

CITY OF MERRITT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.**

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA: Radio CJNL, Merritt Herald and Merritt News

DELEGATION: Mr. Herb Lorenz

Three 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 Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 12/93.

1014/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Tues., Oct. 12/93, including Extra Agenda of Tues., Oct. 12/93 and deleting Items 5. a) & 8. a) (N.V.W.I.A.). CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

a) Mr. Herb Lorenz, Oct. 7/93 - Request for Non-Compliance of Bylaw No. 1381.

Mr. Lorenz made his presentation as follows:

- requested that Bylaw No. 1381 (sprinklers) be waived on his commercial building, currently being constructed;
- noted that the building was concrete block, with a tin roof and accessible from all sides, therefore both his insurance agent and he felt there was virtually no fire risk;
- believed the B.C. Building Code regulations should suffice.

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6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Sept. 28/93.

1015/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Sept. 28/93. CARRIED

b) Special Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 5/93.

1016/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 5/93. CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Fire Chief arrived at 7:54 p.m.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Mr. Herb Lorenz - Bylaw No. 1381.

1017/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Mr. H. Lorenz, Oct. 7/93 - Non-Compliance of Bylaw No. 1381. CARRIED

1018/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council DIRECT Administration to prepare a bylaw to amend Section 24. of Bylaw No. 1381 by ADDING "single-storey commercial buildings" as an exclusion to the Fire Limit Areas of said bylaw. CARRIED

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

The delegation, Fire Chief and the three members from the general public left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

b) Memo, Oct. 7/93 - Boundary Extension to Service Sunneyview Mobile Home Park.

1019/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 7/93 - Boundary Extension to Service Sunneyview Mobile Home Park and that the City PROCEED with bylaws to extend water and sewer services outside municipal boundaries and further ADVISE the owner/developer to make application for utility extensions and a Mobile Home Park Permit. CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: b) Cont'd.

1020/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council AGREE that the Sunneyview Mobile Home Park properties remain Zoned C6-Mobile Home Park, and that the Thompson-Nicola Regional District be so advised. CARRIED
COUNCILLOR TYPUSIAK OPPOSED
MAYOR NORGAARD, COUNCILLORS LAIRD, BROWN, FOX & HENDERSON IN FAVOUR

9. REPORTS:

a) Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard presented her report as follows:

- presented a letter from the Town of Sidney congratulating the Fire Chief and his Department for the excellent job of hosting the International Association of Arson Investigators' Seminar;
- proclaimed - Oct. 11-17/93 as "Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Week", Oct. 17-23/93 as "Community Care Week" and Oct. 15-24/93 as "Science & Technology Week"; and
- stated a letter has been sent to the Minister of Transportation & Highways requesting an appointment to discuss the Merritt Information Centre.

1021/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council ACCEPT Mayor Norgaard's report of Oct. 12/93. CARRIED

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

South Central Health Unit - Councillor Laird

- funding for consultant has been secured for the start up and operation of the Community/Regional Health Councils.

Boundary Restructure Study Committee - Councillor Laird

- Meeting scheduled for Wed., Oct. 20/93 at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Minutes of the Civic Properties & Recreation Commission Meeting, Oct. 6/93.

1022/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVED the Minutes of the Civic Properties & Recreation Commission Meeting, Oct. 6/93. CARRIED

1023/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council REVIEW the 1993 Budget to determine if the City can proceed in 1993 with renovations to the infields of Central Park Diamonds No. 1 and 2. CARRIED

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

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9. REPORTS: b) Cont'd.

1024/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council FOCUS its 1994/95 development effort on commencing Ball Diamond No. 6 at Central Park, to be constructed over a two-year period. DEFERRED

1025/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council DEFER Motion No. 1024/93 development on Ball Diamond No. 6 at Central Park over two years, until 1994 budget discussions. CARRIED

c) Administration Reports:

1) T.N.R.D. Building Permit Statistics - Aug./93.

1026/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE T.N.R.D. Building Permit Statistics - Aug./93. CARRIED

2) Merritt Info. Centre Report, Sept./93.

1027/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Merritt Info. Centre Report, Sept./93. CARRIED

3) R.C.M.P. Report, Aug./93.

1028/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE R.C.M.P. Report, Aug./93. CARRIED

4) Memo, Oct. 4/93 - Payment of Accounts: September, 1993.

1029/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 4/93 and APPROVE Payment of Accounts: September, 1993. CARRIED

5) Memo, Oct. 5/93 - 1993 Budget Review, New Council Orientation, 1994 Budget Preparation and 1994 Provisional Budget.

1030/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 5/93 and APPROVE meeting dates for: 1993 Budget Review (Nov. 2/93, 7:30 pm); New Council Orientation (Nov. 27-28/93, 9:00 am); 1994 Budget Preparation Retreat (Dec. 11-12/93); and 1994 Provisional Budget (Jan. 4-5/93, 7:00 pm). CARRIED

6) Memo, Oct. 5/93 - Street Vendors Business License Policy.

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

- 1031/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 5/93 - Street Vendors Business License Policy and ADOPT the "POLICY" as presented in said Memo, deleting in the second paragraph "...C2 Zone." and replacing it with "...Commercial Zone" CARRIED
RESCINDED 0435/05
- 7) Release of In-Camera Motions - Sept. 14/93.
- 1032/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RELEASE In-Camera Motion No. 867/93 being authorization to make public Memo, Sept. 1/93 - Solid Waste and proceed with Steps 1. and 4. presented in said Memo. CARRIED
- 8) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Statistics, Sept. 1 to 30/93.
- 1033/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Statistics, Sept. 1 to 30/93. CARRIED
- 9) Memo, Oct. 5/93 - Official Community Plan Public Meetings.
- 1034/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 5/93 - Official Community Plan Public Meetings, ACCEPT the redesign of the North Bench Development and Collector Route, and further AUTHORIZE City staff to follow the suggested timetable, including the public meetings, Oct. 18/93 and Nov. 8/93. CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1407, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.
- 1035/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1407, 1993". CARRIED
- b) City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1409, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.
- 1036/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1409, 1993". CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses

- 1) Senior Citizens of Merritt, Oct. 5/93 - Request to Waive Civic Centre Rental.
1037/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council SUPPORT the Senior Citizens of Merritt request, Oct. 5/93 and WAIVE Civic Centre rental as a first time user, and that this be considered as a 1994 Grant-in-Aid. CARRIED
- 2) Ravinder Sandur, Sept. 17/93 - Application to Extend City Boundaries.
1038/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council REFER letter from Ravinder Sandur, Sept. 17/93 - Application to Extend City Boundaries to the Boundary Restructure Study Committee. CARRIED
- 3) F.C.M., Sept. 13/93 - Federal Election.
1039/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from F.C.M., Sept. 13/93 - Federal Election. CARRIED

b) Receive:

- 1) U.B.C.M. -
 - i) Sept. 22/93 - Local Government Transfer System - Revenue Sharing Review.
 - ii) Sept. 28/93 - Policy and Other Decisions Made During the 1993 Convention.
 - iii) Protocol on Principles for Sharing Environmental Responsibilities.
 - iv) 1993-94 Executive.
- 2) Minister of Transportation & Highways, Sept. 15/93 - Ministry Sign Shop.
- 3) Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Sept. 23/93 - B.C. Pre-Treaty Negotiation Process.
- 4) Ministry of Housing, Recreation & Consumer Services, Sept. 21/93 - Affordable Housing Workshops - Oct. 28/93, Kamloops, B.C.
- 5) Minister of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources, Sept. 21/93 - Export Policy.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: b) Cont'd.

- 1040/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Item 11. CORRESPONDENCE: 1) to 5) for information. CARRIED
- 1041/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council APPROVE expenses for Council members and Administrative staff to attend the Ministry of Housing, Recreation & Consumer Services Affordable Housing Workshop, Oct. 28/93. CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Memo, Oct. 12/93 - Fire Limit Bylaw No. 1381.
- 1042/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 12/93 - Fire Limit Bylaw No. 1381. CARRIED
- b) Memo, Oct. 8/93 - Council Meeting to Consider Approval of Boundary Extension Referendum.
- 1043/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council APPROVE scheduling a Boundary Restructure Meeting for Wed., Oct. 20/93 at 9:00 am. CARRIED
- c) Advertising Quotation -
1) The Merritt Herald, Oct. 8/93.
2) The Merritt News, Oct. 9/93.
- 1044/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letters from The Merritt Herald, Oct. 8/93 and The Merritt News, Oct. 9/93. CARRIED
- 1045/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council AWARD the City's advertising as per City policy, to The Merritt Herald, at a \$3.50 per column inch cost for a six-month period commencing Oct. 15/93. CARRIED
- d) City of Merritt Water Distribution System Extension Bylaw No. 1410, 1993.
- 1046/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1410, 1993". CARRIED
- 1047/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1410, 1993". CARRIED

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12. NEW BUSINESS: d) Cont'd.

1048/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1410, 1993".

CARRIED

e) City of Merritt Sewerage System Extension Bylaw No. 1411, 1993.

1049/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT SEWERAGE SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1411, 1993".

CARRIED

1050/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT SEWERAGE SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1411, 1993".

CARRIED

1051/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT SEWERAGE SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1411, 1993".

CARRIED

1052/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton, WHEREAS, a landowner has been experiencing water and sewer system problems on her mobile home park properties; AND WHEREAS, said landowner has made application to the City expressing an interest in incorporating her properties within the City boundaries; AND WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed to expansion of its boundaries to incorporate the subject properties; NOW THEREFORE, Bylaws 1410 and 1411 have been introduced to address this specific issue only, not to set a precedent for other areas.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that the meeting TERMINATE at 9:14 p.m. and that Council RESOLVE to an In-Camera Meeting, excluding the general public.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


Y.J. Porada, CLERK