

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

Mayor - C. Norgaard
Councillors - B. Cowan, D. Laird, D. McLean,
R. Typusiak, T. Sheldan, L. Miller

ADMINISTRATION:

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

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

DELEGATION: Messrs. Grant Irvine and Jon Jensen,
Ministry of Transportation & Highways

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., Dec. 14/93.

1226/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council
ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Tues., Dec. 14/93,
including the Extra Agenda Memo, Dec. 14/93. CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nil

5. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

a) Ministry of Transportation & Highways, Dec. 6/93 -
Grant Irvine & Jon Jensen - City Road Network & Upper
Bench Development.

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

- a) Mr. Irvine provided Council with a Transportation Planning Overview, stating that the Ministry has increasingly become more involved in municipal transportation planning. He discussed the following subjects:
- Provincial Government Revenue Sharing (Roads) Program and cost sharing projects;
 - transportation definitions and objectives;
 - protection of future transportation capabilities and permanent road placement;
 - growth and traffic patterns;
 - hierarchy of roads;
 - transportation networking configurations; and
 - North Bench collector road, including impact on Voght Street.

Messrs. Irvine and Jensen left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Nov. 23/93.

1227/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Nov. 23/93.
CARRIED

- b) Inaugural Meeting, Mon. Dec. 6/93.

1228/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting, Mon., Dec. 6/93.
CARRIED

- c) Special Council Meeting, Mon., Dec. 6/93.

1229/93 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Mon., Dec. 6/93.
CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Ministry of Transportation & Highways - Delegation - Held in abeyance until a working session is undertaken on the Official Community Plan.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Cont'd.

- b) Cariboo Thompson-Nicola Library System and Establishment of a New Regional Library Board - TABLED.

- 1) Village of Chase, Nov. 26/93.
- 2) Minister of Municipal Affairs, Nov. 30/93.

1230/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letters from Village of Chase, Nov. 26/93 and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Nov. 30/93 regarding the Library System. CARRIED

Councillor Sheldan declared a potential conflict of interest due to his wife being an employee of the Cariboo Thompson-Nicola Library System and left the Council Chambers at 8:15 p.m.

1231/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ENDORSE the actions of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District taking over the operation of the Thompson-Nicola Library System by providing funds in its 1994 Provisional Budget, provided that there are no disruptions to the Merritt Library services, including its employees. CARRIED

Councillor Sheldan returned to the Council Chambers at 8:18 p.m.

9. REPORTS:

a) **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard presented her report as follows:

- presented a "Press Release" regarding the difficulties being experienced due to corrosion of some copper piping components at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre;

1232/93 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre "Press Release". CARRIED

- thanked Administration for the time and energy given to Council's Retreat;
- provided a summary of what transpired at Council's Retreat;
- proclaimed Jan. 1-31/94 as "Alzheimer Awareness Month" in Merritt; and
- noted Merritt Secondary School invited Council to its "Unlearning Racism Days", Jan. 19 & 20/94.

1233/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Mayor Norgaard's report of Dec. 14/93. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS: Cont'd.

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

Healthy Communities - Councillor Miller

- Spring Festival, March 11-13/94, details forthcoming.

South Central Union Board of Health - Councillor Miller

- meeting scheduled for Dec. 15/93 with the new Facilitator.

B.C. Energy Commission - Councillor Laird

- reported on the meeting held Dec. 2/93 noting the group is making headway on dealing with the wood waste residue issue; and
- concerned that B.C. Hydro does not have a representative on the Commission.

1) Minutes of Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, Tues., Nov. 16/93.

1234/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Meeting, Tues., Nov. 16/93. CARRIED

2) Minutes of Waste Wood Disposal/City of Merritt Joint Committee Meeting, Mon., Nov. 22/93.

1235/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Waste Wood Disposal/City of Merritt Joint Committee Meeting, Mon., Nov. 22/93. CARRIED

c) Administration Reports:

1) R.C.M.P. Report, Oct./93.

1236/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE R.C.M.P. Report, Oct./93. CARRIED

2) Merritt Rescue Unit Report, Oct./93.

1237/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Merritt Rescue Unit Report, Oct./93. CARRIED

3) Merritt Information Centre Report, Nov./93.

1238/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE Merritt Information Centre Report, Nov./93. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS: c) Cont'd.

c) 4) Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Merritt Civic Centre Rates - 1994.

1239/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 2/93 - Merritt Civic Centre Rates - 1994 and that Administration prepare an amendment to Schedule "C" of Bylaw No. 1387 reflecting a 5% increase on Civic Centre Rental Rates. REFERRED

1240/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council REFER amendment to Schedule "C" of Bylaw No. 1387 reflecting a 5% increase in Civic Centre Rental Rates to the Civic Properties & Recreation Commission for a recommendation. CARRIED

5) Memo, Nov. 15/93 - Community Futures Report - N'Kuala Park.

1241/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 15/93 - Community Futures Report - N'Kuala Park, Memo, Nov. 23/93 - N'Kuala Park and the Nicola Valley Community Futures Association's "John Weaver Collection" Proposal. CARRIED

6) Memo, Nov. 19/93 - Video Games Proposal - Nicola Valley Memorial Arena.

1242/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 19/93 - Video Games Proposal - Nicola Valley Memorial Arena and letter from Mr. Frank Larre, Nov. 16/93. REFERRED

1243/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council REFER Memo, Nov. 19/93 - Video Games Proposal - Nicola Valley Memorial Arena and Mr. Larre's letter, Nov. 16/93 to the Civic Properties & Recreation Commission. CARRIED

7) Memo, Nov. 30/93 - Advertising Policy.

1244/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 30/93 - Advertising Policy, RESCIND City of Merritt Policy #177/92 and that the City ADVERTISE in both local newspapers and that bid proposals be requested once per year, commencing Jan. 1/95, in order that the cost to the City remain competitive and also to allow for a period of review each year. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS: c) Cont'd.

- c) 8) Memo, Nov. 30/93 - Aspen Planers, Weyerhaeuser/Access and Internal Routing.
- 1245/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 30/93 - Aspen Planers, Weyerhaeuser/Access and Internal Routing. CARRIED
- 9) Memo, Dec. 1/93 - BC 21 Community Project Program - Review.
- 1246/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 1/93 - BC 21 Community Project Program - Review. CARRIED
- 10) Memo, Dec. 3/93 - Month-end Report for November, 1993.
- 1247/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 3/93 - Month-end Report for November, 1993. CARRIED
- 11) Memo, Dec. 3/93 - Nicola Valley Memorial Arena - Exterior Door Supply.
- 1248/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 3/93 - Nicola Valley Memorial Arena - Exterior Door Supply. CARRIED
- 1249/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council ADVERTISE for bid proposals, for the supply and installation of exterior doors for the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena as per specifications presented in Memo, Dec. 3/93. CARRIED
- 12) Memo, Dec. 9/93 - 1994 Water/Sewer Study Grants.
- 1250/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 9/93 - 1994 Water/Sewer Study Grants and AUTHORIZE application for a Provincial Water/Sewer Study Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to fund a \$15,000.00 long range Sewage Treatment and Disposal Study. CARRIED
- 13) Memo, Dec. 9/93 - 1993 Sewer/Water Grant Program - Revenue Sharing Act.

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9. REPORTS: c) Cont'd.

1251/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 9/93 - 1993 Sewer/Water Grant Program - Revenue Sharing Act and AUTHORIZE the adjustment of appropriation from surplus of approximately \$14,700.00 in the Water Fund. CARRIED

Councillor Miller declared a potential conflict of interest due to his being the Vice-President of the Merritt Senior Citizens Association and left the Council Chambers at 9:05 p.m.

14) Memo, Dec. 9/93 - Merritt Senior Citizens Association - Operating Agreement.

1252/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 9/93 - Merritt Senior Citizens Association - Operating Agreement and AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to execute said agreement for the term April 1/93 to March 31/95 at a rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per year to operate the Merritt Senior Citizens Centre. CARRIED

Councillor Miller returned to the Council Chambers at 9:07 p.m.

10. BYLAWS:

a) City of Merritt Clapperton Avenue/Blair Street Intersection Stopping Up and Closure Bylaw No. 1406, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.

1253/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT CLAPPERTON AVENUE/BLAIR STREET INTERSECTION STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1406, 1993. CARRIED

b) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.

1254/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1415, 1993. CARRIED

c) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.

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10. BYLAWS: c) Cont'd.

1255/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1406, 1993. CARRIED

1) Aspen Planers, Dec. 2/93.

1256/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE letter from Aspen Planers, Dec. 2/93. CARRIED

d) City of Merritt Unnamed Road Stopping Up and Closure Bylaw No. 1420, 1993 - Submitted for Reconsideration & Adoption.

1257/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECONSIDER and ADOPT "CITY OF MERRITT UNNAMED ROAD STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1420, 1993. CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

1) U.B.C.M. -
i) Dec. 1/93.

1258/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE letter from U.B.C.M., Dec. 1/93. CARRIED

ii) Nov. 26/93 - Implementation of Health Regionalization.

1259/93 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE letter from U.B.C.M., Nov. 26/93. CARRIED

iii) Seminar - Newly Elected Officials.

1260/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE pamphlet from U.B.C.M. - Seminar - Newly Elected Officials and AUTHORIZE sending all newly elected officials to either the Penticton Seminar or if their schedules do not permit this, the Richmond Seminar, and that all expenses be paid. CARRIED

iv) Nov. 30/93 - Survey - Group Insurance for Elected Officials.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) 1) iv) Cont'd.

1261/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE letter from U.B.C.M., Nov. 30/93 - Survey - Group Insurance for Elected Officials and that said Survey be COMPLETED by Council members by Dec. 17/93 and returned to the Clerk. CARRIED

Councillor Cowan declared a potential conflict of interest due to her being an employee of the Ministry of Health and left the Council Chambers at 9:18 p.m.

2) Nicola Valley Healthy Communities, Dec. 7/93 - Application for Grant.

1262/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Nicola Valley Healthy Communities, Dec. 7/93 - Application for Grant. CARRIED

1263/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SUPPORT the Nicola Valley Healthy Communities Group by ENDORSING a broad public policy approach to health that will look at how overall municipal policies can affect the health of the community; by REQUIRING individual department and inter-departmental committees to analyze and revise the health impact of their policies; by MAKING a commitment to enact, integrate or change a policy or action in its day-to-day work that will reflect the intent of the Healthy Communities Group; and by APPOINTING a representative from the City of Merritt to the Healthy Communities Steering Committee. CARRIED

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RESCINDED

Councillor Cowan returned to the Council Chambers at 9:21 p.m.

3) Ministry of Health, Dec. 3/93 - Appointments of Sanitary Officials.

1264/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE letter from the Ministry of Health, Dec. 3/93 - Appointments of Sanitary Officials, that all previous appointments of Sanitary Officials be RESCINDED and that the following appointments be APPROVED:
Dr. E. Nadine Loewen, Medical Health Officer; Kenneth L. Christian, Chief Environmental Health Officer; Dan J. Ferguson, Deputy Chief Environmental Health Officer; Kevin A. Touchet, H. Clare Audet, W. Joe Rowlett, Regan H. Smith, E.A.A. (Ted) Mahler, Joyce S. Michaud and Cynthia D. Watson, Public Health Inspectors. CARRIED

4) Community Futures Association, Dec. 2/93 - Summary Report - Planning Session.

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

1265/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE letter from Community Futures Association, Dec. 2/93 - Summary Report - Planning Session. CARRIED

5) BCRPA, Nov. 17/93 - Workshop.

1266/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE letter from BCRPA, Nov. 17/93 - Workshop and APPROVE the expenses for one Council member to attend "Harrison: The Great Escape" Workshop, Jan. 13 & 14/94. CARRIED

6) Harry Lali, MLA, Yale-Lillooet, Nov. 22/93 - Milfoil Control.

1267/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE letter from Harry Lali, MLA, Yale-Lillooet, Nov. 22/93 - Milfoil Control and that a letter be SENT thanking him for his assistance. CARRIED

7) Highland Valley Copper, Nov. 24/93 - Request for Support.

1268/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Highland Valley Copper, Nov. 24/93 - Request for Support and that a letter be SENT supporting its Ten-Point Plan to "Keep Mining in Canada" Campaign. CARRIED

8) Seminar, Jan. 21/94 - Development & Zoning Approvals.

1269/93 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE pamphlet of Seminar, Jan. 21/94 - Development & Zoning Approvals. CARRIED

9) Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Nov. 17/93 - Drainage Easement/McClure.

1270/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Nov. 17/93 - Drainage Easement/McClure. CARRIED

10) Lidstone, Young, Anderson, Nov. 23/93 - Protection of City Logo.

1271/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council REFER letter from Lidstone, Young, Anderson, Nov. 23/93 - Protection of City Logo, to the Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.

11) Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce - Nov. 29/93 - Fee-for-Service.

1272/93 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE letter from Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce - Nov. 29/93 - Fee-for-Service and REFER it to the 1994 Budget discussions. CARRIED

12) BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association, Dec. 8/93 - BC 21.

1273/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE letter from BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association, Dec. 8/93 - BC 21. CARRIED

b) Receive:

1) Harry Lali, MLA, Yale-Lillooet, Dec. 2/93 - UCC Campus Site.

2) Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, Nov. 23/93 - Thank you.

3) Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Dec. 2/93 - Forest Practice Code.

4) Yellowhead Highway Association, Nov. 24/93 - Trans Canada Highway Designation.

5) Bulkley-Nechako Regional District, Nov. 15/93 - Policing.

6) Ministry of Transportation & Highways, Dec. 6/93 - Highway Sign Shop.

1274/93 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE 11. CORRESPONDENCE b) 1)-6) for information. CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Memo, Dec. 14/93 - Special Council Meeting.

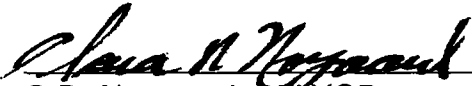
1275/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 14/93 - Special Council Meeting. CARRIED

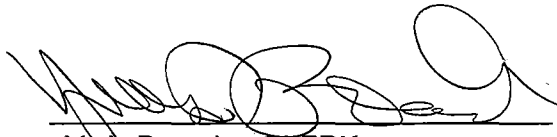
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13. ADJOURNMENT:

1276/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council TERMINATE the meeting at 9:34 p.m. and RESOLVE into an In-Camera Meeting, excluding the general public. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


Y.J. Porada, CLERK