

## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1996 AT 7:00 P.M., MEETING ROOM #1, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

#### 1. PRESENT:

##### COUNCIL:

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

##### ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA: NL Radio, Merritt Herald (2)

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor C.Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Special Meeting, Tues., Jan.16/96

53/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Special Meeting, Tues., Jan.16/96 with the addition of:

##### NEW BUSINESS:

1. City's 85th Anniversary
2. Power Policy Workshop, Kelowna - Feb.20-21/96.
3. Dyking.

CARRIED

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil.

**5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

Eric Wiens, Arena Retrofit Presentation.

The Arena Retrofit design is approximately 30-40% finished. The floor area for the main floor is now 6000 sq.ft., the second floor is now 3700 sq.ft. It is hoped that the building can be built for \$110/sq.ft. The existing elevator does not meet any codes and must be replaced. The floor elevation is to be raised 4 inches to allow for improved exterior drainage.

The tentative schedule is:

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| March 9-10/96     | Tender Advertisement              |
| April 2/96        | Tender Recommendations to Council |
| April 3/96        | Tender Award                      |
| April 1-Aug.30/96 | Construction                      |

The construction is separated into three components:

1. Demolition, construction of new front end.
2. Upgrade of trusses and roof.
3. Electrical/Mechanical/Cosmetic upgrades.

The ice users wish to fundraise for optional seating and extra items not included in the contract. The most costly item they have discussed is a new slab under the ice surface which would cost approximately \$300,000. A new slab would provide for year-round use of the facility and allow for more use in the down season for roller hockey, heavy users such as truck shows, tractor pulls etc. Council felt that this fundraising is extremely ambitious provided the time frame(June 15/96), therefore the users are encouraged to raise \$15,000 for the initial engineering report on the slab construction.

One representative from the Merritt Herald left the meeting.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Nil.**

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

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.**

**9. REPORTS:**

a) Memo, Jan.10/96 - Civic Centre - City Hall Master Plan

54/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.10/96 - Civic Centre - City Hall Master Plan. **CARRIED**

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**9. REPORTS:**

a) - Cont'd.

55/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council PREFERS Option A of the Civic Centre-City Hall Master Plan with the museum/theatre included in the long term plans. CARRIED

At 8:30 p.m., Eric Wiens left the meeting.

56/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECOMMEND the old pool site be seeded with grass as a temporary measure until the construction of the parking lot commences. CARRIED

b) Memo, Jan.12/96 - Merritt City Hall

57/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.12/96 - Merritt City Hall for consideration and discussion. CARRIED

58/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE the concept of leasing approximately 2500 sq.ft. of commercial space in the proposed City Hall Building for a five(5) year term with optional renewal if the space is not needed for City business. CARRIED

**10. BYLAWS: Nil.**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.**

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. City's 85th Anniversary

Possibly Economic Development, the Recreation Commission, or the Chamber of Commerce would be interested in organizing a celebration.

2. Power Policy Workshop, Kelowna - Feb.20-21/96.

59/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council AUTHORIZE the expenditure of approximately \$250.00 to cover registration, accommodation and travel expenses for Councillor Typusiak to attend the Power Policy Workshop in Kelowna Feb.20-21/96 sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment. CARRIED

3. Dyking

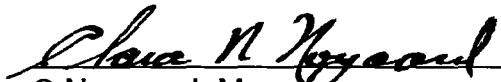
There is a meeting planned between the Ministry of the Environment, PEP, City, and affected Landowners to discuss the repairs to the dykes.


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**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

60/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 8:55 p.m. and RE-CONVENE In-Camera in five minutes with the Mayor in the Chair, excluding the Media and the General Public. **CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.Norgaard, Mayor

  
Y.Porada, Clerk