

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA - Shaw Cable, Merritt News and Merritt Herald

DELEGATION - Mr. Paul Fairfield, Chazaq Ministries

2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 26/93.

1066/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Tues., Oct. 26/93, including the Extra Agenda of Tues., Oct. 26/93 and ADDING two items to 12. New Business: d) Election Hospital Polls and e) School District Trustee Candidates. **CARRIED**

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil

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5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- a) Mr. Paul Fairfield, Chazaq Ministries.

Mr. Fairfield made his presentation as follows:

- advised the Chazaq Ministries was a non-profit society which was formed to meet the needs of abused people and promote abuse prevention;
- wants to create a facility in Merritt to utilize as a resource centre for his abuse prevention programs and for training people with new life skills; and
- requested that Council waive building permit fees, line of credit required for landscaping and exempt the facility from taxes.

6. ADOPTIONS OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 12/93.

1067/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council ADOPT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of Tues., Oct. 12/93.
CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Henderson declared a potential conflict of interest with regards to the Chazaq Ministries and left the Regular Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

- a) Council did not feel it was in a position to waive any of the items requested by Mr. Fairfield. Building permit fees are under the control of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, the line of credit is a requirement under City bylaw, and the Chazaq Ministries does not meet the requirements under tax exemptions in the Municipal Act.

1068/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE letter from Chazaq Ministries, Oct. 15/93 - Requesting Assistance - Construction of Motel.
CARRIED

Councillor Henderson returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

9. REPORTS:

- a) Mayor's Reports:

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9. REPORTS: Cont'd.

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

- 1) Minutes of Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, Oct. 5/93

1069/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, Oct. 5/93. CARRIED

- 2) Minutes of Local Access Awareness Committee Meeting, June 10/93.

1070/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of Local Access Awareness Committee Meeting, June 10/93. CARRIED

- 3) Minutes of Nicola Valley Community Futures Association Meeting, June 9/93.

1071/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of Nicola Valley Community Futures Association Meeting, June 9/93. CARRIED

Boundary Restructure Study - Councillor Laird

- Boundary Restructure Study Committee Meeting, Oct. 20/93 and Special Council Meeting, Oct. 21/93 Minutes would be forthcoming;
- Boundary Restructure Study general information meeting scheduled for Tues., Nov. 16/93.

Protective Services - Councillor Henderson

- advised the Emergency Services meetings were receiving very poor turnouts;
- said meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, the next one being Nov. 3/93, located at the Emergency Operations Centre (airport).

Administration & Finance - Councillor Typusiak

- Budget meeting scheduled for Tues., Nov. 2/93;
- Administration is working on the forthcoming Council orientation and tour, Nov. 27 & 28/93, as well as preparing strategies to identify Council's priorities for long range planning and other City issues;
- had met with Ministry of Environment during U.B.C.M. regarding the City's "composting program" grant and were working towards a Recycling Strategy.

Community Futures - Councillor Typusiak

- strategic planning had occurred during their retreat and a report will be presented to Council;

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9. REPORTS: b) Cont'd.

- b) **Local Access Awareness Committee - Councillor Typusiak**
- requested City staff to look into the telephone pole which has as yet, not been removed from the corner of Garcia Street and Quilchena Avenue;
- noted the disabled ramps are still causing some difficulty, as well as the light switch in the Civic Centre's washrooms.
Official Community Plan Committee - Councillor Typusiak
- noted the Planner had met with residents of Juniper Drive to discuss the North Bench collector.

Mr. Fairfield left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

c) **Administration Reports:**

- 1) Merritt Information Centre Report, Sept./93.
- 1072/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Merritt Information Centre Report, Sept./93. CARRIED
- 2) Merritt Rescue Unit Report, July-Sept./93.
- 1073/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Merritt Rescue Unit Report, July-Sept./93. CARRIED
- 3) T.N.R.D. Building Permit Report, Sept./93.
- 1074/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the T.N.R.D. Building Permit Report, Sept./93. CARRIED
- 4) Memo, Oct. 18/93 - Proposed Christmas Office Closure.
- 1075/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct. 18/93 - Proposed Christmas Office Closure and AUTHORIZE said City Hall closure from Dec. 26-31/93. CARRIED
- 5) Memo, Oct. 18/93 - Month-End Report for Sept./93.
- 1076/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct. 18/93 - Month-End Report, Sept./93. CARRIED

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10. BYLAWS:

a) Building Bylaw -

- 1) Memo, Oct. 21/93 - "Fire Limits" Requiring Sprinkler Protection.

1077/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 21/93 - "Fire Limits" Requiring Sprinkler Protection. CARRIED

- 2) City of Merritt Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1412, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second and Third Readings.

1078/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUILDING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1412, 1993". CARRIED

1079/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUILDING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1412, 1993". CARRIED

1080/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUILDING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1412, 1993". CARRIED

- b) City of Merritt Business License Amendment Bylaw No. 1413, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second and Third Readings.

1081/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1413, 1993". CARRIED

1082/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1413, 1993". CARRIED

1083/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1413, 1993". CARRIED

- c) City of Merritt Mobile Food Concession Business Bylaw No. 1414, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second and Third Readings.

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10. BYLAWS: c) Cont'd.

1084/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT MOBILE FOOD CONCESSION BUSINESS BYLAW NO. 1414, 1993", as presented on the Extra Agenda of Oct. 26/93. CARRIED

1085/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT MOBILE FOOD CONCESSION BUSINESS BYLAW NO. 1414, 1993". CARRIED

1086/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT MOBILE FOOD CONCESSION BUSINESS BYLAW NO. 1414, 1993". CARRIED

d) Memo, Oct. 21/93 - Aspen Planers Rezoning RZ1993-04 -

1087/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 21/93 - Aspen Planers Rezoning RZ1993-04 and ENDORSE recommendation to proceed with Bylaws No. 1415, (OCP Amendment) and 1416, (Zoning Amendment). CARRIED

1) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 1993 - Submitted for First and Second Readings.

1088/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1415, 1993". CARRIED

1089/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1415, 1993". CARRIED

1090/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council PROCEED to Public Hearing on City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 1993 on Tues., Nov. 23/93 at 7:30 p.m. CARRIED

2) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 1993 - Submitted for First and Second Readings.

1091/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW

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10. BYLAWS: d) 2) Cont'd.

1092/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1416, 1993". CARRIED

1093/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council PROCEED to Public Hearing on City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 1993 on Tues., Nov. 23/93 at 7:30 p.m. CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

1) Allen Norgaard - Drainage at 1900 Parker Drive.

1094/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE letter from Allen Norgaard - Drainage at 1900 Parker Drive, (Page 50). CARRIED

1095/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letters and information regarding Allen Norgaard's property, (Pages 51-57), and GRANT Mr. Norgaard permission to complete drainage at 1900 Parker Drive, as follows: Nov. 1/93 - drainage pipe will be in place to drain water to the bottom of the hill; and June 21/94 - drainage pipe will be buried below ground. Drainage pipe installation to be completed by working in conjunction with the Director of Parks & Recreation and Public Work Superintendent to ensure no future drainage problems will occur on Central Park. CARRIED

2) Chazaq Ministries, Oct. 15/93 - Requesting Assistance - Construction of Motel - Dealt with by Council under 8. Unfinished Business.

3) Legal Services Society of B.C., Oct. 6/93 - Public Forum on Legal Services.

1096/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council RECEIVE letter from Legal Services Society of B.C., Oct. 6/93 Public Forum on Legal Services and DIRECT Administration to post the sign indicating the Forum scheduled in Merritt, Nov. 18/93 at 4:00 p.m. at the Merritt Civic Centre, 2185 Voght Street, Merritt, B.C. CARRIED

4) Ministry of Forests, Oct. 14/93 - Review of Letter from Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association - Timber Supply Review Process.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) 4) Cont'd.

- 1097/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letters from Ministry of Forests, Oct. 14/93 and Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Aug. 30/93 - Timber Supply Review Process. CARRIED
- 5) Rogers & Hyslop, Oct. 7 & 12/93 - Sewer and Water Mains to Parker Estate Property.
- 1098/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE letters from Rogers & Hyslop, Oct. 7 & 12/93 - Sewer and Water Mains to Parker Estate Property. CARRIED
- 1099/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council SEND Rogers & Hyslop a letter stating the City is not in a position to purchase the Parker Estate Property. CARRIED
- 1100/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council INSTRUCT Administration to terminate all work on the North East Section Specified Area Bylaw, at this time. CARRIED
- 6) B.C. Environment, Oct. 8/93 - Waste Reduction Manager Training Program.
- 1101/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from B.C. Environment, Oct. 8/93 - Waste Reduction Manager Training Program. CARRIED
- 7) Kinsmen & Kinette Clubs of Canada, Oct. 5/93 - Advertising.
- 1102/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council REFER letter from Kinsmen & Kinette Clubs of Canada, Oct. 5/93 - Advertising to 1994 Budget Discussions in Jan./94. CARRIED
- 8) Fraser Basin Management Program Workshops - Nov. 29-30/93, Kamloops, B.C.
- 1103/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE letter from Fraser Basin Management Program Workshops - Nov. 29-30/93, Kamloops, B.C. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.

- a) 9) Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 96 -
 - 1) Oct. 4/93 - Wreath Laying Ceremonies and Parade Route Approval.
 - 2) Oct. 21/93 - Civic Centre Rental.

1104/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council RECEIVE letter from Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 96, Oct. 4/93 - Wreath Laying Ceremonies and Parade Route Approval and Oct. 21/93 - Civic Centre Rental, SEND a City representative to the wreath laying ceremonies, APPROVE the parade route, Nov. 11/93, and further GRANT the Legion's request to waive Civic Centre rental for Nov. 11/93 ceremonies, as well as all future rentals for said ceremonies, by having the City sponsor these events.

CARRIED

- 10) Nicola Valley Recycling Society, Oct. 6/93 - Thank you.

1105/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Nicola Valley Recycling Society, Oct. 6/93.

CARRIED

- 11) Nicola Nordic Ski Club, Oct. 19/93 - Invitation to Wine & Cheese Reception, Nov. 3/93 at 7:00 p.m.

1106/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE letter from Nicola Nordic Ski Club, Oct. 19/93 - Invitation to Wine and Cheese Reception, Nov. 3/93 at 7:00 p.m., ADVISING the Club that Councillor Typusiak is unable to attend due to a Civic Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting that evening.

CARRIED

- 12) Minister of Transportation & Highways, Oct. 4/93 - Trans Canada Highway Designation for Yellowhead Highway #5.

1107/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Ministry of Transportation & Highways, Oct. 4/93 - Trans Canada Highway Designation for Yellowhead Highway #5.

CARRIED

- 13) Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, Oct. 20/93 - Civic Centre Rental.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) 13) Cont'd.

1108/93 Moved by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, Oct. 20/93 - Civic Centre Rental and APPROVE the City sponsoring as a City function, the Nov. 15/93 All-Candidate's Forum Civic Centre rental, as well as all future municipal all-candidate's forum rentals in the Civic Centre. CARRIED

b) Receive:

1) Town of Smithers, Sept. 29/93 - R.C.M.P. Policing Costs.

2) U.B.C.M., Oct. 1/93 - 1993 Rural Tax Report.

1109/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council RECEIVE letters from Town of Smithers, Sept. 29/93 - R.C.M.P. Policy Costs and U.B.C.M., Oct. 1/93 - 1993 Rural Tax Report. CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Mayor's Report - Advertising Policy - Mayor Norgaard instructed the Administrator not to act on Council's decision regarding the City's advertising policy and asked that Council reconsider its policy to switch advertising mediums every six months, due to potential public confusion.

1110/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council disregard the City's current advertising policy by advertising in both local papers until the 1993 General Election is complete, and further that a new advertising policy be left for consideration by Council in Dec./93. CARRIED

b) Memo, Oct. 22/93 - Bylaw Enforcement - 2576 Jackson Avenue.

1111/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 22/93 - Bylaw Enforcement - 2576 Jackson Avenue and AUTHORIZE an agent acting, on behalf of the City of Merritt, to clean up the property at 2576 Jackson Avenue. CARRIED

c) Bylaw No. 1414 - Corrected copy - Required a few minor amendments. Dealt with under item 10. Bylaws: c).

d) Election Hospital Polls - Councillor Hilton.

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12. NEW BUSINESS: d) Cont'd.

1112/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council INSTRUCT Administration to contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and enquire if an amendment to the 1993 Local Government Elections Bylaw can be implemented for the 1993 Election.

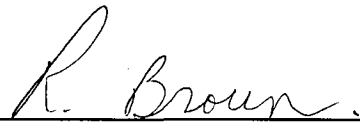
e) School District Trustee Candidates - Councillor Typusiak.

1113/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council APPROVE sending a public notice, indicating that City Council is not endorsing any candidate in the 1993 General or School Elections, one over another, and further APOLOGIZE for an article in the local newspaper, which implies any such endorsement. DEFERRED


1114/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Fox that Council DEFER Motion No. 1113/93 sending a public notice regarding 1993 Election candidate's to the In-Camera Meeting, Tues., Oct. 26/93. CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council TERMINATE the meeting at 8:49 p.m and RESOLVE into an In-Camera Meeting in ten minutes, excluding the general public.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Brown, ACTING MAYOR



Y.J. Porada, CLERK