

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1993, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA: Merritt News and Merritt Herald

Two 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) Special Council Meeting, Tues., Dec. 21/93.

1288/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council
ADOPT the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of Tues., Dec. 21/93,
including the Extra Agenda of Tues., Dec. 21/93. CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:31 p.m. and read out the
statement regarding presentations.

a) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1421, 1993.

The Planner read out the following statement of purpose as presented in
Bylaw No. 1421 and advised he would answer any questions which may arise:

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4. PUBLIC HEARING: a) Cont'd.

- a) "This zone provides for the comprehensive development of Single and Two Family Residential uses within the confines of one parent parcel. Although the development contains reduced servicing and regulatory standards and is maintained privately under common ownership, its appearance is that of a conventional residential subdivision."

Mr. Ron Sherwood, one of the owners of the property in question, made his presentation as follows:

- wished to establish this type of housing in Merritt and is positive there is a market for it;
- stated the project would improve the aesthetics of the approach to the City;
- the project would generate substantial tax dollars and many hours of employment throughout the construction period;
- the homes consist of one-level, two-bedroom units; and
- noted the parcel would be totally maintained and landscaped.

The Planner read out the one written submission received from the Nicola Valley Evangelical Free Church received Dec. 20/93 noting there were concerns regarding the existing road width and access.

The Planner noted both the City and Ministry of Transportation & Highways would require the developer to provide standard road widths, access and off-street parking. The Ministry had not requested a left-turn lane on Voght Street.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against Bylaw No. 1421 and hearing no one, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Dec. 14/93.

1289/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Dec. 14/93.
CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

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9. REPORTS:

a) Mayor's Report:

Mayor Norgaard made her presentation as follows:

- advised the Thompson-Nicola Regional District will be sending a letter of support regarding the upgrading of the Trans Canada Highway from the Alberta border to Kamloops, B.C., to the Prime Minister, and also a letter of support to the Collettville Parents Advisory Committee for their efforts to establish a playground at Collettville Elementary School; and
- advised the Nicola Watershed Community Board made application for Federal funding to hold a Public Forum, Feb. 5/94 and establish a Round Table, request the City to administer the funds.

1290/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council GRANT permission for the City to provide the service of administering Federal funds for the Nicola Watershed Community Board and enter into a contract with the Federal Government. **CARRIED**

1291/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ACCEPT Mayor Norgaard's report of Dec. 21/93. **CARRIED**

b) Liaisons' and Commissions/Committees Reports:

- 1) Councillor Typusiak - Administration & Finance
- NV Community Futures
 - Official Community Plan

Councillor Sheldan - Protective Services & Public Safety

- Civic Properties & Recreation - meeting scheduled for Jan. 5/94.

Councillor Laird - Public Works

- BC Energy - meeting scheduled for Jan. 6/94.
- Boundary Restructure

Councillor McLean - Airport Management & Operations

Councillor Les Miller - South Central Union Board of Health

- Healthy Communities

Councillor Cowan - Economic Development/Tourism Promotion

- Local Access Awareness

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9. REPORTS: b) Cont'd.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions/Committees Reports:

- 2) Minutes of the City of Merritt/Thompson-Nicola Regional District Boundary Restructure Study Meeting, Dec. 9/93. See Memo, Dec. 3/93.

1292/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RESOLVE into Committee of the Whole at 8:00 p.m. with the Mayor in the Chair. TABLED

1293/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council TABLE Item 9. b) 2) until after Bylaw No. 1421 had been dealt with, and that Item 10. a) be moved up on the agenda. CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1421, 1993 - Submitted for Third Reading.

1294/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE THIRD READING to "CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1421, 1993". CARRIED

b) Liaisons' and Commissions/Committees Reports:

1295/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council LIFT from the TABLE Motion No. 1292, resolving into Committee of the Whole and proceed to do so at 8:02 p.m. CARRIED

1296/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE Minutes of the City of Merritt/Thompson-Nicola Regional District Boundary Restructure Study Meeting, Thurs., Dec. 9/93. CARRIED

Council discussed its concerns regarding the following:

- the Collettsville water system study;
- how the voting process will be undertaken;
- consideration of specified area to provide major services;
- future road standards;
- fire protection, bylaw enforcement, parks and storm drain;
- funding for the Collettsville Bridge;
- additional restructure grants; and
- avenues of advising the residents of future expectations.

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9. REPORTS: b) Cont'd.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions/Committees Reports:

- 1297/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council REPORT back to the Special Council Meeting at 8:34 p.m. CARRIED
- 1298/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE application for a Study for the Collettsville Water System, prior to the proposed referendum, that a Terms of Reference be drafted and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for approval, and that invitational tender be undertaken with selected engineering firms. CARRIED
- 1299/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs stating the City of Merritt Council is not prepared to approve the Boundary Restructure going to referendum, if the Collettsville and Sunneyview areas are not separated into two votes with two voting areas. CARRIED
- 1300/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council APPROVE that all additional major services, (sidewalks, curb and gutter, storm drains) in the expansion areas, be dealt with by Council under "specified area". CARRIED
- 1301/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs stating that Council is not prepared to approve the Boundary Restructure going to referendum until such time as a written commitment is received from the Ministry of Transportation & Highways guaranteeing 100% funding for reconstruction of the Collettsville Bridge. CARRIED
- 1302/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council PETITION the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to allow the City to qualify for financial assistance from the Ministry of Transportation & Highways for base reconstruction and cul-de-sac turnarounds for reconstruction of roads in any newly incorporated area. CARRIED
- 1303/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council PETITION the Minister of Municipal Affairs for additional restructure assistance in view of the special difficulties and costs involved with accepting Collettsville into the City boundaries. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS: b) Cont'd.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions/Committees Reports:

1304/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council ADVISE the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the City agrees with the Boundary Restructure Study Committee's recommendation that a referendum be held sometime between the period of Feb. 15 to 28/94. CARRIED

c) Administration Reports:

1) Merritt Rescue Unit Report - Nov./93.

1305/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Merritt Rescue Unit Report - Nov./93. CARRIED

2) Thompson-Nicola Regional District Building Department Statistics - Nov./93.

1306/93 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Thompson-Nicola Regional District Building Department Statistics - Nov./93. CARRIED

3) Memo, Dec. 3/93 - Boundary Restructure.

1307/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 3/93 - Boundary Restructure. CARRIED

4) Memo, Dec. 15/93 - Major Industrial, Residential and Business Rates.

1308/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 15/93 - Major Industrial, Residential and Business Rates. CARRIED

5) Memo, Dec. 16/93 - Healthy Communities.

i) Memo, Dec. 16/93 - "New Directions".

ii) The Nicola Valley Healthy Communities Group, Dec. 15/93.

1309/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 16/93 - Healthy Communities, Memo, Dec. 16/93 - "New Directions" and letter from The Nicola Valley Healthy Communities Group, Dec. 15/93. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS: c) 5) Con'td.

1310/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council CO-SPONSOR all future Civic Centre rentals which are held in relation to Council's support towards "healthy communities", including the Community Festival scheduled for March 11-12/94. **CARRIED**

1311/93 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council CO-SPONSOR, for an indefinite period, Civic Centre meeting room rentals which are held by the "New Directions" Working Group. **CARRIED**

6) Memo, Dec. 16/93 - Emergency Rescue Service.

1312/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 16/93 - Emergency Rescue Service and ENDORSE recommendations, as follows: 1. Council meet with the T.N.R.D. and request it to fund this service which is obviously a regional or sub-regional service and not a municipal one; 2. Council authorize moving the service from the current rental premises to the City's Fire Hall; 3. Complete the capital work necessary to accommodate the unit at the Fire Hall, including making an office space available by evicting Mr. Zygmund Czubajkowski who resides in the Fire Hall rent free; and 4. Council request the Service's membership to review the option of establishing itself as an independent organization, separate from the City. **CARRIED**

7) Memo, Dec. 16/93 - Sunneyview Mobile Home Park.

1313/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE Memo, Dec. 16/93 - Sunneyview Mobile Home Park and AUTHORIZE that the City Planner create a General Urban Reserve Zone, to be placed on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Plan 15455, pending finalization of the new Official Community Plan. **CARRIED**

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

1) Municipal Finance Authority, Dec. 3/93 - Financial Update.

1314/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Municipal Finance Authority, Dec./93 - Financial Update. **CARRIED**

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.

- a) 2) Nicola Watershed Community Roundtable Steering Committee, Dec. 5/93
- Civic Centre Meeting Room Rental.
- 1315/93 Moved by Councillor Sheldon, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE letter from Nicola Watershed Community Roundtable Steering Committee, Dec. 5/93 - Civic Centre Meeting Room Rental, and CO-SPONSOR Civic Centre meeting room rentals, until the Public Forum is held which is scheduled for Feb. 5/94. CARRIED
- 3) Municipal Insurance Association, Dec. 6/93 - 1994 Premium Rates.
- 1316/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE letter from Municipal Insurance Association, Dec. 6/93 - 1994 Premium Rates. CARRIED
- 1317/93 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Sheldon that Council SUBMIT M.I.A. Invoice No. 6614 (\$21,358.00) to the 1994 Budget for payment in 1994. CARRIED
- 1318/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and a resolution to the 1994 O.M.M.A. Convention requesting that the Provincial Government relieve municipalities from the liability of building inspection and regulation claims. CARRIED
- 4) District of West Vancouver, Dec. 7/93 - Protocol on Principles for Sharing Environmental Responsibilities.
- 1319/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldon that Council RECEIVE letters from District of West Vancouver, Dec. 7/93 - Protocol on Principles for Sharing Environmental Responsibilities and U.B.C.M., Dec. 20/93 - Addressed to Town of Creston - Environmental Protocol (Extra Agenda). CARRIED
- 5) Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Dec. 7/93 - Application Pursuant to Waste Management Act - Tolko.
- 1320/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Sheldon that Council RECEIVE letter from Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Dec. 7/93 - Application Pursuant to Waste Management Act - Tolko. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Cont'd.

- 6) Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks, Dec. 8/93 - Multi-Material Recycling Financial Assistance Program Grant Approval.

1321/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE letter from Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks, Dec. 8/93 - Multi-Material Recycling Financial Assistance Program Grant Approval and SEND a letter thanking the Minister for approval. CARRIED

- 7) Ministry of Attorney General, Dec. 10/93 - Policing Costs.

1322/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE letter from Minister of Attorney General, Dec. 10/93 - Policing Costs for Special Events, thank him for his reply, and request that the Ministry consider, if necessary, legislating that regional districts take on said policing costs, and further encourage the Ministry's ongoing involvement in this issue. CARRIED

b) Receive:

- 1) Ministry of Attorney General, Nov. 30/93 - New Region Boundaries.

1323/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldan that Council RECEIVE letter from Ministry of Attorney General, Nov. 30/93 - New Region Boundaries, and SEND a letter thanking Mr. Murray Dyer, P.E.P. Manager, for his service and wish him well in his retirement. CARRIED

- 2) B.C. Social Credit, Nov. 30/93 - Congratulations.

1324/93 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE letter from B.C. Social Credit, Nov. 30/93 - Congratulations. CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dec. 2/93 - Restructure Study Grant - Additional Funding.

1325/93 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dec. 2/93 - Restructure Study Grant - Additional Funding and SEND a letter thanking the Minister for approval. CARRIED

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12. NEW BUSINESS: Cont'd.

- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Dec. 15/93 - Sunneyview Mobile Home Park Boundary Extension.

1326/93 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Sheldon that Council RECEIVE letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Dec. 15/93 - Sunneyview Mobile Home Park Boundary Extension. **CARRIED**

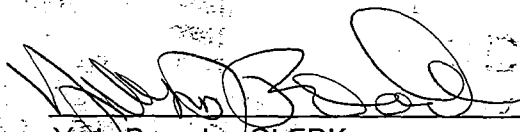
- c) U.B.C.M., Dec. 20/93 - Addressed to Town of Creston - Environmental Protocol - Dealt with under Item 11: a) 4.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

1327/93 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sheldon that Council TERMINATE the meeting at 9:28 p.m. and RESOLVE into an In-Camera Meeting at 9:33 p.m. **CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


Y.J. Porada, CLERK