

**CITY OF MERRITT
COURT OF REVISION**

**MINUTES OF THE COURT OF REVISION OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,
TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.**

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T. Day
Clerk - Y. Porada
Treasurer - S. Gill
Director of Parks
& Recreation - D. Osborne
Public Works
Superintendent - A. Hunchak

Approximately twelve members of the general public.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the Court of Revision to order at 7:30 p.m. The Mayor and Councillors read out their Oath as members of the 1993 Court of Revision and duly signed said Oath.

3. BUSINESS: 1993 COURT OF REVISION

- a) Memo, March 25/93 - Frontage Tax.
- b) Section 484, Municipal Act - Procedure.
- c) Lidstone, Young, Anderson, May 17/93 - Parcel Taxes.

Items 3. a)-c) RECEIVED.

d) Letters from Property Owners:

- 1) **W.R. Heinrich** - owns two parcels, one is vacant;
- did not realize he had two titles, but noted he had
been charged taxes for 25' frontage on both parcels.
- 2) **John Burdeniuk** - Mr. Burdeniuk did not attend.

563/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Typusiak
that Council RECEIVE letter from Mr. John Burdeniuk
received May 10/93. CARRIED

- 3) **J.S. Maxwell** - owns two parcels, receives one assess-
ment notice and believes he has one title; and
- frontage taxes were charged on 25'.

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3. BUSINESS: 1993 Court of Revision - Cont'd.

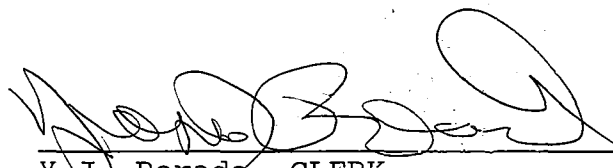
- d) 4) **Raymond & Betty Higginbottom** - opposed to how the parcel tax will increase their amount paid;
- asked for an explanation on how the change from frontage to parcel tax was decided; and
- did not believe smaller parcels should be taxed the same amount as larger parcels; and
- frontage taxes were charged on 25'.
- 5) **Charles L. Stewart** - was not opposed to the tax, but was concerned with two and three families living in one large home and being taxed the same as single family residences; and
- did not feel small parcels should be charged the same as the larger parcels.
- 6) **Robert & Morva Murray** - owns four parcels, but noted building on these parcels was unlikely due to the size of frontage being 25'; and
- was strongly opposed to their increase.
- 7) **Peggy Jane Meixner** - believed there should be some concession for people with small parcels; and
- felt a phased in increase in user's fees should be introduced, rather than a high parcel tax.
- 8) **Donald Moyes** - did not oppose the tax, but felt notices should have been sent to the public, so people could have had the opportunity to remove interior lot lines, prior to the Court sitting.
- 9) **Robert Baird** - presented a copy of his verified Land Titles Form 14, being a document proving removal of his interior lot line.
- 10) **Frederick & Lois Blair** - presented a copy of his Land Titles Form 14 application, not verified as yet; and
- noted he cannot build on his second parcel.

Council felt it was worthwhile to postpone decisions on information submitted to the Court of Revision. This would provide property owners with the opportunity to have their interior lot lines removed, if more than one parcel is involved, thereby avoiding two parcel tax charges in 1993.

4. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that this Court of Revision be RECESSED at 8:34 p.m., and RECONVENED on Tues., May 25/93 at 7:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


Y.J. Porada, CLERK