

# CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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, R. Brown, G. Henderson,  
J. Hilton, R. Typusiak

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T. Day  
Clerk - Y. Porada  
Treasurer - S. Gill  
Director of Parks  
& Recreation - D. Osborne

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

Ten members of the general public, six being City of Merritt Council candidates in the upcoming election, Nov. 20/93.

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., Nov. 9/93.

1125/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, Nov. 9/93, including DELETING Item 10. BYLAWS b) 2), ADDING the Extra Agenda, Nov. 9/93 and a verbal report from the Director of Parks & Recreation on the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre.  
CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nil

5. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

a) Ms. Jean Perog, Chairperson, Community Futures Association Oct. 25/93 - Proposal for N'Kuala Park.

Ms. Margaret Davies, Spokesperson, made her presentation, as follows:

- provided Council with a brief summary of Community Futures Association's involvement with the John Weaver Collection;
- presented a proposal which utilizes N'Kuala Park as the potential home of said collection, including sketches;

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**5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: a) Cont'd.**

- a) - requested that the City hold N'Kuala Park in trust for Phase I of the John Weaver/Heritage Park Project for a period of one year;  
- noted that at the end of said year, plans should have advanced that either the park could be leased for a nominal fee on an extended basis so construction can begin on the buildings, or the park could be made available for other uses, including its original intended one.
- b) Blair Street and Merritt Avenue Residents - Request for Curb-to-Curb Resurfacing.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

- a) Special Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 21/93.  
1126/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 21/93. CARRIED
- b) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 26/93.  
1127/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Oct. 26/93. CARRIED

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

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Community Futures Association - Proposal for N'Kuala Park.  
1128/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Community Futures Association's Proposal for the John Weaver Collection, Oct. 25/93 and APPROVE holding N'Kuala Park in trust for Phase I of the John Weaver/Heritage Park Project for a period of one year, subject to receiving input from the Civic Properties & Recreation Commission. CARRIED

Four members of the general public left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

- b) Blair Street/Merritt Avenue Residents - Street Resurfacing.  
1129/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the petition from the Blair Street and Merritt Avenue Residents and REFER said petition to the 1994 Budget discussions. CARRIED

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**9. REPORTS:**

**a) Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard presented her report, as follows:

- B.C. Tel will be relocating the telephone pole (intersection of Quilchena Avenue and Garcia Street) by Nov./93;
- attended the Nordic Ski Club's Wine & Cheese Reception, Nov. 3/93 where its Cross-Country Trails Package was introduced;
- the Administrator and her had met with UCC representatives, Nov. 8/93 and requested a letter of support from Council regarding the College leasing the former Ministry of Forests site on Voght Street;
- T.N.R.D. 1994 Provisional Budgets for General Operations, Hospital Board and Library System were presented Nov. 4/93;
- the N.V. Watershed Community Partnership has been accepted for a Fraser Basin Management project;
- requested that two staff members be authorized to attend "User Pay & Other Waste Reduction Strategies" Workshop;
- advised Provincial Highways Sign Shop has been approved for Kamloops, B.C.; and
- proclaimed the week of Nov. 7-13/93 as "Unity in Diversity Week" in Merritt, sponsored by the Merritt Baha'i Assembly.

1130/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ACCEPT Mayor Norgaard's report of Nov. 9/93.  
CARRIED

1131/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council SEND a letter to the Ministry of Skills, Training & Labour supporting The University College of the Cariboo's proposal to lease the former Ministry of Forest site on Voght Street for a period of 5 years.  
CARRIED

1132/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council AUTHORIZE expenses for two staff members to attend the "User Pay and Other Waste Reduction Strategies" Workshop, Dec. 2-3/93, Kamloops, B.C.  
CARRIED

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

**Boundary Restructure Study - Councillor Laird**

- meeting scheduled for Tues., Nov. 16/93.

**South Central Union Board of Health - Councillor Laird**

- meeting scheduled for Tues., Nov. 23/93.

**Wood Residue Disposal Workshop - Councillor Laird**

- meeting held Thurs., Nov. 4/93, next meeting scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 2/93;
- reported the purpose of the meetings is to form a proposed Provincial Government Policy on ways and means to dispose of wood waste residue; and
- expenses for the meetings are at no cost to the City.

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9. REPORTS: b) Cont'd.

b) **Emergency Services - Councillor Henderson**

- good turn out for the Wed., Nov. 3/93 meeting, a brief exercise was undertaken utilizing the Aspen fire as an example; and

- next meeting scheduled for Wed., Dec. 1/93;

**Administration & Finance - Councillor Typusiak**

- meeting held with "Getting on with the Job" representatives and social agencies on Mon., Nov. 8/93 to discuss Merritt's social housing issues;

- a brief will be presented to the Economic Development Summit.

**Local Access Awareness Committee - Councillor Typusiak**

- meeting scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 18/93.

**Official Community Plan Committee - Councillor Typusiak**

- meeting held Tues., Nov. 2/93 with North Bench residents to discuss alternatives for the road networking; and

- plans will be sent to Ministries of Transportation & Highways and Crown Lands for input.

- 1) Minutes of Boundary Restructure Study Committee Meeting, Wed., Oct. 20/93.

1133/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Boundary Restructure Study Committee Meeting, Wed., Oct. 20/93. CARRIED

- 2) Minutes of Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, Tues., Oct. 19/93.

1134/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, Tues., Oct. 19/93. CARRIED

- 3) Minutes of Civic Properties & Recreation Commission Meeting, Wed., Nov. 3/93.

1135/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Minutes of the Civic Properties & Recreation Commission Meeting, Wed., Nov. 3/93. CARRIED

c) Administration Reports:

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

1136/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE T.N.R.D. Building Permit Statistics, Oct./93. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS: c) Cont'd.

- c) 2) Parks & Recreation - 1994 Calendar of Events.
- 1137/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Parks & Recreation - 1994 Calendar of Events. CARRIED
- 3) R.C.M.P. Report, Sept./93.
- 1138/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE R.C.M.P. Report, Sept./93. CARRIED
- 4) School District #31(Merritt) Report, Oct./93.
- 1139/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE School District #31(Merritt) Report, Oct./93. CARRIED
- 5) Memo, Oct. 26/93 - NVAC - Christmas Hours.
- 1140/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 26/93 - NVAC - Christmas Hours and ENDORSE that the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre hours over Christmas be Fri., Dec. 24/93 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sat., Dec. 25/93 Closed, Sun., Dec. 26/93 Noon-8:00 p.m., Fri., Dec. 31/93 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Sat., Jan. 1/94 Noon-8:00 p.m., all other days to be per regular schedule and further, that the normal Statutory Holiday schedule be Noon-8:00 p.m. CARRIED
- 6) Memo, Oct. 26/93 - 1992/1993 Building Permit Fees Comparison.
- 1141/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Oct. 26/93 - 1992/1993 Building Permit Fees Comparison. CARRIED
- 7) Memo, Nov. 1/93 - Council's Indemnity.
- 1142/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 1/93 - Council's Indemnity and CONTINUE with current bylaw. CARRIED
- 8) Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Payment of Accounts: October, 1993.
- 1143/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Payment of Accounts: October, 1993 and APPROVE Payment of Accounts in the amount of \$511,742.69. CARRIED

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

- c) 9) Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Development Variance Permit 1993-09 RND Development Ltd.

1144/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Development Variance Permit 1993-09 RND Development Ltd. and APPROVE DVP 1993-09 RND Development Ltd. CARRIED

- 10) Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Month-End Report for October, 1993.

1145/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Month-End Report for October, 1993. CARRIED

- 11) Memo, Nov. 3/93 - Broken Gas Line Caused by City Crew/Contractor.

1146/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 3/93 - Broken Gas Line Caused by City Crew/Contractor and APPROVE the following "POLICY": Recognizing that City Public Works crews do not carry breathing apparatus or full protective clothing, and, recognizing their level of training with hazardous materials incidents is limited; In the event of a gas line break caused by the City of Merritt Public Works crews or an agent acting on behalf of the City, the Public Works crews shall; 1. Call B.C. Gas; 2. Stay on site to direct responding emergency crews; 3. Restrict traffic from entering affected area when possible. CARRIED

- 12) NVAC Statistics, Oct. 1-31/93.

1147/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE NVAC Statistics, Oct. 1-31/93. CARRIED

- 13) Memo, Nov. 4/93 - Amendment of DP1992-D - Jagbir Arora/Harminder Sachdev.

1148/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 4/93 - Amendment of DP1992-D - Jagbir Arora/Harminder Sachdev and DENY DP1992-D - Jagbir Arora/Harminder Sachdev. CARRIED

**10. BYLAWS:**

- a) City of Merritt Water Distribution System Extension Bylaw No. 1410, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.

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10. BYLAWS: a) Cont'd.

- 1149/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1410, 1993". CARRIED
- b) Sewer System Extension -  
1) Minister of Municipal Affairs, Nov. 1/93 - Statutory Approval of Bylaw No. 1411 - City of Merritt Sewerage System Extension Bylaw No. 1411, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.
- 1150/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT SEWERAGE SYSTEM EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1411, 1993". CARRIED
- c) City of Merritt Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1412, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.
- 1151/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT BUILDING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1412, 1993". DEFEATED  
MAYOR NORGAARD, COUNCILLORS HILTON, LAIRD, & TYPUSIAK OPPOSED  
COUNCILLORS BROWN & HENDERSON IN FAVOUR
- d) City of Merritt Business License Amendment Bylaw No. 1413, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.
- 1152/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1413, 1993". CARRIED
- e) City of Merritt Mobile Food Concession Business Regulation Bylaw No. 1414, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.
- 1153/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT MOBILE FOOD CONCESSION BUSINESS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1414, 1993". CARRIED
- f) City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1417, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second & Third Readings.
- 1154/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1417, 1993". CARRIED

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10. BYLAWS: f) Cont'd.

- 1155/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1417, 1993". CARRIED
- 1156/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1417, 1993". CARRIED
- g) City of Merritt 1993 Amendment Budget Bylaw No. 1419, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second & Third Readings.
- 1157/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT 1993 AMENDMENT BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1419, 1993". CARRIED
- 1158/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT 1993 AMENDMENT BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1419, 1993". CARRIED
- 1159/93 Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT 1993 AMENDMENT BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1419, 1993". CARRIED
- h) Road Closure - S/K Rana -
- 1) Memo, Nov. 4/93 - K./S. Rana - Lot A, Plan 20750.
- 1160/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 4/93 - K./S. Rana - Lot A, Plan 20750. CARRIED
- 2) City of Merritt Unnamed Road Stopping Up and Closure Bylaw No. 1420, 1993 - Submitted for First, Second & Third Readings.
- 1161/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT UNNAMED ROAD STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1420, 1993." CARRIED
- 1162/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT UNNAMED ROAD STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1420, 1993." CARRIED
- 1163/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT UNNAMED ROAD STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1420, 1993." CARRIED



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

- i) Zoning Amendment -  
1) Memo, Nov. 4/93 - Rezoning Application RZ1993-01/Sherwood.

1164/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 4/93 - Rezoning Application RZ1993-01/Sherwood. CARRIED

- 2) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1421, 1993 - Submitted for First & Second Readings, as presented on the Nov. 9/93 Extra Agenda.

1165/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE FIRST READING to "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1421, 1993". CARRIED

1166/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council GIVE SECOND READING to "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1421, 1993". CARRIED

1167/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council PROCEED to Public Hearing for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1421, 1993 on Tues., Dec. 14/93 at 7:30 p.m. CARRIED

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Potential Council Responses:**

- 1) SPARC, Oct. 29/93 - Strengthening Community Social Planning - See Consultation Paper in "Reader File".

1168/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from SPARC, Oct. 29/93 - Strengthening Community Social Planning. CARRIED

- 2) Dauphin Handgun Club, Oct. 18/93 - Firearm Use.

1169/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Dauphin Handygun Club, Oct. 18/93 - Firearm Use. CARRIED

- 3) Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Oct. 27/93 - Indian Self-Government Enabling Act.

1170/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letter from Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Oct. 27/93 - Indian Self-Government Enabling Act. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.

- a) 4) Library System - Minister of Municipal Affairs -  
i) Oct. 27/93.  
ii) Oct. 27/93 - Addressed to T.N.R.D.

1171/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letters from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Oct. 27/93, one being addressed to the T.N.R.D.  
CARRIED

1172/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council INSTRUCT Administration to obtain additional information from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the implementation and process of a regional library district.  
CARRIED

- 5) Lloyd McClure - Drainage Ditch.  
i) Mr. L. McClure, Nov. 2/93.  
ii) City of Merritt's Reply, Nov. 2/93.

1173/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hilton that Council RECEIVE letters from Mr. L. McClure, Nov. 2/93 and City of Merritt's Reply, Nov. 2/93 - Drainage Ditch, and further REQUEST that the Public Works Superintendent provide Council with a written report on the matter. CARRIED

- 6) The University College of the Cariboo, Oct./93 - Request for funding.

1174/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from The University College of the Cariboo, Oct./93 - Request for funding. CARRIED

- 7) Nicola Watershed Community, Nov. 1/93 - Waiver of Civic Centre Rental.

1175/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Nicola Watershed Community, Nov. 1/93 - Waiver of Civic Centre Rental and GRANT said waiver, as per the City's "first time user" policy. CARRIED

- 8) Chewey Cab Company - Approval of Taxi Rates.

1176/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council RECEIVE letter from Chewey Cab Company - Approval of Taxi Rates. DEFERRED

1177/93 Moved by Councillor Hilton, seconded by Councillor Brown that Council DEFER Motion No. 1176/93 receiving letter from Chewey Cab Company until Administration has received additional information on the Motor Carrier Act. CARRIED

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

**b) Receive:**

- 1) Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Nov. 1/93 - Addressed to Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Boundary Restructure.
- 2) District of Logan Lake, Oct. 20/93 - Addressed to T.N.R.D., Rural Rescue Services.

1178/93 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Henderson that Council RECEIVE letters from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Nov. 1/93 - Addressed to Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Boundary Restructure and District of Logan Lake, Oct. 20/93 - Addressed to T.N.R.D. - Rural Rescue Services.

CARRIED

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre - Verbal Report - Director of Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Osborne reported to Council on the ongoing mechanical problems being encountered at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre over the past two months. Said problems being the inability to stabilize water and air temperatures within the systems. The mechanical contractors, sub-contractors, consultants and himself would be meeting Nov. 11/93 at 1:00 p.m. to resolve these problems. The staff have been keeping the public informed daily regarding temperatures and problems at the Centre. It was noted holdback payments have not been paid to date on the mechanical contracts.


CARRIED

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

1179/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Brown that the meeting TERMINATE at 9:07 p.m. and RESOLVE in to an In-Camera Meeting, excluding the general public. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
Y.J. Porada, CLERK