

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA: Merritt News, Merritt Herald and Shaw Cable

DELEGATION: Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission,
Mr. George Mathieu

Approximately thirty-five members of the general public.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Meeting, Tues., April 13/93.

395/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council ADOPT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting, Tues., April 13/93, including the Extra Agenda, April 13/93. CARRIED

396/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council ALLOW a delegation from the gallery wishing to speak in regards to the Fire Department. DEFEATED

4. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

a) Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission, April 8/93 - Signage.

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4. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: a) Cont'd.

- a) Mr. Mathieu made his presentation as follows:
- noted that the Commission had identified highway signage as a priority project;
 - had organized a sign contest, with Mr. Pius Chong being the winner for his "log" design;
 - proposed site locations, cost estimates, designs and sizes were determined;
 - application was made to the Ministry of Transportation & Highways for permission to construct;
 - believed it was most beneficial to Merritt if said signs were installed by May 24/93; and
 - submitted design and cost, as per Agenda.

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Special Meeting, Mon., March 15/93.
- 397/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Special Meeting, Mon., March 15/93. CARRIED
- b) Special Meeting, Thurs., March 18/93.
- 398/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Special Meeting, Thurs., March 18/93. CARRIED
- c) Regular Meeting, Tues., March 23/93.
- 399/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Tues., March 23/93. CARRIED
- d) Committee of the Whole, Tues., March 30/93.
- 400/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Tues., March 30/93, RATIFY Motions No. 382-386/93 and make the following correction: ADD Councillors present at the meeting, R. Brown, G. Henderson, T. Fox, R. Typusiak, J. Hilton and D. Laird. CARRIED
- e) Special Meeting, Tues., April 6/93.
- 401/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Special Meeting, Tues., April 6/93. CARRIED

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6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Nil

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

402/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council LIFT FROM THE TABLE Motion No. 360/93 which denies Official Community Plan and Rezoning Amendments No. RZ1992-12 - King. CARRIED

360/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council DENY Official Community Plan Amendment/Rezoning Amendment RZ1992-12 - King - Proposed Mobile Home Park, Lot 1, Plan 1910, K.D.Y.D. CARRIED

- a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1385, 1993 - DEFEATED.
- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1388, 1993 - DEFEATED.

The Administrator noted Bob and Elaine King's letter of March 29/93, in summary, "due to unexpected substantial opposition expressed at the public hearing on March 23/93, we are asking our agent to withdraw our application for rezoning to R6".

- c) Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission, April 8/93 - Signage.

403/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council APPROVE the Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission's signage proposal as outlined in the presentation, to include reflective letters and logo, for a total cost of \$15,723.60. CARRIED

Most members of the general public left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

8. **REPORTS:**

a) **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard presented her report as follows:

- B.C. Tel presented E-911 System report to the T.N.R.D. on April 2/93;
- the Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Committee has hired Kathy Hollick to reproduce 12 City Profiles and sub-committees have been formed to research: tourism brochure, marketing folder, convention brochure, and signage;
- declared National Forest Week, May 2-8/93; and
- requested Acting Mayor Hilton to attend Tolko Industries Ltd. parade and Wine/Cheese Reception, May 7/93.

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8. REPORTS: a) Cont'd.

404/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council ACCEPT Mayor Norgaard's report of April 13/93.
CARRIED

b) Liaison's and Commission's/Committee's Reports:

Protective Services - Councillor Henderson

- meeting held April 13/93 with Judge Shupe, Court Registry and the Crown Counsel regarding effective ways to reduce court costs and improve co-ordination of officers attending in court;
- Emergency Measures Committee working on the Mountain Music Festival security plan; and
- Emergency Preparedness Week, April 19-23/93.

South Central Health Unit - Councillor Laird

- attended meeting March 31/93 and noted an Interim Regional Board has been formed, with Merritt's representative being Libby Petrie; and
- Provincial Government has yet to set guidelines for these Community Health Regional Boards.

Local Government Awareness - Councillor Laird

- information sent to School District #31, elementary schools undertaking poster contest and secondary schools participating in essay contest; and
- Mayor Norgaard declared April 19-25/93 as "Local Government Awareness Week".

Healthy Communities - Councillor Brown

- reported on meeting of April 7/93; and
- through Women In Action, a Co-Ordinator has been hired to develop a multi-culturalism activity to be undertaken during the 1993 Canada Summer Games Events.

Councillor Hilton left the Council Chambers at 8:09 p.m.

- 1) Local Access Awareness Committee, Feb. 16/93 Minutes.

405/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Local Access Awareness Committee Minutes of Feb. 16/93. CARRIED

406/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council AUTHORIZE that ~~permanent~~ contrasting colours be used to outline the start of the slope of the ramps and around the lip area on all sidewalk ramps within the City. CARRIED

*Amendment
Motion AL 5/93
April 27/93*

- 2) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Committee, March 9, 23 & April 6/93 Minutes.

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8. REPORTS: b) 2) Cont'd.

407/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Committee Minutes of March 9, 23 and April 6/93. CARRIED

b) 3) Civic Properties and Recreation Commission, March 24 & April 7/93.

Councillor Hilton returned to the Council Chambers at 8:24 p.m.

408/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Minutes of March 24/93. CARRIED

409/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Minutes of April 7/93. CARRIED

410/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council DEFER Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Minutes of April 7/93, until the Commission has adopted them. CARRIED

411/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GRANT permission for Margaret Clarkson to hold an Art Sale in N'Kuala Park during the Mountain Music Festival, that a 1993 grant-in-aid for park rentals be PROVIDED for first time use only, and further that the business license issue be SETTLED, prior to the Mountain Music Festival occurring. CARRIED

c) Administration Reports:

1) Thompson-Nicola Regional District - Building Statistics for March/93.

412/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Thompson-Nicola Regional District - Building Statistics for March/93. CARRIED

2) Merritt Information Centre, March/93.

413/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Merritt Information Centre Report, March/93. CARRIED

3) Ratification of In-Camera Motions No. 282/93, 283/93, 284/93 and 376/93.

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8. REPORTS: c) 3) Cont'd.

- 414/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RATIFY Motion No. 282/93 - Aquatic Centre Contract. CARRIED
- 415/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RATIFY Motion No. 283/93 - Aquatic Centre Contract. CARRIED
- 416/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RATIFY Motion No. 284/93 - Aquatic Centre Contract. CARRIED
- 417/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RATIFY Motion No. 376/93 - Advertising for Firefighters. CARRIED
- 4) Memo, March 25/93 - Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre - Vending Machines.
- 418/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, March 25/93 - Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre - Vending Machines, and ACCEPT the proposal of Eagle Profit Systems for the supply of two (2) vending machines for the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre at 20% of gross sales, revenue to the City. CARRIED
- 5) Memos, March 31/93 & April 7/93 - Proposed Special Occasion Licenses - 1993.
- 419/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, March 31/93 - Special Occasion Licenses - 1993, and APPROVE Merritt Mixed Slo Pitch League for July 24 & 25 and Aug. 7 & 8/93, and further APPROVE allocating Main Street Ball Park to Merritt Men's Fastball League to enable them to apply directly to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District for July 17 & 18 and Aug. 14 & 15/93, subject to R.C.M.P. endorsement. CARRIED
- 420/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, April 7/93 - Special Occasion License - 1993, and APPROVE Centennial Booster Club to enable them to apply directly to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District for May 22 & 23/93. CARRIED
- 6) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre -
i) April 1/93 - Sound System.

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8. REPORTS: c) 6) i) Cont'd.

421/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ACCEPT and AWARD Bid Pac - Sound System to NORAM COMMUNICATIONS, Clearbrook, B.C. with revised tender of \$9,547.60. CARRIED

c) 6) ii) April 6/93 - Progress Report.

422/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Actes Construction Engineering Ltd. Progress Report, April 6/93. CARRIED

7) Memo, April 7/93 - Development Variance Permit No. DVP1993-02, POL Construction.

423/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, April 7/93 - Development Variance Permit No. DVP1993-02, POL Construction, and AUTHORIZE approval of Development Variance Permit No. DVP199302 - POL Construction. CARRIED

8) Memo, March 19/93 - Accounts Receivable Collection Policy.

424/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, March 19/93 - Accounts Receivable Collection Policy, and APPROVE the following "**POLICY**":
1) Invoices Mailed; 2) Send follow-up Notice/Letter indicating Account remains unpaid at 45 days and 90 days; and 3) Final Notice be mailed at 120 days indicating if invoice amount remains unpaid within 14 days, legal action will be taken to collect the amount outstanding. Note that all efforts be made to collect amounts outstanding prior to initiating legal action. Legal action may involve the using of the services offered by Collection Agencies or the initiating of legal action by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. CARRIED

9. BYLAWS:

a) City of Merritt Building Bylaw No. 1381, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second & Third Readings.

425/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUILDING BYLAW NO. 1381, 1993". CARRIED

426/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUILDING BYLAW NO. 1381, 1993". CARRIED

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9. BYLAWS: a) Cont'd.

- 427/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUILDING BYLAW NO. 1381, 1993". CARRIED
- b) City of Merritt Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1386, 1993 - Submitted for Second & Third Readings.
- 428/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council AMEND City of Merritt Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1386, 1993 by calculating charges with a one percent (1%) City assist factor, that developers pay charges in installments of one-third payment up front, one-third prior to the first year and one-third prior to the second year, and further that the developer provide a "letter of credit" securing all charges owing. CARRIED
- 429/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE BYLAW NO. 1386, 1993, as amended. CARRIED
- 430/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE BYLAW NO. 1386, 1993". CARRIED
- c) City of Merritt Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1390, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.
- 431/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT PARCEL TAX BYLAW NO. 1390, 1993". CARRIED
- d) City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1393, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second & Third Readings.
- 432/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1393, 1993". CARRIED
- 433/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1393, 1993". CARRIED
- 434/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1393, 1993". CARRIED

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10. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

- 1) Advertising Quotes -
 - i) The Merritt News, March 23/93.
 - ii) The Merritt Herald, April 7/93.

435/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE letters from The Merritt News, March 23/93 and The Merritt Herald, April 7/93, and AWARD the City's six-month advertising commencing April 15/93 to The Merritt News, as per its quote of March 23/93. CARRIED

- 2) Village of Belcarra, March 16/93 - Review of the Young Offenders Act.

436/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council RECEIVE letter from Village of Belcarra, March 16/93 - Review of the Young Offenders Act. CARRIED

- 4) 1993 Dry Grad - Invitation.

437/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE 1993 Dry Grad's Invitation. CARRIED

- 5) U.B.C.M., March 28/93 - National Transportation Agency Hearings.

438/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from U.B.C.M., March 28/93 - National Transportation Agency Hearings and REFER letter to the Airport Commission. CARRIED

- 6) Kamloops Centennial Society "Calithumpian Parade", July 3/93.

439/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Kamloops Centennial Society "Calithumpian Parade", July 3/93. CARRIED

- 7) District of Surrey, March 25/93 - Anti-Stalking Legislation.

440/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE letter from District of Surrey, March 25/93 - Anti-Stalking Legislation and SEND a letter supporting Surrey's position, with copies sent to Dawn Black, MP and Federal Justice Minister. CARRIED

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10. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.

- a) 8) Village of Cache Creek, April 3/93 - Leaded Gasoline Regulation.

441/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Village of Cache Creek, April 3/93 - Leaded Gasoline Regulation and SEND a letter supporting Cache Creek's position. CARRIED

- 9) SPARC, March 26/93 - Strengthening Community Social Planning - Policy Paper in "Reader File".

442/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from SPARC, March 26/93 - Strengthening Community Social Planning. CARRIED

- 10) Aboriginal Law Conference, Vancouver, B.C. - June 25-26/93.

443/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from Aboriginal Law Conference, Vancouver, B.C. - June 25-26/93. CARRIED

- 11) B.C. Fisheries Survival Coalition, April 2/93 - Aboriginal Fish Strategy.

Councillor Hilton left the Council Chambers at 9:07 p.m.

444/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE letter from B.C. Fisheries Survival Coalition, April 2/93 - Aboriginal Fish Strategy. CARRIED

- 12) International Talent Services Inc., March 26-29/93 - Highway Signage.

445/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letters from International Talent Services Inc., March 26-29/93 - Highway Signage and ADVISE that the City has no objections to its erecting highway signage regarding the event, provided the Thompson-Nicola Regional District agrees. CARRIED

- 13) MIA, March 29/93 - Building Regulation Liability.

446/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from MIA, March 29/93 - Building Regulation Liability and SUBMIT resolution to U.B.C.M. and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs supporting legislation which would place reasonable limits on the duty owed by the local government for construction warranties. CARRIED

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10. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.

- a) 14) Ministry of Transportation & Highways, March 31/93 - Coquihalla Highway No. 5 - Proposed Schedule 2 Designation.

447/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council DEFER letter from Ministry of Transportation & Highways, March 31/93 - Coquihalla Highway No. 5 - Proposed Schedule 2 Designation until additional information is provided on the ramifications of a Schedule 1 or 2 designation. CARRIED

b) Receive:

- 1) U.B.C.M. -
 - i) March 18/93 - In The House.
 - ii) March 19/93 - In The House.
 - iii) March 22/93 - Agreement on Local Government and Aboriginal Treaty Negotiations.
 - iv) March 30/93 - In The House.
- 2) CMHC, March 26/93 - Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program.
- 3) B.C. Environment, March 29/93 - User Pay Programs for Solid Waste Management.
- 4) The Rev. Canon Dan Krausert - Tax Exemptions.
- 5) Mr. Jack Whittaker, MP, Okanagan-Similkameen-Merritt - Grants-In-Lieu of Taxes.
- 6) B.C. Tel, April 1/93 - Rate Increases.
- 7) Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation & Housing, March 29/93 - 1993 Revenue Sharing Grants.
- 8) T.N.R.D. -
 - i) March 26/93 - 1993 Annual Budget Bylaws - Placed in "Reader File".
 - ii) 1993 Requisition Breakdowns.
 - iii) March 29/93 - Lower Nicola Landfill - Site Attendant.
- 9) Mr. Harry Lali, MLA, Yale-Lillooet, April 5/93 - Meeting of March 26/93.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE: Cont'd.

448/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Item 10. b) 1)-9), Pages 128-159, excluding #9. Order of B.C. Medal, which is an "in-camera" matter until announced by the Province. CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Actes Construction, April 8/93 - Budget - See Item 8. c) 6) ii).

449/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Actes Construction Engineering Ltd. April 8/93 - Budget Report. CARRIED

Councillor Hilton returned to the Council Chambers at 9:19 p.m.

b) Memo, April 13/93 - Towing Contract Bids.

450/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, April 13/93 - Towing Contract Bids and AWARD three-year Towing Contract to Trig's Motors, Lower Nicola, B.C., as per quote, March/93. CARRIED
MAYOR NORGAARD AND COUNCILLOR BROWN OPPOSED

c) Memos, April 13/93 - Pharmasave Fire.

451/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Administrator's and Fire Chief's Memos, April 13/93 - Pharmasave Fire. CARRIED

452/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council SEND a letter to the Merritt Fire Department, as follows:
- thank the members for their commitment and for taking on the task of firefighters during an awkward situation;
- state appreciation for their professionalism; and
- give special recognition for the manner in which the Fire Chief has handled himself amidst the current ongoing problems. CARRIED

COUNCILLORS HILTON AND BROWN OPPOSED

12. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that the meeting ADJOURN at 9:37 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


Y.J. Porada, CLERK