

**CITY OF MERRITT**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.**

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**1. PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Administrator - T. Day  
Clerk - Y. Porada  
Treasurer - S. Gill  
Planner - F. Sinclair  
Fire Chief/Bylaw  
Enforcement Officer - R. Finley

**MEDIA:** Merritt News, Radio CJNL, Shaw Cable

**DELEGATION:** Ed Clark, Ron Manoin & John Wiseman, B.C. Tel  
John Marritt & David Grey, Interior Lumber  
Manufacturers' Association

One member 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., June 22/93.

668/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting, Tues., June 22/93, the Extra Agenda, June 22/93 and include two items regarding property, for an Special In-Camera Meeting, following the Regular Meeting. CARRIED

**4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil**

**5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

a) B.C. Tel, June 2/93 - Service Downtown.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Manoin presented the following:

- advised Council of the key contact people in the Kelowna office, regarding the E-911 System;
- noted they would report back to Council on the status of implementing the E-911 System in the region;
- identified B.C. Tel's future expenditures for upgrading services over the next six years, in Merritt;

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**5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- a) - noted a number of service deficiencies which have been or will be settled in 1993, but also noted some rural areas which still have not been resolved;
- would address the traffic light relocation at the Quilchena/Garcia intersection; and
- explained B.C. Tel's Service Extension Program which forecasts growth in a community and addresses the technical requirements to provide communication services.

Messrs. Ed Clark, Ron Manoin and John Wiseman left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

- b) Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association, May 4/93 - Update on Forest Industry.

John Marritt made his presentation as follows:

- encouraged Council to pro-actively participate in the Timber Supply Review introduced by the Provincial Government and provided a background on the public input process;
- noted this Review is scheduled to be completed in March/94;
- believed the Timber Supply Review will balance the social, economic and environmental well being of a community; and
- suggested Council consider the following ideas:
  - 1) appoint a Timber Supply Review sub-committee;
  - 2) form coalitions with other communities or regions;
  - 3) provide high community profile portraying both the Council's and community's views;
  - 4) form a liaison with the local Ministry of Forests; and
  - 5) liaison with local environmental groups.

Messrs. John Marritt and David Grey left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

**6. ADOPTIONS OF THE MINUTES:**

- a) Regular Meeting, Tues., June 8/93.

669/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Tues., June 8/93. CARRIED

- b) Special Meeting, Tues., June 15/93.

670/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Tues., June 15/93. CARRIED

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

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**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) B.C. Tel., June 2/93.
- b) Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association, May 4/93.

671/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council ESTABLISH a Sub-Committee to study and review the Provincial Government's Timber Supply Review. CARRIED

**9. REPORTS:**

**a) Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard presented the following report:

- Merritt Library lease has been approved by the Library Standing Committee for a 1-year term and this recommendation will be presented to the Cariboo/Thompson-Nicola Regional Districts;
- N.V. Committee for Water Resource Management requested waiver of the \$15.00 Civic Centre rental fee, in order to hold an organizational meeting on Thurs., June 24/93;

673/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council PROVIDE a Grant-In-Aid of \$15.00 plus G.S.T., for the N.V. Committee for Water Resource Management to hold an organizational meeting, June 24/93 in the Civic Centre.  
CARRIED

674/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Mayor Norgaard's report of June 22/93.  
CARRIED

**b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees' Reports:**

**Boundary Restructure Study** - Councillor Laird  
- meeting scheduled for Tues., June 29/93.

- 1) Minutes of Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, June 1/93.

675/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, June 1/93. CARRIED

- 2) Minutes of Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Meeting, June 2/93.

676/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Meeting, June 2/93. CARRIED

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**9. REPORTS:    b) Cont'd.**

- b)    3)    Minutes of Nicola Valley Community Futures Association Meeting, May 12/93.

677/93    Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Nicola Valley Community Futures Association Meeting, May 12/93. CARRIED

**c) Administration Reports:**

- 1)    T.N.R.D., Building Statistics, May/93.

678/93    Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the T.N.R.D., Building Statistics, May/93. CARRIED

- 2)    Merritt Info. Centre Report - May/93.

679/93    Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Merritt Info. Centre Report - May/93. CARRIED

- 3)    Memo, June 1/93 - Month-end Report for May 1993.

680/93    Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council RECEIVE Memo, June 1/93 - Month-end Report for May 1993. CARRIED

- 4)    Memo, June/93 - Decor Package Contract.

681/93    Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, June/93 - Decor Package Contract and AWARD "Bermuda" Decor Package Contract to ADVENTURE DESIGN LIMITED, at a maximum amount of \$30,000.00 plus G.S.T. and according to specifications established by Vic Davies Architect Limited. CARRIED

COUNCILLOR HILTON OPPOSED  
MAYOR NORGAARD, COUNCILLORS, FOX, HENDERSON,  
LAIRD & BROWN IN FAVOUR

- 5)    Memo, June 7/93 - Court of Revision Assessment Decision Appeals.

682/93    Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, June 7/93 - Court of Revision Assessment Decision Appeals. CARRIED

- 6)    Memo, June 11/93 - Justice Institute of B.C. Conflict Resolution Certificate Program.

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9. REPORTS: c) 6) Cont'd.

- 683/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, June 11/93 - Justice Institute of B.C. Conflict Resolution Certificate Program and AUTHORIZE the Administrator's enrolment in said Program. CARRIED
- 7) Memo, June 2/93 - Purchase of New Fire Truck.
- 684/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, June 2/93 - Purchase of New Fire Truck and ACCEPT the bid from Superior Emergency Vehicles, in the amount of \$208,067.00 plus taxes, for the purchase of a "Superior" Triple Combination Custom Pumper. CARRIED  
COUNCILLOR BROWN OPPOSED  
MAYOR NORGAARD, COUNCILLORS FOX, LAIRD,  
HENDERSON & HILTON IN FAVOUR
- The Fire Chief/Bylaw Enforcement Officer left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
- 8) Ratification of In-Camera Motions, June 8/93.
- 685/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RATIFY Motion No. 513/93, April 27/93 - 5/4 Work Schedule. CARRIED
- 686/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RATIFY Motion No. 514/93, April 27/93 - Thank you to Staff Sergeant Stewart. CARRIED
- 687/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RATIFY Motion No. 556/93, May 11/93 - Execution of Towing Contract. CARRIED
- 688/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RATIFY Motion No. 557/93, May 11/93 - Research of City's lanes. CARRIED
- 689/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RATIFY Motion No. 558/93, May 11/93 - Awarding Animal Control Officer Contract. DEFEATED  
COUNCILLORS BROWN, FOX & HILTON OPPOSED  
MAYOR NORGAARD, COUNCILLORS HENDERSON & LAIRD IN FAVOUR
- 690/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RESCIND Motions No. 684, 685, 686, 687 and 688/93, which RATIFIED In-Camera Meeting Motions. CARRIED
- 691/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RELEASE Motions No. 513 & 514/93, April 27/93, 556, 557, 558 & 559/93, May 11/93 and 567, 568, 570, 571 & 572/93, May 18/93 to the general public. CARRIED

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**9. REPORTS: c) Cont'd.**

9) Memo, June 15/93 - Lane Closures.

692/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, June 15/93 - Lane Closures and APPROVE "POLICY" as follows:

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**RECORDED**  
Property owners requesting closure and purchase of superfluous lanes, shall consolidate the lane with their adjoining property and shall pay to the City a fee comprising of the following: 1) Actual survey costs (approximately \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00); 2) Actual legal costs (approximately \$500.00); and 3) Estimated land value based on comparative assessment with a minimum fee of \$500.00 (to cover advertising and staff time).  
CARRIED

693/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council INSTRUCT the Administration undertake Kewal and Salinder Rana's road closure, provided that the Rana's are required to purchase the entire width of the lane abutting their property, unless the adjacent owner to the north wishes to purchase half of the lane.  
CARRIED

10) Memo, June 17/93 - 1993 Planning Grant.

694/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, June 17/93 - 1993 Planning Grant and AUTHORIZE application for a 1993 Planning Grant totalling \$14,068.25 representing 50% of the cost for the development of 1) a new Zoning Bylaw; 2) Review and Update of the Subdivision Servicing Bylaw; and 3) Completion of a Land Use Study for the Coldwater Interchange.  
CARRIED

**10. BYLAWS:**

a) City of Merritt Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 1321, 1991 - Submitted for Reconsideration and Adoption.

695/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT HERITAGE DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1321, 1991".  
DEFEATED  
COUNCILLORS HILTON, HENDERSON & FOX OPPOSED  
MAYOR NORGAARD, COUNCILLORS BROWN & LAIRD IN FAVOUR

b) City of Merritt Outside Fire Protection (T.N.R.D.) Bylaw No. 1377, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration and Adoption.

696/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION (T.N.R.D.) BYLAW NO. 1377, 1993".  
CARRIED

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**10. BYLAWS: Cont'd.**

- c) City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1397, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration and Adoption.

697/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1397, 1993". CARRIED

- d) City of Merritt Outside Fire Protection (General) Bylaw No. 1400, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second and Third Readings.

698/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION (GENERAL) BYLAW NO. 1400, 1993". CARRIED

699/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION (GENERAL) BYLAW NO. 1400, 1993". CARRIED

700/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION (GENERAL) BYLAW NO. 1400, 1993". CARRIED

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Potential Council Responses:**

Mayor Norgaard declared a potential "conflict of interest" on Item 11. a) 1), because she is related to the correspondents, turned the Chair over to Acting Mayor Henderson and left the Council Chambers at 9:25 p.m.

- 1) Allen & Melody Norgaard, June 9/93 - Bench Slope.

701/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from Allen & Melody Norgaard, June 9/93 - Bench Slope. CARRIED

702/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GRANT permission to Allen & Melody Norgaard to return the Central Park Slope to its natural grade, (abuts Lot A, Plan 11174, 1990 Parker Drive), including levelling and seeding, provided they accept placing a covenant on their property similar to that the covenant registered on Lot B, Block D, D.L. 181, K.D.Y.D., Plan 11174. CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard returned to the Council Chambers at 9:35 p.m.

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.**

- a) 2) B.C. Tel, -  
i) June 3/93 - Application for General Increase in Rates.  
ii) June 3/93 - General Local Rate Increase.

703/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letters from B.C. Tel, June 3/93 - Application for General Increase in Rates and June 3/93 - General Local Rate Increase.

- 3) Ministry of Transportation & Highways, June 2/93 - Proposed Mohawk Redevelopment.

704/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from Ministry of Transportation & Highways, June 22/93 - Proposed Mohawk Redevelopment.

CARRIED

705/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council SEND a letter to the Ministry of Transportation & Highways advising that the future Grimmett/Houston Street Connector is being removed from the City's Official Community Plan, that no funds are available to commit to said Street Connector, and further that the City will not be proceeding with the suggested road reserve covenants.

CARRIED

706/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council DIRECT Administration to undertake preparation of an amendment to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1156, 1987, to removes the designated Grimmett/Houston Street Connector from the Official Community Plan.

CARRIED

- 4) Ministry of Health, May 20/93 - Pharmacare Program.

707/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from Ministry of Health, May 20/93 - Pharmacare Program.

CARRIED

- 5) City of Williams Lake, May 28/93 - Invitation to Stampede.

708/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from City of Williams Lake, May 28/93 - Invitation to Stampede.

CARRIED

- 6) Town of Smithers, June 8/93 - Request for Support on Mining Industry Resolution.



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**11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.**

709/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Town of Smithers, June 8/93 - Request for Support on Mining Industry Resolution and SUPPORT said resolution. CARRIED

**b) Receive:**

710/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE Correspondence Items 11. b) 1) to 11). CARRIED

Councillor Hilton left the Council Chambers at 10:02 p.m.

- 1) Petition Addressed to School District #31, June 1/93 - Problems with Students.

711/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council REFER Petition Addressed to School District #31, June 1/93 - Problems with Students to the Merritt R.C.M.P. Detachment with a request for enforcement. CARRIED

- 2) Capital Regional District, June 8/93 - Sewage Treatment, Newsletter, June/93 and Staff Report, May/93 - "Reader File".
- 3) Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks, June 4/93 - Environmental Assessment Bill.
- 4) First Nations Summit, June 8/93 - Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy & Treaty Making in General.
- 5) Minister for International Trade, May 31/93 - Reducing Barriers to Internal Trade.
- 6) B.C. Hydro, May 31/93 - Municipal Energy Efficiency Awards - Power Smart.
- 7) U.B.C.M. -
  - i) June 9/93 - In The House - Overview and Contaminated Sites.
  - ii) June 10/93 - In The House - Environmental Assessment - Bill 32.
  - iii) June 13/93 - Telecommunications Act Amendments.
- 8) Office of the Premier, June 10/93 - Treaties with Aboriginal People.
- 9) Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation & Housing, June 14/93 - Local Elections.

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:    b) Cont'd.**

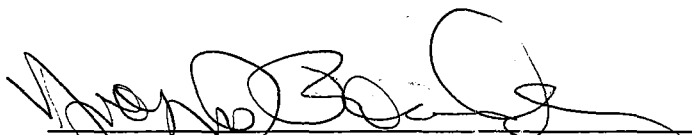
- b) 10) Ministry of Health, June 11/93 - Merritt Boundary Extension.
- 11) Minister of Forests, June 3/93 - Government Policies & Initiatives.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Memo, June 21/93 - June 22, 1993 Council Meeting.  
712/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, June 21/93 - June 22, 1993 Council Meeting. CARRIED
  - b) Minister of Transportation & Highways, June 14/93 - Air Transport Assistance Program Contribution.  
713/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from Minister of Transportation & Highways, June 14/93 - Air Transport Assistance Program Contribution. CARRIED
  - c) Tanya Mihura, June 20/93 - Letter to The Merritt News and City's Response.  
714/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Tanya Mihura, June 20/93 - Letter to The Merritt News and City's Response, and SUPPORT the City Planner's response. CARRIED
  - d) Letter of Understanding - City/C.U.P.E. - Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre.  
715/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE Letter of Understanding - City/C.U.P.E. - Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre and AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to execute said Letter of Understanding. CARRIED
- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Laird that the meeting ADJOURN at 10:13 p.m., and RESOLVE into a Special In-Camera Meeting, excluding the general public. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
Y.J. Porada, CLERK

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TUESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185  
VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.**

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**1. PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Administrator - T. Day  
Clerk - Y. Porada  
Treasurer - S. Gill  
Planner - F. Sinclair

**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 10:17 p.m.

**3. BUSINESS:**

- a) George Hale Transfer Ltd. - Pt. Lt. B1191, Block 44, District Lot 123, Plan 717, 2302 Clapperton Avenue.

Councillor Brown requested Council to consider sending a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Hale, to assure them that Council has not undertaken a road closure in the vicinity of their property, as suggested by Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd. It was noted Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd. is fencing the property it leases from C.P. Rail and has written to residents adjacent to said property, advising them of its plans.

716/93

Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council SEND a letter to Mr. & Mrs. George Hale stating the City of Merritt has not considered an application from Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd. for a road closure, on either Blair Street or Clapperton Avenue, and does not see the status of these roads changing in the foreseeable future. CARRIED

- b) Mr. K. Morrissey - Request for City to Grade a Road.

Councillor Brown stated Mr. Morrissey has made a request to the City to grade a road into his property off of Burgess Avenue, Lot 1, District Lot 121, Plan 41425. Mr. Morrissey is planning on constructing a single family dwelling on this property, including providing his own services to said property. Councillor Brown felt the City should co-operate.

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3. **BUSINESS:** b) Cont'd.

b) The majority of Council felt the City should not undertake this request to grade a road into Mr. Morrissey's property because in the future, the City could potentially be held responsible for both the standard of construction and maintenance of this road. City liability was also questioned.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Brown that the meeting ADJOURN at 10:44 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
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Y.J. Porada, CLERK