

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 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
Development Officer - J.Johnson
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, Merritt Morning Mirror, Merritt News, Shaw Cable

Three (3) representatives of the Community Health Council, three (3) representatives from Gaucher Holdings to make six (6) members of the General Public present.

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., Jan.23/96

69/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Jan.23/96 including the Extra Agenda items:

1. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) District of Logan Lake, Jan.17/96 - Invitation to Polar Carnival
- b) City of New Westminster, Jan.19/96 - Bill 26, Amendments to the Waste Management Act.
- c) Ad Hoc Lights Committee
 - i. Merritt Legal Services, Jan.17/96
 - ii. Deborah Day, Dec.5/95

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

a) Canada Post - Kevin Healy, Doug Strangward - Site Locations.

The representatives from Canada Post were unable to attend due to weather conditions. The planner displayed the map of Canada Post's proposed site locations in Diamondvale and explained that the implementation date for the new mailboxes is planned for March, 1996.

b) Community Health Council - Judy Guichon, Terry Frizzell, Dr. Brockley.

Judy Guichon, Chairperson of the Community Health Council spoke first, giving a synopsis of the past year's work by the Health Council and the timetable for the transfer of control from the Health Ministry to the Regional Health Boards is Apr.1/96. There have been discussions of amalgamation of services within communities, across agency lines.

Terry Frizzell, Administrator of the Nicola Valley Health Care Society spoke on the downsizing of acute care facilities and transfer of programs within the community. The hospital is hiring a social worker for the position of Discharge Planner to coordinate discharge with home support services. NVGH has been reduced to a twenty five (25) bed facility from forty five (45) beds.

Dr. Graham Brockley, Chief of Staff at NVGH explained the rationale behind the elimination of first time deliveries at NVGH. The hospital has no anesthetist on staff, therefore no provision for emergency cesarean sections is available. In 1995, the hospital sent 50% of their first time deliveries to Kamloops after complications developed during labour. The hospital staff feels the health risks are too great to carry on providing this service to the public.

At 8:05 p.m., the three (3) representatives from the Community Health Council left the meeting, leaving three (3) members of the General Public remaining.

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6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Regular Meeting, Jan.9/96

70/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council ADOPT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Jan.9/96 with the Amendment of Motion 22/96 to read:

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 submitted to BC Lands for a Free Crown Grant for the property. CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Canada Post Corporation, Jan.11/96 - Merritt Site Locations
-Map in Reader File.

71/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council APPROVE the implementation of Canada Post Corporation's Merritt Site Location plan pending any negative submissions from the community.

CARRIED

Council requested that the Planner verify with Canada Post that there will be handicapped access at the mail sites.

- b) Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Permit DP 1995-D.

72/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Permit DP 1995-D and RECOMMEND that DP 1995-D be APPROVED for the full development.

CARRIED

At 8:20 p.m. the three (3) representatives of Gaucher Holdings left the meeting.

9. REPORTS:

- a) **Mayor's Reports:**

Urban Systems Ltd. has invited Council to a dinner meeting Tues., Jan.30/96 at 5 p.m. at Nicola Inn to present the Long Term Sewer Plan. Mayor Norgaard proclaimed the week of Feb.18-24/96 as Multiculturalism Week in the City of Merritt and the week of Feb.12-19/96 as National Citizen Week.

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9. REPORTS:

a) **Mayor's Reports:-** Cont'd.

Jan.31/96, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. there will be a Public Meeting at the Collettsville School Gymnasium to provide information on the Collettsville Water and Sewer Project.

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

1) **Councillor Cowan -**

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - Nil.

a) Minutes of Dec.06/95 Meeting

b) Minutes of Jan.10/96 Meeting

73/96

Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Dec.06/95 and Jan.10/96 Minutes of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Meetings for information. **CARRIED**

c) **Ad Hoc Lights Committee**

i. Merritt Legal Services, Jan.17/96

ii. Deborah Day, Dec.5/95

74/96

Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council BRING FORWARD from **NEW BUSINESS** and RECEIVE the Ad Hoc Lights Committee letters Merritt Legal Services, Jan.17/96 and Deborah Day, Dec.5/95. **CARRIED**

75/96

Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council CONVENE a Special Council Meeting on Feb.19/96 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Auditorium of the Civic Centre to deal with the Central Park Lighting Issue and that all interested parties be invited to present either written or oral submissions to that issue. **CARRIED**

Local Access Awareness - Councillor Cowan extended a thank you to the businesses that contributed towards access awareness by purchasing handicapped signage.

Affordable Housing - Negotiations with Crown Lands are currently underway towards land acquisition and a meeting has been held with the architect.

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9. REPORTS:

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

1) **Councillor Cowan - Cont'd.**

a) Memo, Jan.19/96 - Foster Pet Program

76/96

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.19/96 - Foster Pet Program. **CARRIED**

2) **Councillor Laird - _**

Public Works - There is a meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Jan.30/96 with M.O.E., PEP, City and Landowners concerning the dyke reconstruction on the Coldwater River.

Community Health Council - Nil.

3) **Councillor McCormack -**

Economic Development and Planning - There are meetings Jan.29-30/96 dealing with the establishment of BIA.

NV Development Centre Liaison - Meeting dates have been changed to the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Do-It-Centre Board Room.

4) **Councillor McLean -**

Airport - Merritt Flying Club - the last meeting was Jan.10/96

Chamber of Commerce - The installation of new officers will take place on Jan.26/96 at the Legion Hall.

5) **Councillor Miller -**

Protective Services & Public Safety - There is a CPAC meeting Jan.24/96

South Central Union Board of Health - A lunch meeting is planned for Jan.24/96

Healthy Communities - Nil.

6) **Councillor Typusiak -**

Administration & Finance - The planner is currently meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways regarding a traffic plan for the Northeast Sector. Meetings are currently underway between Police/City/Court officials to examine solutions to current high Policing costs.

Environmental Advisory - next meeting with be next week.

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9. REPORTS:

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

6) **Councillor Typusiak - Cont'd.**

i. **Minutes of Dec.13/95 Meeting**

77/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ADOPT the Environment Advisory Committee minutes of Dec.13/95 meeting. **CARRIED**

9. REPORTS:

c) **Administration Reports:**

1) **City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1537, 1995 - Submitted for Adoption.**

78/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW,NO.1537, 1995.** **CARRIED**

2) **Urban Systems Updates**
i. **Jan.11/96 - Truck Route**
ii. **Jan.18/96 - Meeting Time Commitments on Merritt Projects.**

79/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **RECEIVE** the Urban Systems Updates, Jan11/96 - Truck Route and Jan.18/96 - Meeting Time Commitments on Merritt Projects. **CARRIED**

3) **Memo, Jan.16/96 - Property Tax Survey for 1995**

80/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **RECEIVE** the Memo, Jan.16/96 - Property Tax Survey for 1995. **CARRIED**

4) **Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Permit DP 1995-H.**

81/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **RECEIVE** Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Permit DP 1995-H. **CARRIED**

- **A bond be taken for the completion of the perimeter fencing along the border of the Agricultural Land Reserve.** **CARRIED**

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports: - Cont'd.

- 82/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE DP 1995-H by resolution subject to the following:
- Before a building permit is issued, proper intersection designs be submitted and approved by the City Engineer.

At 9:07 p.m., Councillor McCormack excused himself from the meeting due to the possibility of a conflict of interest.

- 5) Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Variance Permit DVP 1995-09.

- 83/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Variance Permit DVP 1995-09 for information. CARRIED

- 84/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECOMMEND that Development Variance Application 1995-09 be approved by resolution subject to the following:
- That the property owners install eaves onto the storage shed which drain directly on their property. CARRIED

At 9:10 p.m., Councillor McCormack rejoined the meeting.

- 6) Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Variance Permit DVP 1995-10.

- 85/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.17/96 - Development Variance Permit DVP 1995-10. CARRIED

- 86/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE Development Variance Application 1995-10 subject to the following:
- That the applicant apply to the City for a building permit.
 - That the property owners install eaves onto the storage shed which drain directly on their property. CARRIED

- 7) Memo, Jan.17/96 - 1996 Provisional Budget.

- 87/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.17/96 - 1996 Provisional Budget and that the Provisional Budget revenue be adjusted by \$19,700 and that it be balanced from surplus. Further that the surplus amount be further adjusted at annual budget time to reflect additional revenue related to new growth, estimated to be approximately \$30,000. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports: - Cont'd.

8) 1995 Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Admission Statistics.

88/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the 1995 Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Admission Statistics for information. CARRIED

9) Thompson-Nicola Regional District Building Department Statistics December, 1995.

89/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Building Department Statistics, Dec.95 for information. CARRIED

10) Memo, Jan.17/96 - Mamette Avenue Road Closure.

90/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.17/96 - Mamette Avenue Road Closure for information. CARRIED

11) Memo, Jan.19/96 - Bank Account at CIBC.

91/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.19/96 - Bank Account at CIBC and that the City transfer the signing authority of funds, related to Colletville, from the Coldwater Improvement District to the City. Further that the signing individuals for this new account be the same as those at the Royal Bank. CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No.1532, 1995 - **Submitted for Adoption.**

92/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT (NO.1)BYLAW NO.1532, 1995.** CARRIED

b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No.1533, 1995 - **Submitted for Adoption.**

93/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT (NO.1) BYLAW NO. 1533, 1995.** CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

- 1) Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, Jan.16/96 - Budgets and Staff.

94/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter of Jan.16/96 - Budgets and Staff for information. CARRIED

- 2) RRAP Program
i. J.&J.Enterprises, Jan.9/96.
ii. British Columbia Native Housing Corporation, Jan.11/96.

95/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the RRAP Program letters, J&J Enterprises, Jan.9/96 and British Columbia Native Housing Corporation, Jan.11/96 for information. CARRIED

- 3) Brian Dafoe Motorcade Ltd., Jan.04/96 - Request for Sidewalk Upgrading.

96/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Brian Dafoe Motorcade Ltd. letter of Jan.04/96 - Request for Sidewalk Upgrading and REFER to budget discussions. CARRIED

- 4) Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Dec.11/95 - 1996 FCM Annual Conference

97/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Federation of Canadian Municipalities letter of Dec.11/95 - 1996 FCM Annual Conference for information. CARRIED

b) Receive:

- 1) Province of British Columbia, Dec.21/95 - Forest Protection.
- 2) Province of British Columbia, Office of the Premier, Jan.5/96- Agreement on Internal Trade.
- 3) Interior Lumber Manufacturer's Association, Jan.10/96 - B.C. Treaty Making Process.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

b) **Receive:** Cont'd.

98/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the following correspondence for information:

- 1) Province of British Columbia, Dec.21/95 - Forest Protection.
- 2) Province of British Columbia, Office of the Premier, Jan.5/96- Agreement on Internal Trade.
- 3) Interior Lumber Manufacturer's Association, Jan.10/96 - B.C. Treaty Making Process

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) District of Logan Lake, Jan.17/96 - Invitation to Polar Carnival

99/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the District of Logan Lake letter of Jan.17/96- Invitation to Polar Carnival for information.

CARRIED

- b) City of New Westminster, Jan.19/96 - Bill 26, Amendments to the Waste Management Act.

100/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the City of New Westminster letter of Jan.19/96 - Bill 26, Amendments to the Waste Management Act for information.

CARRIED

101/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council SUPPORT the initiatives of the City of New Westminster in requesting an extension of the January 22, 1996 deadline for comments on Draft 3 of the Contaminated Sites Regulations by sending a letter to the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks.

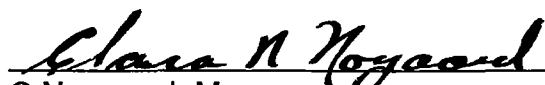
CARRIED


13. ADJOURNMENT:

102/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.Norgaard, Mayor


Y.Porada, Clerk