the City/T.N.R.D. Refuse Disposal Contract. CARRIED
- i) Nicola Valley Arts Council, Feb. 25/93 - Annual Children's Festival "Kiddies" Parade.
- 298/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Nicola Valley Arts Council, Feb. 25/93 - Annual Children's Festival "Kiddies" Parade, April 17/93, and GRANT permission for said parade. CARRIED
- j) Heritage Society of B.C., Feb. 19/93 - 1993 Annual Conference, June 3-6. Newsletter in "Reader" File.

Mayor Norgaard requested Councillor Laird to take the Chair and left the Council Chambers at 8:36 p.m.

- 299/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Heritage Society of B.C., Feb. 19/93 - 1993 Annual Conference, June 3-6. CARRIED
- k) Mr. & Mrs. P. Swetlishoff, Feb. 23/93 - Tax Exemptions for Church Property.
- 300/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Mr. & Mrs. P. Swetlishoff, Feb. 23/93 - Tax Exemptions for Church Property. CARRIED

**7. REPORTS:**

**c) Administration Reports:**

- 1) Minutes of Commission/Committee Meetings -  
i) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre, Feb. 23/93.

- 301/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Minutes of the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Meeting, Feb. 23/93. CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard returned to the Council Chambers at 8:40 p.m.

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**7. REPORTS: Cont'd.**

**a) Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Norgaard presented her report as follows:

- proclaimed April 4-10/93 as "National Wildlife Week";
- announced that 5 of the 24 Regional Economic Development Officers will be stationed in the Kamloops/Okanagan region;
- proclaimed April 11-17 as "Building Safety Week";
- announced a Special Council Meeting scheduled for Mon., March 15/93 at 8:15 a.m. re. Bylaw No. 1360.

302/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Mayor Norgaard's report of March 9/93.  
CARRIED

**b) Council Liaisons:**

**Public Works** - Councillor Laird

- Pitch-In Week is partially organized, but requires Council's discussion on the City's involvement, at the next Committee Meeting.

**South Central Union Board of Health** - Councillor Laird

- Communities Health Program Meeting, March 10 at 11:30 p.m.

**Boundary Restructure Study** - Councillor Laird

- boundaries have almost been determined;
- Provincial Government cost-sharing needs to be confirmed;
- proposed referendum for June/93; and
- discussed holding referendums in each of the proposed boundary restructure areas.

**Protective Services** - Councillor Henderson

- attended Fire Department meeting March 8/93;
- no meeting date set with Staff Sergeant Stewart and Crown Counsel regarding expediency of court cases.

**Healthy Communities** - Councillor Brown

- meeting scheduled for March 10/93 at 9:00 a.m.

**c) Administration Reports: Cont'd.**

2) Merritt Information Centre - Feb./93.

303/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Merritt Information Centre, Feb./93 Report.  
CARRIED

3) Merritt R.C.M. Police - Jan./93.

304/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Merritt R.C.M. Police - Jan.93 Report and SEND a letter of thanks to the Citizen's Patrol for its dedication.  
CARRIED

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7. REPORTS: c) Cont'd.

c) 4) Ratification of In-Camera Motion No. 210.

305/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RATIFY In-Camera Motion No. 210/93 to ENDORSE that the lot at 1164 Douglas Street, be advertised for sale in the local newspaper for an asking price of \$20,900.00 and that a "For Sale" sign be erected at this lot. CARRIED

5) Memo, March 2/93 - Payment of Accounts: Feb./93.

306/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council APPROVE Payment of Accounts: Feb./93. CARRIED

6) Memo, Feb. 22/93 - Insurance Quotes for General Insurance.

307/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, Feb. 22/93 - Insurance Quotes for General Insurance and AWARD the Insurance Contract for General Insurance to Ellis Insurance Agency Ltd. for a price of \$18,230.00 for the period of April 1/93-March 31/94. CARRIED

7) Memo, March 4/93 - 1993 Annual Budget Deliberations.

308/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, March 4/93 - 1993 Annual Budget Deliberations and SET April 19 and 20/93 at 7:00 p.m. for said budget deliberations. CARRIED

8) Parks & Recreation - 1993 Field Users.

309/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Parks & Recreation - 1993 Field Users Report. CARRIED

9) Memo, March 4/93 - CP Rail Station - Heritage Designation.

310/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council SEND a letter to the Ministry of Crown Lands advising of Council's proposed bylaw, designating the CPRail Station as a heritage site, and Council's intention to proceed with said bylaw. CARRIED

10) Memo, March 4/93 - Fire Protection Agreement.

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**7. REPORTS:** c) 10) Cont'd.

- 311/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council DELETE Section V. 11. of the City/T.N.R.D. Fire Services Agreement and ENTER into said agreement. CARRIED
- 312/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to execute the City/T.N.R.D. Fire Services Agreement. CARRIED
- 313/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a letter to the Coldwater and Lower Nicola Improvement Districts advising, Council would appreciate it if the Improvement Districts would comply with the document "Water Supply for Public Fire Protection", published by the Insurance Bureau of Canada. CARRIED

**8. BYLAWS:**

- a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1378, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration and Adoption.
- 314/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1378, 1993". CARRIED
- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1379, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration and Adoption.
- 315/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1379, 1993". CARRIED
- c) City of Merritt Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1380, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration and Adoption.
- 316/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW NO. 1380, 1993". CARRIED
- d) City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw No. 1382, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration and Adoption.
- 317/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL PROCEDURES BYLAW NO. 1382, 1993". CARRIED
- e) 1) Memo, March 4/93 - Proposed Bylaw No. 1389 - Road Closure - Double K Auto Ltd.



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8. BYLAWS: e) 1) Cont'd.

318/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, March 4/3 - Proposed Bylaw No. 1389 - Road Closure - Double K Auto Ltd. and APPROVE road closure for land between Lot B, Plan 1446 and Lot 38, Plan 747, Voght Street, as applied for by Double K Auto Ltd.  
CARRIED

319/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council AGREE to sell the land between Lot B, Plan 1446 and Lot 38, Plan 747, Voght Street, to Double K Auto Ltd., at market value, provided it is consolidated with adjacent property.  
CARRIED

2) City of Merritt Unnamed Road Stopping Up and Closure Bylaw No. 1389, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second and Third Readings.

320/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT UNNAMED ROAD STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1389, 1993".  
CARRIED

321/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT UNNAMED ROAD STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1389, 1993".  
CARRIED

322/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT UNNAMED ROAD STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1389, 1993".  
CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) The following motion was deferred by Motion No. 147/93, Feb. 9/93, until Council had met with the Chairman of the 1993 Canada Summer Games Regionalization Committee.

146/93-Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council INSTRUCT the Public Works Crew to install the 1993 Canada Summer Games Sign at the Merritt Information Centre, when convenient to its schedule.  
DEFERRED

323/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council LIFT FROM THE TABLE Motion No. 146/93 installation of the 1993 Canada Summer Games Sign.

CARRIED

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**9. OTHER BUSINESS: a) Cont'd.**

324/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council AMEND Motion No. 146/93 by adding "... and further that Pat Lunzmann, T.N.R.D. Area "M" Electoral Director be consulted prior to choosing this, or any other site for the sign location". CARRIED

325/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council INSTRUCT the Public Works Crew to install the 1993 Canada Summer Games Sign at the Merritt Information Centre, when convenient to its schedule, and further that Pat Lunzmann, T.N.R.D. Area "M" Electoral Director be consulted prior to choosing this, or any other site for the sign location. CARRIED

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

326/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council INCLUDE as an Extra Agenda item, the Merritt Library Lease - City Rental Proposal. CARRIED

a) Merritt Library Lease - City Rental Proposal.

327/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council CORRESPOND with the C.T.-N.L. Board requesting rental lease payments as follows: for 1993 and 1994 - \$5.00 per square foot, plus water, sewer and garbage utility fees and for 1995 - \$5.50 per square foot, plus water, sewer and garbage utility fees, and further that property taxes will not be billed for 1993, 1994 or 1995. CARRIED

The Director of Parks & Recreation reiterated that to be fair to local taxpayers, a proper appraisal should be undertaken to determine market value rental charges for the library facility.

b) Canada Summer Games Media Events, Feb. 16/93 - Team Participation.

328/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council APPROVE a City team consisting of Council and staff members, entering the Canada Summer Games Media Events scheduled for March 11/93. CARRIED

c) Memo, March 9/93 - Used Vibratory Roller.

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10. NEW BUSINESS: c) Cont'd.

329/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, March 9/93 - Used Vibratory Roller and APPROVE recommendation that the City purchase roller from Wilmac Equipment of Vancouver, B.C. for a total cost of \$32,770.00, this cost being approximately \$3,000.00 over the 1993 Provisional Budget allotment. CARRIED

d) Memo, March 9/93 - Kal Tire Application.

330/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, March 9/93 - Kal Tire Application and AUTHORIZE Kal Tire to proceed to develop the subject property, (Lot 21, Plan 565 - 2601 Nicola) in compliance with the provisions of the City of Merritt C3 - Service Commercial Zone. CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that the meeting ADJOURN at 9:39 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
Y.J. Porada, CLERK