

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, 1950 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Clerk - Y.Porada
Treasurer - S.Gill
Planner - F.Sinclair
Fire Chief - R.Finley
Recreation Manager - D.Mackey
Confidential Secretary - R.Harrison

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

There are seven (7) members of the General Public present.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clara Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Jan.9/96

5/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Jan.9/96. including the Extra Agenda items:

REPORTS:

1. Memo, Jan.2/96 - T.N.R.D. Solid Waste Management Plan
2. Memo, Jan.8/96 - Sludge Dewatering Press
3. Verbal report, Administrator - Fire Safety Inspections.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chamber of Commerce, Jan.4/96 - Invitation to Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:32 p.m. and read out the statement regarding presentations:

- a) City of Merritt O.C.P.Amendment Bylaw No.1532, 1995

There were no written submissions received in regard to City of Merritt O.C.P. Amendment Bylaw No. 1532, 1995.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1532, 1995 and hearing no response, proceeded to the next issue.

- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment No.1, Bylaw No. 1533, 1995

There were no written submissions received in regard to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No.1533, 1995.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Zoning Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 1533, 1995 and hearing no response, proceeded to the next issue.

- c) City of Merritt O.C.P.Amendment Bylaw No.1537, 1995

There were no written submissions received in regard to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1537, 1995.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1537, 1995 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

At 7:38 p.m., one member of the General Public joined the meeting to make a total of seven(7)

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6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Special Council Meeting, Dec.5/95
- b) Regular Council Meeting, Dec.12/95
- c) Special Council Meeting, Dec.18/95
- d) Special Budget Meeting, Dec.18/95

6/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council ADOPT the Minutes for:

- a) Special Council Meeting, Dec.5/95
- b) Regular Council Meeting, Dec.12/95
- c) Special Council Meeting, Dec.18/95
- d) Special Budget Meeting, Dec.18/95

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) School District No. 31(Merritt), Dec.05/95 - Merritt Bench Crosswalk.

7/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the School District No. 31(Merritt), letter of Dec.05/95 - Merritt Bench Crosswalk and REFER same to the Special City/School District #31 Committee dealing with this crosswalk issue.

CARRIED

- b) Urban Systems Ltd., Dec.18/95 - Horizontal Drains - Parker Drive.

8/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Urban Systems Ltd., letter of Dec.18/95 - Horizontal Drains - Parker Drive.

CARRIED

- c) City of Merritt O.C.P.Amendment Bylaw No.1532, 1995
- Submitted for third reading.

9/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT O.C.P.AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1532,1995.**

CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - Cont'd.

- d) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment No.1, Bylaw No. 1533, 1995
- **Submitted for third reading.**

10/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT NO. 1, BYLAW NO. 1533, 1995.** CARRIED

- e) City of Merritt O.C.P.Amendment Bylaw No.1537, 1995
- **Submitted for third reading.**

11/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT O.C.P. AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1537, 1995.** CARRIED

At 7:45 p.m., four (4) members of the General Public left the meeting with three (3) remaining.

9. REPORTS:

a) **Mayor's Reports:**

T.N.R.D. Meeting, Dec.14/95 -

Old Regional Hospital Board will remain in place until all their debts are paid out. New Regional Hospital District Board will have 22 Directors from the Thompson-Nicola Region with 41 votes, and 5 Directors from the Columbia-Shuswap, Squamish Lillooet, Fraser Cheam Regions with a total of 6 votes. TNRD staff will handle all administration functions. There will be 2 meetings per year, with additional meetings if necessary.

Suzanne Taylor has been contracted to complete Phase 3 of the Regional District House Identification Program.

Merritt Gymnastics Club will be hosting the B.C. Team trials for Trampoline and Tumbling on Jan.19-21/96 at the Civic Centre.

12/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GRANT PERMISSION** to the Kidney Foundation of Canada to canvass door-to-door throughout Merritt during the month of March, 1996.
CARRIED

13/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **APPROVE** the request from Merritt and District Minor Hockey to hold a parade in honour of Hockey Week on Jan.19/96. CARRIED

9. REPORTS: - Cont'd.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

1) **Councillor Cowan -**

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan.10/96

Local Access Awareness - The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan.11/96.

Affordable Housing - There will be a meeting on Jan.18/96 with the project architects and then a second meeting with City Staff.

2) **Councillor Laird -**

Public Works -

14/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council CONTACT and request action from the Ministry of the Environment to immediately repair the Coldwater dyking system in order to ensure the safety of the Citizens of Merritt and the security of public and private lands protected by the dykes, grant permission for the City to undertake dyking repairs immediately. CARRIED

Community Health Council - The next meeting will be in January.

3) **Councillor McCormack -**

Economic Development and Planning - The next meeting will be held on Jan.17/96. There are planning presentations on display at City Hall concerning the Coquihalla Resources "The Pointe" development and the Railyard Enterprises mall development. Jan.29-30 will be the dates for BIA Seminars sponsored by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

NV Development Centre Liaison - The next meeting will be Jan.10/96.

4) **Councillor McLean -**

Airport - Merritt Flying Club - The next meeting will be Jan.10/96

Chamber of Commerce - The Annual General Meeting will be held on Jan.27/96.

5) **Councillor Miller -**

Protective Services & Public Safety - Nil.

South Central Union Board of Health -

i. Minutes, of Nov.22/95 Meeting

15/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the South Central Union Board of Health - Minutes, of Nov.22/95 Meeting for information. CARRIED

Healthy Communities - Nil.

9. REPORTS:

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports: - Cont'd.

6) Councillor Typusiak -

Administration & Finance - Administrative staff are very busy with Community Forest Licence Proposals, the upcoming Financial Audit, and the Colletville Specified Area Bylaws.

Environmental Advisory -

- i. Minutes of Nov.2/95 Meeting

16/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Minutes of the Nov.2/95 Meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

17/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECOMMEND to the School Board that each school in the district should send a representative to the next Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting in order to get the students involved with the Pitch In - City Pride Week.

CARRIED

At 8:05 one (1) member of the General Public left the meeting with two(2) people remaining.

c) Administration Reports:

1. Fire Chief's Month-End Report

- i. Oct./95
- ii. Nov./95
- iii. Dec./95

17/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Fire Chief's Month-End Reports for Oct., Nov., and Dec./95.

CARRIED

2. TNRD., Dec.13/95 - Regional Growth Management Strategy, Appointment.

18/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the TNRD letter of Dec.13/95 - Regional Growth Management Strategy and APPOINT the City Planner, Finlay Sinclair as the City of Merritt's representative to the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

3. Memo, Dec.7/95 - List of Snow Removal Equipment

19/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Dec.7/95 - List of Snow Removal Equipment.

CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

c) **Administration Reports:** - Cont'd.

4. Memo, Dec./95 - Bylaw Services Statistics for Nov./95

20/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Dec./95 - Bylaw Services Statistics for Nov./95. CARRIED

5. Memo, Jan.02/95 - Fire Underwriters' Survey of Merritt

The Fire Chief read the Fire Underwriters' Survey of Merritt and explained the improvement in Merritt's ratings as a result of the survey. Merritt has risen in their ratings to a Grade 2 for Dwelling Protection (formerly grade 3 or 4) and a Class 6 for Public (Commercial, Industrial or Industrial Buildings) Fire Protection (formerly a Class 7)

21/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.02/96 - Fire Underwriters' Survey of Merritt. CARRIED

6. Memo, Jan.04/95 - Colletville Centennial Park

22/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.04/95 - Colletville Centennial Park, ENDORSE the tentative plan or the development of Colletville Centennial Park as presented and the application to BC Lands for a Free Crown Grant for the property.. CARRIED

7. Verbal report, Administrator - Fire Safety Inspection.

The Administrator outlined an alternative to hiring a full-time Fire Inspector which would be to contract services for Fire Safety Inspection. The contract would cover a complete Fire Safety Inspection to establish a base level of inspection that could be maintained by the existing Fire Chief. In order to maintain the base level, the Fire Chief's office would be moved into the new City Hall building, allowing increased secretarial assistance to the Fire Chief, thereby freeing up additional time for his fire inspections.

23/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ENDORSE the recommendations of the Administrator, which include contracting of Fire Safety Inspection to establish a base level of inspections which can be maintained by the Fire Chief. CARRIED

At 8:35 p.m., one (1) member of the General Public left the meeting leaving one (1) remaining.

10. BYLAWS:

1. Minister of Transportation and Highways, Dec.7/95
- City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1511, 1995
SUBMITTED FOR ADOPTION.

24/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Minister of Transportation and Highways letter of Dec.7/95 and **ADOPT the City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1511, 1995.** CARRIED

2. Memo, Jan.4/95 - City of Merritt Zoning Amendment
Bylaw No. 1541, 1996. **SUBMITTED FOR FIRST,
SECOND READING.**

25/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.4/95 - City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1541, 1996. CARRIED

26/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1541, 1996.** CARRIED

27/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1541, 1996.** CARRIED

28/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council SCHEDULE the Public Hearing for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1541, 1996 for Feb.13/96 at 7:30 p.m. CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Potential Council Responses:**

1. Kinsmen & Kinette Clubs of Canada, Dec.1/95
- Request for support.

29/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Kinsmen & Kinette Clubs of Canada letter of Dec.1/95. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Potential Council Responses:** - Cont'd.

2. Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Dec.4/95 - Nicola Valley Official Community Plan

30/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Dec.4/95 - Nicola Valley Official Community Plan. **CARRIED**

31/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RESPOND to the T.N.R.D. - Nicola Valley Official Community Plan reinforcing the road network as laid out on page 125 of the N.V.O.C.P. **CARRIED**

3. City of Fort St.John, Nov.30/95 - Sexual Offender's Registry.

32/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the City of Fort St.John letter of Nov.30/95 - Sexual Offender's Registry. **CARRIED**

4. B.C.Tel, Dec.6/95 - Increase in Local Telephone Rates.

33/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the B.C. Tel letter of Dec.6/95 - Increase in Local Telephone Rates for information. **CARRIED**

5. Save the C.B.C., Nov.27/95 - Request for Support.

34/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Save the C.B.C. letter of Nov.7/95 - Request for Support. **CARRIED**

6. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, Dec.20/95
- Budgets and Staff
i. Draft response, Jan.3/96

35/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter of Dec.20/95 - Budgets and Staff and ENDORSE the draft letter outlining the City's response as presented. **CARRIED**

7. Urban Systems Ltd., Dec.22/95 - STP, Sludge Dewatering Press.

36/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Urban Systems Ltd., letter of Dec.22/95 - STP, Sludge Dewatering Press. **CARRIED**

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Potential Council Responses:** - Cont'd.

8. Riverfest V, Dec./95 - Symposium, Feb.17/96

37/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECOMMEND that Mayor Norgaard attend the Riverfest V Symposium and AUTHORIZE the expenditure of registration fees, hotel and travel expenses on her behalf. **CARRIED**

9. Share B.C., Dec.14/95 - 1996 Provincial Conference, Mar.2/96

38/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Share B.C. letter of Dec.14/95 - 1996 Provincial Conference. **CARRIED**

10. Minister of Transportation and Highways, Dec.7/95
- Capital Rehabilitation Program

39/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Minister of Transportation and Highways letter of Dec.7/95 and RECOMMEND that a meeting between Mayor Norgaard and the Minister be arranged with the travel expenses for the meeting AUTHORIZED by Council. **CARRIED**

b) **Receive:**

1. UB.C.M.,Dec.15/95 - Local Government Awareness Program, 1996.

2. Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dec.7/95 - Amendments to the Municipal Act.

40/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the correspondence:

1. UB.C.M.,Dec.15/95 - Local Government Awareness Program, 1996.

2. Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dec.7/95 - Amendments to the Municipal Act.

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

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13. ADJOURNMENT:

41/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:25 p.m. and RECONVENE the In-Camera Meeting excluding the General Public with Acting Mayor Laird in the chair in 5 minutes in the Library CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Clara R. Norgaard, Mayor


Yvonne J. Porada, Clerk