

CITY OF MERRITT

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, 1950 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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- 2) **Councillor Laird -**
Public Works -
Community Health Council -
- 3) **Councillor McCormack -**
Economic Development and Planning -
NV Development Centre Liaison -
- 4) **Councillor McLean -**
Airport - Merritt Flying Club -
Chamber of Commerce -
- 5) **Councillor Miller -**
Protective Services & Public Safety -
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13. ADJOURNMENT:

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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1996 AT 4:00 P.M., CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Treasurer - S.Gill
Clerk - Y.Porada

MEDIA: Merritt Herald.

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2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

44/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Jan.12/96 Special Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS:

a) Colletville Water and Sewer Projects -

1. Urban Systems Ltd., Jan.8/96 - Breakdown of Project Costs.

45/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird, that Council RECEIVE the Urban Systems Ltd., letter of Jan.8/96 - Breakdown of Project Costs for the Colletville Water and Sewer Projects. **CARRIED**

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4. BUSINESS:

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a) Collettsville Water and Sewer Projects - Cont'd.

2. City of Merritt Water Specified Area (Collettsville)
Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaw No.1539, 1996.

46/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that
Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT WATER
SPECIFIED AREA(COLLETTVILLE) ESTABLISHMENT AND LOAN
AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1539, 1996.** CARRIED.

47/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that
Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT WATER
SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) ESTABLISHMENT AND LOAN
AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1539, 1996.** CARRIED

48/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that
Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT WATER
SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) ESTABLISHMENT AND LOAN
AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1539, 1996.** CARRIED

3. City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Specified Area (Collettsville)
Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1540, 1996.

49/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that
Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SANITARY
SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) ESTABLISHMENT AND
LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1540, 1996.** CARRIED

50/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that
Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SANITARY
SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) ESTABLISHMENT AND
LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1540, 1996.** CARRIED

51/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that
Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SANITARY
SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) ESTABLISHMENT AND
LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1540, 1996.** CARRIED

b) TNRD Growth Management Strategy - Reminder - Need to set a date
for a meeting with Graham Murchie regarding this subject.

February 6, 1996 was set for this meeting, subject to Mr. Murchie's
schedule.

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5. ADJOURNMENT:

52/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that
Council TERMINATE this meeting at 4:26 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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C. R. Norgaard, Mayor

Y. Porada, Clerk

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

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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 |

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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**

CITY OF MERRITT, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JAN.16/96

9. REPORTS:

a) - Cont'd.

55/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council PREFER 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

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

CITY OF MERRITT, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JAN.23/96

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

CITY OF MERRITT, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JAN.23/96

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 Collettsville, 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

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1996 AT 5:00P.M. CIVIC CENTRE FOYER, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Clerk - Y.Porada
Treasurer - S.Gill
Planner - F.Sinclair
Aquatic Centre Manager - J.Norburn
Recreation Manger - D.Mackey
Confid.Secretary - B.Harrison

MEDIA: NL Radio, Merritt Herald, Merritt News

Stanley Associates representative, Eric Wiens.

There were 10 members of the General Public present.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

103/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that
Council ADOPT the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting, Jan.30/96.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS:

- a) Arena Retrofit
 - 1. Stanley Associates, Jan.24/96
 - 2. Fundraising and User Advisory Committee, Jan.24/96

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4. BUSINESS: Cont'd.

This was an informal meeting between the Council and Arena User Groups to discuss the plans for the Arena Retrofit. Bruce Tisdale was the first speaker on behalf of the User Groups and outlined their desire for a new slab with a reheat system in it which would enable the arena to be used for twelve months of the year. A new slab would open the arena for in-line hockey use in the summer months and the installation of a reheat system in the new slab would extend the ice season earlier and later than the current season and would also enable the arena to be used for hockey and figure skating uses through the summer months. With the reheat system, ice could be taken out and replaced very quickly should the need arise, similar to the use of Riverside Coliseum in Kamloops, without the potential of damage to the slab. With the reheat system in place, the ice season would extend to approximately 10 months of the year from 8. the slab currently in place is not insulated and has a large crack which occurred shortly after it's initial installation. This uninsulated slab requires that the ice plant must freeze the ground underneath the slab before the ice can be put into the arena. The frost under the arena also goes very deep and therefore it takes a long time to come out of the ground. The reheat system would not freeze the ground and therefore the ice plant would not have to work so hard to place the ice.

Mr. Tisdale emphasized that User Groups felt the focus of the retrofit should be functional rather than aesthetics. The User Groups questioned the use of an alternate insulation rather than that proposed by the architects and Mr. Wiens brought a sample of the alternate insulation with him. Mr. Wiens stated that his preliminary investigation showed that the savings associated with the use of this insulation would be in the area of \$30,000, however there was basically no R value to this product as it is essentially a foil vapour barrier which would require a backing of some kind to add support. The proposed insulation (stress skin panel) has an R value of 34 with structural value.

The \$100,000.00 designated for painting the interior and the trusses was clarified as an extra item that was on the contingency list, not included in the budget and therefore cannot be used as a deletion.

The exterior cladding of the existing structure, other than the roof, was budgeted at \$150,000.00. This was to cover demolition of the present cladding, installation of rigid insulation and a finished coat of stucco or alternate cladding.

The landscaping was suggested to be withdrawn from the budget, to be done at a later date by volunteers.

Discussion concerning the Zamboni entrance outlined the problems which would occur once the planned road upgrading takes place at the rear of the arena. A possible solution may be for the Zamboni to exit the side of the building rather

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4. BUSINESS: Cont'd.

than the rear. This would entail further renovations to the exterior of the building to accommodate the side exit.

Demolition to the front of the arena was discussed as the User Groups feel there is sufficient expertise amongst the groups to coordinate a volunteer demolition and thus save the approximately \$50,000.00 budgeted.

The User Groups expressed a desire to have the items that they intended to fund raise for included in the tender package. Mr. Wiens stated that if the items were minor in nature or listed with a high probability of being included, they could be added to the tender package, but he felt that to add a large number of items that had very little chance of actually being done or possibly being acquired elsewhere, was not an ethical practice, considering the cost to the contractors of tendering the project.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

104/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that
Council TERMINATE this Meeting at 6:00 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

C.R.Norgaard, Mayor

Y.J.Porada, Clerk

CITY OF MERRITT

Agenda

MINUTES OF THE COLDWATER JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1996 AT 4:30 P.M., CIVIC CENTRE, CITY HALL, MERRITT, BC

1. **PRESENT:**

Mr. Jeff Bloom, Mr. Bill Blow, Mr. Matt Thompson, Mayor Clara Norgaard, and City Administrator, Tom Day.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

3. **BUSINESS:**

a) Issues from Previous Meeting -

- 1) Advertisement of Committee - the Administrator indicated that the Advisory Committee Members would be introduced by the Mayor at the Public Information Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 1996 at Collettsville Elementary School.
- 2) Coldwater Improvement District Trustees' Honourarium - Mayor Norgaard questioned what the preferences of the three Trustees were with regard to an honourarium. The Trustees recommended that Council continue the past practice of providing the \$75.00 per month honourarium, plus a \$20.00 hourly rate for emergency call-outs by the Public Works Department to deal with water system issues. The Administrator indicated that if Council were to deem this an acceptable expenditure, the money could be obtained from the \$10,000.00 budgeted for the general boundary extension issues with those funds to come from the Provincial Grant. Mayor Norgaard indicated that she would take this matter to Council for its consideration.
- 3) Status of the Dyking - the Administrator indicated that the only Provincial funding available at this time was for repairs to the dyke from any damage that occurred during the recent flood. Any new work requires City funding. The dykes are still on private property for the most part, and the City did not necessarily have access available to them. Committee members asked the City to look in on three items with regard to dyking, as follows:

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- a) That the dyke on the Collettsville parkland needs to be reviewed;
 - b) That the new pump house resulting from the Collettsville water upgrade be constructed so that it can withstand a spillover from the Coldwater River; and
 - c) That Public Works look at the flap valve at the end of the ditch off Hill Street after the Spring thaw.
- b) Update on Water and Sewer Specified Area Projects - the Committee reviewed the information provided by the City relating to the funding structure, time-frame for the water and sewer bylaws, water and sewer specified area taxation roll, and the samples of charges for various lot sizes. The Committee was satisfied with the proposed method of funding, subject to the City looking into two items, as follows:
- 1) What will the \$100,000.00 surplus established by the Coldwater Improvement District do to the annual charge?
 - 2) Is it possible to differentiate between current connections that have built up the \$100,000.00 surplus versus the newly proposed specified area?
- c) Format of the Public Information Meeting, Wednesday, January 31, 1996 - the Administrator outlined the format of the Public Information Meeting and the three members of the Advisory Meeting indicated that they would be able to attend and assist in disseminating information to the general public.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

CITY OF MERRITT

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting Held January 4, 1996, 7:00P.M.
City Hall, Merritt, B.C.

Present: Shelley Cressy-Hassel, Lavona Bailor, Sherry Huber, Yvonne Lord,
Rick Typusiak.

Guest: Don Lougheed, Louis Creek Contracting.

1. **Call to Order:** Lavona called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M..

2. **Adoption of the Minutes:**

Moved by Rick Typusiak. Seconded by Shelly, that the Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1995 be adopted as amended to reflect that Rick was present at that meeting, and with typographical errors corrected. Carried.

3. **Recycling Services in Merritt:**

Don Lougheed outlined that his recycling company in Merritt is quickly losing money and he cannot continue to keep it afloat indefinitely. He estimates his losses to be in the neighborhood of \$2400 per month related to the current low market prices and the fixed overhead costs.

Don estimates that his company is responsible for removing about fifteen tons per month of product from the waste stream generated in Merritt. He believes that this amounts to approximately fifteen to twenty percent of the recyclable products from the waste stream currently. He feels that easily, with a few Municipal measures such as a soft product ban indicated by City Council, a better depot location and partnership, a transfer station on the West end of town, even more recyclable products could be captured from going into the landfill site.

Committee Members expressed appreciation of the job done by L.C.C., and by those citizens and businesses in Merritt who are practicing recycling. It was felt that action must occur to avoid a sudden loss of recycling services or the public will become cynical and not be enthusiastic to any new recycling initiatives. The Committee discussed a number of options with Don, including the possibility of a partnership between L.C.C., the Recycling Society, and the City of Merritt in co-operation with the T.N.R.D. and their Solid Waste Plan.

3. Recycling Services in Merritt, Cont'd:

Don Lougheed left the meeting at 7:57 P.M., leaving the Committee to further discuss this issue as part of their business plan deliberations and report. Committee Members will bring to the February meeting research and ideas to include in the business plan.

4. Newspaper Article:

The newspaper article prepared by Lavonna and published in the Merritt News was well received. The Committee expressed appreciation to Dean Broughton and the Merritt News for the article. Sherry will prepare the next article for January 1996.

5. Marshland Drainage:

Yvonne made an interesting and timely presentation on information she located on the Internet on using man-made marshlands for primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment of sewage. The concept, which is in operation in North America and Europe, uses primary settling ponds with canary grass and reed beds, followed by expansive trenching, leading to a tertiary pond with carp. After an outlay in the half million dollar range, annual operating costs can be as little as \$137 per annum to treat 3785 M³ of sewage naturally within a five acre site. The bed needs approximately two years to develop before it operates at maximum efficiency. A positive side effect is the opportunity to enhance wildlife and conserve energy. Rick will discuss this concept with Council and the City's sewer treatment plant Engineers at a meeting at the end of the month.

6. Resource Booklet:

Shelley reported that work continues on this project.

7. Pitch-In-Week:

Rick reported that Council has allocated \$1700 towards this endeavor. Ideas continue to be brought forth with an action plan to be completed at the March 1996 meeting.

8. Construction Debris:

Lavona presented a draft pamphlet prepared by the Merritt Secondary School graphics class. A number of changes were recommended. Lavonna will go back to the students for revision of the pamphlet.

9. Bottle-Return Deposit:

Sherry had tried to gather signatures within the Community supporting the continuance of a beverage bottle/can deposit system. This was in response to the request of the Recycling Council of B.C. who have been petitioning the Provincial Government to not reverse this program because of industry lobbying. Although a number of signatures were gathered in support, Sherry noted that most of the businesses in Merritt that she tried to have petitions with would not cooperate because they opposed the current refund system. Sherry's newspaper article this month will focus on the need for a bottle refund system in B.C..

10. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M..

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Agenda

SOLID WASTE REDUCTION INITIATIVES:
TOWARDS THE YEAR 2000.
WHERE ARE WE GOING IN MERRITT?

A DISCUSSION PAPER
PRESENTED TO
MERRITT CITY COUNCIL
and
CITY OF MERRITT
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By:
RICK TYPUSIAK,
COUNCILLOR,
MERRITT CITY COUNCIL.
JANUARY, 1996

INTRODUCTION:

The Provincial Government has legislated that each person in the province must reduce by 50% the amount of material that they generate from going into landfill sites by the year 2000. The year 1991 was used as the base-line.

Regional Districts throughout the province were given the task of developing a plan to reach this goal. Regional plans had to be approved by the Minister of the Environment by the end of calendar year 1995.

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District developed its plan over a couple of years, with the assistance of consultants. Data was collected through a variety of sources, including public information meetings, prior to completion of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) in October, 1995. The RSWMP was adopted by the Board of Directors of the T.N.R.D., and submitted to the Minister of the Environment for approval. The Minister has approved the plan, paving the way for its implementation by the T.N.R.D. commencing on January 1, 1996.

Reflecting the diverse nature of the communities and inhabitants within the area covered by the Regional District, the RSWMP is generic, void of definitive directives on how waste reduction goals would be met in specific locations. For instance, while pointing out that yard waste composting facilities would be set up by the T.N.R.D. if the City of Kamloops experience was successful, the plan does not specify where and when these will become a reality. The RSWMP contains large expenditure estimates for capital improvements to existing landfill sites, to bring them up to current legislated environmental standards. These are fixed costs having nothing to do with waste reduction initiatives. Revenue to cover the cost of the plan are to be generated through property taxes, and are fixed at the bottom end, even if waste reduction goals are met. If the goals are not met, however, there are possibilities that property taxation can be increased to meet costs. It must be pointed out that the plan is in place throughout the whole of the Regional District, with similar tax levies applied in Blue River as they are in Merritt. The exception to this is the City of Kamloops, who will be paying a portion towards their own Solid Waste Management as well as subsidizing the RSWMP.

The City of Merritt has not endorsed the RSWMP. The City of Merritt does endorse the goal of waste reduction through the practice of the hierarchy of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. To this end, the City of Merritt initiated a "Two-Bag" limit, restricting curb-side garbage pick-up to two bags of garbage per household. This is the most restrictive of programs developed within any

municipality or area within the Regional District. Users exceeding this limit can purchase tickets at City Hall for each additional bag of garbage that they manufacture. This practise has been in place for three years. Most citizens have respected this initiative to reduce garbage, although there remains a contingent of citizens who deposit their additional bags of garbage in front of homes who subscribe to waste reduction, or in commercial dumpsters downtown.

In addition, the City of Merritt has formed the Environmental Advisory Committee, made up of a City Councillor and a number of dedicated citizens who have expertise and/or concerns about environmental issues. This committee has over the past year, developed strategies and educational materials designed to reduce materials going into the waste stream. Ongoing projects are underway to further reduce waste production.

The City of Merritt has coordinated a subsidized composting program in 1993 and in 1995. Approximately five hundred households in the City of Merritt have taken advantage of this program, reducing compostible material such as lawn and yard waste from entering the waste stream. In fact, the RSWMP makes note of this initiative. Supplementing this program has been the fine educational material produced by the Environmental Advisory Committee on the topic of Composting, which has led to additional waste reduction.

Finally, the City of Merritt has supported the local recycling company that has been in operation for the past twelve months. The City has supplied collection bins to Louis Creek Contracting at no cost, and has offered L.C.C. the use of City owned property (at no cost) to set up a centralized drop-off site for products for recycling. Further, the City has allowed it's property to be used at no cost for the collection of paints and other hazardous products.

The City of Merritt opposes the RSWMP on several grounds. The first is on the concept of revenue generation based on property assessment taxation. The City of Merritt takes the position that there is no proof that a home assessed at \$200,000 produces more garbage than a home assessed at \$80,000. Yet , within the RSWMP, the home with the higher property assessment will pay more.

Secondly, there exists no financial incentive for families to engage in waste reduction strategies. Under the RSWMP, even if a party was the most ardent practitioner of waste reduction, theoretically producing no waste that entered the waste stream, this party would pay exactly the same amount as someone who, being of a similar property assessment category, practised no waste reduction thereby overloading the landfill with products that could be directed elsewhere. The City of Merritt supports the notion of rebates to encourage responsible

participation in waste reduction strategies. These rebates are also known as "Diversion Fees".

Finally, the City of Merritt objects to the RSWMP because it does not recognize the initiatives already in place and those planned for the City. Already mentioned in this paper are some of the programs generated through the Environmental Advisory Committee. The City of Merritt feels that, within the confines of the City limits, these cost effective programs can be successful. They do not need to be duplicated under the RSWMP at additional cost to City taxpayers. In fact, the City of Merritt adopts the position that programs generated at a local level can be more effective and cost-efficient than any regionally generated programs. While the City of Merritt may appreciate assistance in waste reduction initiatives from a regional perspective, it cannot appreciate duplication of costs. The City of Merritt believes that it should be excluded from the costs of some of the initiatives contained in the RSWMP because they are already in existence, or are in the planning phase.

In summary, the RSWMP confirms that the T.N.R.D. is responsible for solid waste management as directed by provincial legislation. The City of Merritt is responsible for the collection of solid waste in the form of residential and commercial "garbage" for distribution in the Regional District landfill site. The City of Merritt has made moral and financial commitments towards environmentally acceptable solid waste reduction in the past, and would like to ensure that inroads gained are not lost, nor costs duplicated. How can this be done within the structure of the RSWMP?

2. CONSIDERATIONS:

A). RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

The T.N.R.D. Board of Directors have determined that no capital costs be budgeted under the RSWMP for recycling programs. They felt that these programs should be left to private enterprise. This decision was made when the market price for many recycled products was high and there were a number of companies interested in undertaking this business.

Today, the market value for these products has fallen substantially, with even L.C.C. reporting that it is closing it's doors effective February 1, 1996. The reason given is that they cannot meet payroll and overhead costs on the returns they generate from the market place. L.C.C. estimated that it removed 15 tones of product from the waste stream each month.

Under the RSWMP, it is estimated that recycling programs only reduce solid waste generation by 6.5%. Earlier drafts of the plan called for a substantial capital and annual operating budget to be devoted towards recycling programs.

Because the costs far exceeded the expected benefits of recycling programs, the RSWMP deleted any budget towards these programs, as was mandated by the T.N.R.D. Board of Directors.

Merritt is losing its recycling program. There are no funds available under the RSWMP to help. What do we do? Is it realistic to expect small companies to remain solvent given the fluctuating market prices in the recycling industry? Do we try to attract a large company such as Weyerhaeuser to develop a recycling depot in Merritt, knowing that they are interested in a singular type of product? Do we consider subsidies that are not contrary to the Municipal Act in an effort to encourage private enterprise to commit themselves long-term to provide recycling services in the City? Do we undertake supplying the service on our own, or perhaps in a partnership with industry? What are the costs? What are the municipal costs if our solid waste collection service has to absorb the addition fifteen tones per month that were previously recycled?

These and other questions require answers quickly if recycling is to remain a viable option in the City of Merritt. They should be answered within the context of the responsibilities that the T.N.R.D. has under the RSWMP, and within the context of Provincial responsibilities for endorsing the RSWMP.

B). EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

The City of Merritt Environmental Advisory Committee has been working on the development of a number of educational pamphlets and programs designed to reduce waste going in to the landfill sites. These include initiatives to reduce the dumping of construction debris, reduce household commodities such as clothing, appliances, and old furniture from entering the waste stream, and "Smart Shopper" initiatives to reduce the amount of packaging thrown out as trash. Discussion has included the area of having the City issue "Soft Bans" of certain products from being included in regular garbage collection. Does the committee continue to pursue these endeavors in light of the programs that may materialize under the RSWMP and in light of no current alternative programs being in place? What is the cost to the taxpayer for these products to continue to be picked up at curbside? Is there an interest for the City to become more involved in these areas, through by-law initiatives, and funding?

Again, these questions must be answered within the context of the RSWMP and the role of the Province.

C). TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

The citizens in Merritt have shown an increasing acceptance of the practice of sound environmental initiatives. This was evidenced in the use of the recycling

depot operated by L.C.C. as well as the response to the composting programs. In addition, educational materials already produced by the City of Merritt Environmental Advisory Committee have been well received. The City has not had to invest large sums of money towards these programs.

However, we are at a pivotal point right now, with the loss of recycling services and with the adoption of the RSWMP. What role will the City take to protect the environmental gains made? What role can it take? What role should it take?

The City of Kamloops has opted to continue with it's waste reduction programs. It also is contributing financially to the RSWMP.

The City of Merritt is caught in a dilemma, not having the financial tax base that Kamloops has, yet having residents that want services like Kamloops residents have. Strategically, the City of Merritt has been unable to garner enough consideration at the T.N.R.D. Board meetings to reflect the unique position that Merritt finds itself in. Consequently, because we cannot afford to provide the additional services that the other City within the T.N.R.D. can, we are left to accept the services that the rural members of the T.N.R.D. will get. Is there a way around this? Can a cooperative partnership not be struck with the T.N.R.D. to increase the range of services available to Merritt residents without increasing the tax burden of the residents? Can not the Province be petitioned to assist?

That is the challenge facing the City of Merritt. Unless initiatives are taken at the City level, and decisions made, it is my opinion that there is little further that the Environmental Advisory Committee can do on it's own on this topic.



Rick Typusiak,
Councillor,
City of Merritt

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The intersection of Nicola Avenue and Voght Street in the City of Merritt has been identified by Ministry of Transportation and Highways (Ministry) staff as an intersection with relatively high collision risks, and inefficient traffic operations. Therefore, a comprehensive traffic operations review was initiated by both the Ministry and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), with the goal of ameliorating the traffic safety and efficiency at the study intersection.

A systematic approach was followed to determine the traffic operational deficiencies of the study intersection. Traffic count data was reviewed, and the intersection capacity was evaluated. Summaries of reported motor vehicle collisions were reviewed and a traffic conflict survey was conducted at the study intersection. The results of the analysis were used to develop an improvement strategy, and generate improvement requirements. As required by ICBC, an economic evaluation of the improvement requirements was conducted.

Based on the findings of the traffic operations review, the deficiencies identified for the intersection of Nicola Avenue and Voght Street are:

- Insufficient Turning Path for Turning Movements from Nicola Avenue onto Voght Street
- Insufficient Southbound Capacity
- Insufficient Pedestrian Clearance Time

An improvement strategy was therefore formulated to ameliorate these identified deficiencies by improving the intersection geometry and capacity. The improvement strategy may be implemented in two phases:

- Short Term: Capacity and Right-turn Channelization Improvements
- Long Term: Major Intersection Upgrade

In the short term, it is recommended that the southbound capacity be improved, along with improvements to the westbound right-turn channelization and the pedestrian clearance phases.

A. Southbound Lane Designation

Presently, the single-lane southbound approach of Voght Street provides a right-turn arrow pavement marking. Without marking the approach as two lanes, the presence of the arrow creates driver confusion. It was recommended that two travel lanes be provided by widening the southbound approach to accommodate an exclusive right-turn curb lane and a shared left-turn and through centre lane. This improvement would enhance the safety and efficiency of the southbound movements and would eliminate driver confusion.

B. Improve Westbound Right-turn Channelization

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approach*

The limited turning radius at the study intersection compounded by the high volume of westbound right-turn vehicles was identified as a deficiency, causing right-turn and pedestrian conflicts. Therefore, it was recommended that right-turn channelization be improved at the northeast quadrant of the study intersection, which would require the provision of island channelization, utility relocation, and a turning radius of approximately 25 metres to accommodate heavy trucks.

C. Extend Pedestrian Clearance

The existing pedestrian clearance time is insufficient, and is resulting in the occurrence of pedestrian conflicts. Using the Ministry's design standard walking speed of 1.2 metres per second, it was recommended that the eastbound and westbound pedestrian clearance phase be extended to 10 seconds, and the northbound and southbound pedestrian clearance phase be extended to 20 seconds. The provision of the additional pedestrian clearance time is expected to reduce pedestrian-vehicular conflicts and collisions.

D. Performance Optimization

An optimized signal timing plan including an advanced southbound phase, was recommended to incorporate the short term intersection improvements. With the provision of the recommended signal timing plan, all the turning movements at the study intersection are expected to operate at satisfactory levels of service during the peak periods.

In the long term, it is recommended that all turning radii at the study intersection be improved, and that the left-turn and through movements on Voght Street be separated by providing exclusive northbound and southbound left-turn lanes. Whereas the radii on the southside of the intersection are recommended to be improved, the urban characteristics of the downtown area is recommended to be maintained by limiting the new radii to about 12 metres, and by not providing island channelization. The implementation of the major intersection upgrade is only considered to be feasible in the long-term, due to the required right-of-way, as well as the construction cost involved estimates to be \$200,000 excluding right-of-way.

ICBC has indicated that funding may be available for intersection improvements, if such improvements are favourable investment opportunities in terms of reducing the incidence of reportable motor vehicle collisions and therefore, claim costs. An economic evaluation of the recommended short-term improvements was therefore conducted. The results of the economic evaluation for the short-term improvements indicated that ICBC may consider providing partial funding of between \$8,700 and \$16,500 for the implementation of the recommended improvements to achieve an investment return ratio of 2:1 over two years.

The long-term improvements are recommended from a traffic operations perspective, and such improvements may not be a favourable investment for ICBC. In any event, an update to this study will be required at the time of implementation of the long term improvements to incorporate the latest traffic volume data and collision characteristics, further to the implementation of the short-term improvements.

In conclusion, by improving the southbound capacity, the westbound right-turn channelization and pedestrian clearance phases, the number of collisions and conflicts at the Voght Street and Nicola Avenue intersection is expected to be reduced. The economic evaluation results indicated that ICBC may consider investing between \$8,700 and \$16,500 towards implementing the recommended improvements to achieve the desired return on investment objective. With the implementation of these improvements and continued cooperation between ICBC and the Ministry, the safety and efficiency of this intersection will be improved.

MEMORANDUM

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TO: T.C. DAY, City Administrator

FROM: Marcel Bedard, Bylaw Services Officer

RE: Disposition and Handling of Lost and Found Bicycles

DATE: January 23, 1996

With the amount of unclaimed bicycles being turned over to the Bylaw Department for disposition, it is now time to take another look at how we dispose of the above said items.

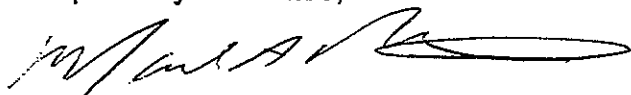
To date, we hold bikes for three months and if not claimed through the RCMP Identification or by the owner we, at the end of three months, hand them all over to the Kinsmen Organization. They, in turn, auction them off for revenue for their club.

The Kinsmen, at this time, take only the bikes in good repair and leave the ones that need work or are unusable with the Bylaw Department to dispose of them. The amount of unclaimed bikes is large. Also, the amount of unclaimed articles such as stereo speakers, radar detectors, garden equipment, sports equipment, and other odd paraphernalia are starting to mount up. I have arranged for the use of a 40 ft. trailer unit to use and act as locked storage.

With all of the above-found items, we will need to go to public auction to dispose of them and, at the same time, we could auction off the bicycles rather than give them away to the Kinsmen Organization. This could raise an unknown amount of dollars a year in revenue to help offset the costs for tracking and recording of items, both by the RCMP and the Bylaw Department. As the City gets bigger and busier, we will need to dispose of more and more found items. The revenue generated from the sale of all the bicycles and other found items would be put back into general revenue.

My recommendation is that we, the City, dispose of all lost and found items by way of public auction, including bicycles, rather than give them away at no cost.

Respectfully submitted,



MARCEL A. BEDARD
Bylaw Services Officer

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**1995 BYLAW SERVICES STATISTICS
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1995**

| | |
|---|--|
| VIOLATION TICKETS ISSUED: (Parking Offenses) WARNINGS ONLY: | 8 |
| VEHICLES TOWED: (Via Violation Ticket) | 0 |
| UNINSURED VEHICLES TOWED: | 0 |
| INQUIRIES: (Were matters all dealt with over the phone) | 43 |
| INCIDENT FILES: (Incidents relayed to the Department which require investigation - includes site identification) | 2 |
| OFFENCE NOTICES: | 0 |
| OFFENCE NOTICES PAID: | 0 |
| MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION & SUMMONS: (Commonly referred to as an "M.T.I." which is a Ticket where the Officer issues the summons in the field, with pre-approved Fines and provision for deemed conviction, if unpaid or uncontested within 14 days of issuance - used for serious Bylaw Infractions.) | ONGOING BYLAWS BEING REVIEWED |
| CONVICTED: | 0 |
| ANIMALS IMPOUNDED: | 2 |
| LOCATION OF IMPOUNDING: Downtown Garcia Street | 1 1 |
| DOG LICENSES ISSUED THIS MONTH: | 0 |
| DOG LICENSES ISSUED TO DATE FOR 1995: | 179 |
| ANIMALS TURNED OVER TO FOSTER PET PROGRAM (F.P.P.): | 0 |
| ANIMALS DESTROYED: | 0 |

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| YEAR END BYLAW SERVICES STATISTICS FOR 1995 | |
|---|--|
| VIOLATION TICKETS ISSUED: (Parking Offenses) WARNINGS ONLY: | 186 |
| VEHICLES TOWED: (Via Violation Ticket) | 1 |
| UNINSURED VEHICLES TOWED: | 3 |
| INQUIRIES: (Were matters all dealt with over the phone) | 853 |
| INCIDENT FILES: (Incidents relayed to the Department which require investigation - includes site identification) | 68 |
| OFFENCE NOTICES: | 5 |
| OFFENCE NOTICES PAID: | 5 |
| MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION & SUMMONS: (Commonly referred to as an "M.T.I." which is a Ticket where the Officer issues the summons in the field, with pre-approved Fines and provision for deemed conviction, if unpaid or uncontested within 14 days of issuance - used for serious Bylaw Infractions.) | ONGOING BYLAWS BEING REVIEWED |
| CONVICTED: | 0 |
| ANIMALS IMPOUNDED: | 97 |
| DOG LICENSES ISSUED THIS YEAR: | 179 |
| ANIMALS TURNED OVER TO FOSTER PET PROGRAM (F.P.P.): | 27 |
| ANIMALS DESTROYED: | 16 |

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: TOM DAY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: JEFF NORBURN, AQUATIC CENTRE MANAGER

DATE: JANUARY 26, 1996

RE: SATURDAY MORNING HOURS

BACKGROUND:

During the 1996 budgeting process reductions were made to the Aquatic Centre's operating hours in order to reduce staffing costs. The reduction in hours Friday and Sunday evenings have not resulted in a substantial number of complaints. There has been however, considerable dissatisfaction expressed by parents of children in Saturday morning lessons regarding the Saturday morning closure. The current lesson set (January 13 - March 2) began registration in mid December. These lessons were not canceled following the decision to discontinue the Saturday morning swim although adjustments were made to the class times to schedule them more efficiently. Parents of children in lessons at these times are concerned that they are unable to swim during and in some cases, immediately following their child's lesson. In consideration of these concerns the following options are available: 1) Maintain the current schedule, 2) Adjust the swim lesson times, 3) Reduce the schedule in other areas, or 4) Extend the public swim.

1) MAINTAIN THE CURRENT SCHEDULE:

One option is to make no change at all, however, failing to make any concession to this group of parents will leave this group dissatisfied. Efforts to accommodate them in some manner are reasonable. A short term solution may be possible for the parents of this lesson set that does not change the original intention of the reduction in hours.

2) ADJUST THE SWIM LESSON TIMES:

To allow for public swimming during lesson times it is possible to change the class times so that they start after the pool opens at Noon. This would result in efficient scheduling however parents would likely be unhappy about the change in lesson times mid way through a lesson set. Some of these parents registered as early as December and were unaware of the schedule changes until after registering.

3) REDUCE THE SCHEDULE IN OTHER AREAS:

Consideration may be given to re-instating the Saturday morning swim (at least partially) and choosing to reduce hours on another day of the week. This would allow parents in these lessons to swim Saturday mornings and continue to provide the savings in staff cost by reducing hours elsewhere. It should be noted that all schedule reductions inconvenience somebody. Selecting different hours to eliminate may only transfer the concerns to a different group of patrons.

4) EXTENDING THE PUBLIC SWIM:

The current lessons on Saturday start as early as 10:45 am. It is possible to schedule a lifeguard and a cashier earlier to allow for public swimming during some or all of this time. Such a change could be short term (during the current lesson set that ends March 2), periodic (only when lessons are offered Saturday mornings; approximately 24 Saturdays a year), or long term.

The financial and staffing impacts of extending this public swim time would depend on the nature of the changes made. A short term limited increase in hours would have a minimal impact while a permanent return to the 10:00 am swim would effect the budget significantly and pose some scheduling difficulties due to a current staff shortage and recent changes made to the cashiering schedule.

Extending the Family/ Adult swim to start at 11:15 am during this lesson set only would have minimal impact on the facility's operating budget and could be worked into our staffing schedule without significant problem.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Family/ Adult Swim on Saturday mornings be extended to start at 11:15 until March 2, 1996.
- That the noon opening remain unchanged following the completion of this lesson set.
- That in the future weekend lessons be scheduled later to allow for family swimming during or immediately following lessons.
- That if it is necessary to schedule lessons while the facility is closed to the public this information be made clear to parents prior to registration.


Jeff Norburn
Aquatic Centre Manager

Shawn Whalen

Box 964

Merritt, B.C.

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CITY OF MERRITT

JAN 25 1996

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to address the closure of the pool on Saturday mornings until 12:00 pm.

I am fully aware of the financial difficulties and attempts to maintain an equitable budget, and I understand the necessity to "cut" expenses in order to meet budget guidelines.

My concern is the use of the pool on Saturday mornings for "lessons only" until 12:00 pm. At the moment my son is enrolled in a swim program on Saturday mornings with lessons from 10:45 am to 11:15 am. Prior to pool in charge, my entire family found this to be a perfect opportunity to enjoy a leisurely "family" swim during

our son's lessons (a valuable quality family time for parents and adults who work Mon. to Fri.). It is not only a shame, but a waste of time, energy and effort to pull my child out of the pool after the completion of his lessons, wait 15 min, and pay to come back into the pool with my whole family. Perhaps there are other options for running and managing the pool's facilities, and still meet budget requirements. In my opinion, the Merritt community benefits greatly from an early weekend family and adult leisure swim program.

Perhaps the following suggestions might meet the community's needs:

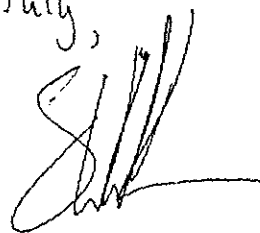
1. Open the facilities to everyone during lessons, and therefore utilize the pool to max. capacity.
2. Close the pool during a week day morning once a week, when lessons are not being conducted. This may mean an employee working a split shift.

Cont:-

3. Close the pool early one week night.
4. Close the pool early on Sunday afternoons by 1 hr??

Thank you for addressing my concerns.

Yours truly,



Agenda/Jeff

CITY OF MERRITT

JAN 25 1996

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Denise Whalen
Box 964
Merritt, B.C.

VOK-280 378-9143

January 23, 1996

Madam Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to address the closure of the pool on Saturday mornings.

I have spoken with Jeff Doebuen and he has explained the need to cut back on expenditures. I understand the necessity to keep within the budget.

We have enrolled our 6 yr old son in Saturday lessons since September 1994. At this time my husband and I would also take our preschool son in to swim. It was a family time that we looked forward to and a chance for my oldest son to practice what he just learned in lessons. This was also a time when the pool was not overrun by unsupervised children that scared both our kids of their enjoyment of the water.

As you are aware Family Swim is from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, weekends. This is an unsuitable time for a family with young children, it is nap time or lunch time. My husband works Monday to Friday and it is unrealistic for him to enjoy a family swim after supper since our boys are asleep at 7:00pm.

As it stands now you no longer have a time available for family's adults on the weekend mornings to enjoy the pool and gym. As a community it seems wrong to not have the Aquatic Centre open at least one weekend morning.

I have several suggestions that might be an alternative to the present closure. They could be used independently or combined together.

1. Lessons begin at 10:45 am on Saturday's. Why not have public swim start at the same time or even 11:15 am. This way facilities would be used during the lessons. It would bring in money, offsetting wages instead of having the facilities running and only the pool occupied by approximately 12 kids taking lessons during this hour. It would also give the kids a chance to practice what they have just learned and let them become more comfortable with their new skills.

2. Close the pool at 4:00pm on Sunday afternoons.

3. Close the pool early one weeknight a week.

4. Close the pool during a weekday morning once a week when lessons are not being conducted. This may mean an employer working a split shift to obtain the 4 hour minimum work period.

Thank you for addressing my concerns. I hope you are able to re open the pool Saturday mornings. We need a more feasible decision that meets the needs of the community, as well as the needs of the city Budget.

Sincerely,
D. Halew.

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CITY OF MERRITT

JAN 25 1996

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To Madam Mayor and Members of the Council;

I am writing this letter to address my concerns over the closure of the Nicola Valley Aquatic Center on Saturday mornings.

As a parent of a three year old and a six year old I try to attend the pool as often as possible and one of the best times is Saturday morning.

My six year old attends school five days per week, this leaves only two days (Saturday and Sunday) when we can attend the pool as a family without interfering with naptime for the three year old.

I realize there is night time swimming but this creates problems for the working parent who has just enough time to prepare supper before putting young ones to bed at 7pm / 7.30pm

There is also one more problem for parents to deal with during the night time swim the older unsupervised children/teens who often times have no concern for the small children in the pool. When I take my children to the pool it is for their enjoyment and it becomes hard to enjoy when they are scared of the rougher kids.

In closing I would like to say I understand the need for cutbacks, we have all experienced a lack of funds at some time, but this closure on Saturday seems to be taking something from the kids. Perhaps there is another morning during the week when most kids are in school and the pool is relatively empty, or even a night during the week that would be more acceptable.

Sincerely

P. Britton-Beard.

NEWS RELEASE

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Council of The City of Merritt has resolved to expand the Budget for the Arena renovation from the original \$2,391,000 to \$2,648,000. In doing so Council will not borrow any more funds than what was originally intended (1/3 of the original budget, or \$797,000). The additional funds come from savings Council managed to accrue in relation to the Arena.

The new budget will be utilized to fund the following estimated expenditures in 1996:

MAJOR COMPONENTS

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. New Addition | – Lower Level 5,900 sq.ft. @\$105 | \$ 620,000 |
| | – Lounge Area 3,900 sq.ft. @ \$80 | 308,000 |
| | –Ice Plant Room 700 sq.ft. @ \$80 | 56,000 |
| 2. Demolish Existing Building | | 50,000 |
| 3. Rehabilitation of Truss–Arches (structural) | | 175,000 |
| 4. Rehabilitation of Arena Roof (joists, insulation, membrane) | | 370,000 |
| 5. Upgrade Arena Exit Doors and Hardware | | 5,000 |
| 6. Install Sprinkler System | | 90,000 |
| 7. Rebuild Existing Ice Plant Equipment and Piping | | 72,000 |
| 8. Install Arena Exhaust System | | 12,000 |
| 9. Electrical Distribution System (consolidate services) | | 55,000 |
| 10. Fire Alarm, Emergency Lighting, Exit Signage | | 20,000 |
| 11. Upgrade Existing Sound Room | | 7,000 |
| 12. Reroute Storm Sewer & Watermain | | City |
| 13. Interim Financing | | 50,000 |
| 14. Upgrade Zamboni Room | | 100,000 |
| 15. Paint Arena Interior | | 102,000 |
| 16. Exterior Cladding | | 80,000 |
| 17. Landscaping for Town Square Appearance | | 24,000 |
| 18. Contingency | | 135,000 |
| 19. Engineering | | <u>207,000</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$2,538,000 |

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It is expected that one further major component will be constructed as soon as funding is available. A new, year around ice slab with new boards and glass will be constructed as a second phase. The estimated cost for these components is \$416,000. Funding for the second phase is expected from the City of Merritt (\$110,000 plus any savings between budget and actual contract prices), Thompson-Nicola Regional District, First Nation's Governments and fund raising. It is expected that a total of \$250,00 may be available from the TNRD and First Nations.

The Fund Raising Committee has also identified the following priorities:

- New Seats \$ 50,000 +
- Sound System 40,000
- Upgrade Referees Room 7,000

The City anticipates any additional fund raising will be allocated towards a third ice plant to provide backup in case of breakdowns and additional insulation at the north end of the Arena.

Council very much looks forward to the completion of the major components of the upgrade by early fall of this year and expects that the remaining components will be completed by at least September 1997, depending on the success of the fund raising campaign and final contract prices.

Mayor and Council
City of Merritt



Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd.
344 Seymour Street, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 2G2
Phone (604)374-0311 Fax (604)828-1196

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TO: TOM DAY

FROM: ERIC WIENS

FAX NO.: _____

DATE: FEB 8/96

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REFERENCE: _____

PROJECT NO.: 90-740-01

If you do not receive all of the pages, please call (604) 374-0311 as soon as possible.

TOM - ATTACHED IS A BUDGET RAISED
ON TUESDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING. THIS
INCLUDES THE PREDESIGN & DISB. AND
ALSO BREAKS OUT ANY ENG. & CONT.
THAT WERE INCLUDED IN THE ITEMS
ADDED INTO THE BUDGET.

THE TABLE I GAVE YOU FOR COUNCIL
UNFORTUNATELY DID NOT INCLUDE THE
PREDESIGN & DISB. BUT WE ALSO REALIZED
SOME ENG. SAVINGS BY DELETING THE
DESIGN OF THE EXT. WALL INSULATION AND
REFEREE'S ROOM.

CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Eric Wiens

* Please circle as appropriate

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The Merritt Arena Rehabilitation budget as I understand it following the Merritt Council meeting of February 6, 1996 is as follows:

Approved Grant Costs: \$2,391,000

| Item | Cost |
|--|---------------------|
| .1 New Addition - Lower Level 5,900 sq. ft. @ \$105 | \$ 620,000 |
| - Lounge Area 3,900 sq. ft. @ \$80 | 308,000 |
| - Ice Plant Room 700 sq. ft. @ \$80 | 56,000 |
| .2 Demolish Existing Building | *** 50,000 |
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| .10 Fire Alarm, Emergency Lighting, Exit Signage | 20,000 |
| .11 Upgrade Existing Sound Room | 7,000 |
| .12 Reroute Storm Sewer & Watermain | City |
| .13 Upgrade Zamboni Room | 83,000 |
| .14 Paint Arena Interior | 90,000 |
| .15 Exterior Cladding | 67,000 |
| .16 Landscaping for Town Square Appearance | 21,000 |
| Subtotal | \$ 2,101,000 |
| Contingency * | 161,000 |
| Pre-design | 15,000 |
| Engineering @ 10% ** | 216,000 |
| Engineering Disbursements | 21,000 |
| Interim Financing | 50,000 |
| TOTAL (pre G.S.T.) | \$ 2,564,000 |

* Contingency is 5% on new addition, 10% on all other items.

** Includes cost to design (6%) third ice plant (\$3,600) and storm/watermain relocations (\$2,700)

*** A \$25,000 reduction could possibly be achieved through community involvement.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: T.C. Day, City Administrator

From: R.J. Finley, Fire Chief

Reference: Month-End Report for January, 1996

Date: February 07, 1996

January was slightly above average for the Merritt Fire Rescue Department, answering thirteen (13) emergency calls. Three (3) of the calls were for rescue, of which all three were regional. Of the ten (10) fire emergency calls two sustained a dollar loss of which one (1) was outside our jurisdiction for claiming a dollar loss.

Strength of the Fire Department:

- 1 - Chief
- 1 - Deputy Fire Chief
- 1 - Training Officer
- 3 - Captains
- 2 - Lieutenants
- 1 - Safety Officer
- 12 - Firefighters
- 10 - Recruits
- 2 - Waiting List

The Merritt Fire Rescue Department reminds all residents that:

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| <p>Pyrene Corporation 130 Esna Park Drive Markham, Ontario L3R 1E3</p> | <p>Has issued a warning that the direct wired Smoke alarm Model #4665 through testing has shown may not operate because of the specific wiring instructions were not correct.</p> |
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Grande Tel Formally M.T.C. Electronics
1 800 346- 3931 or Mr. Patrick Howe at 416-863-6632
has recalled all Model MTC 13" Colored Televisions
with the following models and serial numbers.

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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| QKO 751 | DKO 751 | Serial Numbers MTV 1428R(92) |
| QKO 751A | DKO 751A | Serial Numbers MTV 1428RF(93) |
| QGO 751 | QGO 851 | Serial Numbers MTV 1429RF(93) |
| QGO 751A | QKO 851 | Serial Numbers MTV 1428CC(93) |
| DGO 751 | DGO 851 | (9403 212 00001 through to |
| DGO 751A | DKO 851 | 9410 212 20160) |



Fire Chief, Rich Finley
Merritt Fire Rescue Department

MERRITT FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FORM NO. 3.17

MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORT

January 1996

| REGULAR INSPECTION PROGRAM | | CURRENT MONTH | YEAR TO DATE | PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE |
|---|---------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| ASSEMBLY | GROUP A | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| INSTITUTIONAL | GROUP B | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| RESIDENTIAL | GROUP C | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| BUSINESS | GROUP D | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MERCANTILE | GROUP E | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| INDUSTRIAL | GROUP F | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| OTHER INSPECTIONS AND SERVICES | | | | |
| BUILDING SITE INSPECTIONS | | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| COMPANY INSPECTIONS | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COMPLAINTS | | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| EVENING INSPECTIONS | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FINAL OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS | | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| FIRE DRILLS | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LICENSE APPROVAL INSPECTIONS | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| OIL AND GASOLINE (New Inspections) | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PUBLIC SERVICE (Lectures, Demonstrations, etc.) | | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| RE-INSPECTIONS | | 9 | 9 | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 22 | 22 | 11 |
| FIRE COMMISSIONER ORDERS ISSUED | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| FIRE INVESTIGATIONS | | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| PERMITS ISSUED (CITY BY-LAW) | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| PLANS APPROVAL | | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| FIRE CODE ORDERS | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| REPORTS AND LETTERS | | 6 | 6 | 5 |

MERRITT FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

FORM NO. 3.18
January 19 96

| EMERGENCY CALLOUTS | CURRENT MONTH | YEAR TO DATE | PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| GROUP "A" ASSEMBLY | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| "B" | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| "C" | 7 | 7 | 2 |
| "D.E.F." | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| VEHICLE FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RUBBISH & GRASS | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| AMBULANCE ASSIST | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MICELLANEOUS & GAS SPILLS | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL CALLS: | 10 | 10 | 6 |
| RESCUE BOAT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RESCUE VEHICLE-LOCAL | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RESCUE VEHICLE-REGIONAL | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| TOTAL CALLS: | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| FALSE ALARMS: GOOD INTENT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MALICIOUS | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| SYSTEM MALFUNCTION | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ARSON,(SUSPECTED), VANDALISM | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| INJURIES - FIRE | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DEATHS - FIRE | 0 | 0 | 0 |

CURRENT MONTH

YEAR TO DATE

| | AREA | BACKUP |
|----------------|------|--------|
| STATION 1 FIRE | 10 | 0 |
| RESCUE TRUCK | 3 | 0 |
| | | 0 |
| LOWER NICOLA | 1 | 0 |
| COLDWATER ROAD | 0 | 0 |
| UPPER NICOLA | 0 | 0 |

| | AREA | BACKUP |
|--|------|--------|
| | 10 | 0 |
| | 3 | 0 |
| | | 0 |
| | 1 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 |

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrator
FROM: City Planner
DATE: February 6, 1996

SUBJECT: 1995 PLANNING DEPARTMENT YEAR END STATISTICS

The City of Merritt experienced yet another year of strong growth in 1995. Please refer to the attached Statistics for a break down of 1995 and 1994.

Growth was attributable to both residential and commercial development; however, it was clearly evident that the commercial proposals presented to Council in 1995 generated the most excitement in our City and will have the largest impact.

The Railyard Mall proposal, Purity Feeds Building, Brian Dafoe G M and the Golden Palace Restaurant all reinforce business and Council's commitment to preserving the downtown as the commercial focal point of our community.

Business has heavily invested in the downtown and all the owners of these developments should be complemented for their efforts and belief in the City.

Periphery commercial development in Merritt was also strong in 1995 as McDonalds, Travelodge, Chinnors, Clean Genes, All Seasons Motel, Highway Haven and the newly opened Five Star Restaurant all opened to serve both highway traffic and the local populous.

As the statistics show there were 128 residential lots and dwelling units approved in 1995. This is up considerably from 1994 and is another strong indicator of growth and stability in our community.

Adwood Industries also opened in 1995 which was a positive step in our community's continued success and industrial expansion.

Memorandum - Administrator
February 6, 1996
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Council has established a clear vision for growth in our community with the Official Community Plan and the results of these policies are becoming evident with each new development.

Respectfully submitted,



for Finlay J. Sinclair
City Planner

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Attachment

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

1994 & 1995

| <u>Applications</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1995</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Development Permits | 8 | 8 |
| Development Variance Permits | 7 | 10 |
| Official Community Plan Amendments | 11 | 8 |
| Zoning Amendments | 10 | 12 |
| Subdivision Applications | 10 | 12 |
| # of Lots Created | 85 | 128 |

The following projects were also completed and or started in 1995. These projects are of varying degrees of complexity however their combined importance to our community should not be under estimated.

1. North East Sector Water and Sewer Extension
2. City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw 1530
3. Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw
4. Colletteville Official Community Plan
5. Colletteville Zoning Bylaw
6. Colletteville Subdivision and Development Bylaw
7. Coquihala Resources Commercial and Residential proposals
8. Wilderness Developments - Lower Irvine overall development plan
9. Superstar Developments - Development proposal for Airport lands
10. Nicola Valley Affordable Housing proposal above Petro Canada
11. Frank Rizzardo's residential proposal above Dairy Queen
12. Commercial expansion proposal east of Dairy Queen

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: February 8, 1996
TO: Administrator
FROM: Development Officer
RE: *Economic Development Activity Report for January*

The month of January proved to be an eventful period for Economic Development.

A number of firms wishing to relocate to the Interior contacted the City of Merritt for detailed information. The firms were predominately manufacturing firms such as secondary wood manufacturing and rim wheel manufacturing. These firms were looking to take advantage of Merritt's location. I personally made a presentation in Vancouver to the rim manufacturing company.

A number of inquiries were also fielded from citizens in Merritt wishing to start new businesses.

The economic development video is nearing completion. The producer is presently completing the final editing of the video. Once this is completed the original version will be sent to a video reproduction firm for additional copies. I anticipate this project to be completed and copies distributed to all funding sponsors by mid to late February.

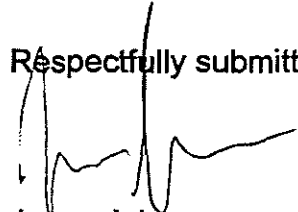
We received the third draft of the community profile for the Thompson Nicola Regional District. This draft is the final opportunity for the Economic Development Committee to make any alterations prior to printing. It is difficult to determine when this project will be completed as the T.N.R.D. originally contracted to have this work completed by August 10th, 1995.

Michael Blumel a consultant for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs was in Merritt for two days to discuss B.I.A. (Business Improvement Area). A number of meetings were held with the Chamber and business owners from downtown. Mr. Blumel is

producing a report on the establishment of a B.I.A. in Merritt. This report should be forwarded to the City in early February.

The Economic Development Committee held a planning session early in January. From this meeting a number of projects and guidelines were set forth for the coming year. I also attended the Chamber's A.G.M. and the Development Centre's Economic Development Survey strategy meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Johnson

Development Officer

CITY OF MERRITT PERMITS FOR THE MONTH OF January, 1996

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| PERMIT NO. | DATE | NAME | ADDRESS | LEGAL | TYPE | VALUE | FEE |
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| 96001 | 96/01/02 | LEHNER | 1751 Sunflower | Lot 5, Plan KAP54068 | S.F.D. | 135 K | \$1,400.00 |
| 96002 | 96/01/04 | MASONIC TEMPLE | 2067 Quilchena Avenue | Lot 14, Blk. 15, D.L. 125, Plan 1 | Renovation | 12 K | \$116.00 |
| 96003 | 91/01/22 | PEBS HOLDINGS LTD. | 2161 Taylor Place | Lot 11, D.L. 24, Plan 50874 | S.F.D. | 90 K | \$877.00 |
| 96004 | 96/01/23 | SWARN SEKHON | 2288 Quilchena Avenue | Lot 2, D.L. 123, Plan 29362 | Demo. | N/A | \$50.00 |
| 96005 | 96/01/25 | MAVI | 2680 Granite Avenue | Lot 2, Plan 48035 | All. Bldg. | 1 K | \$50.00 |
| 96006 | 96/01/26 | DAFOE MOTORS | 2049 Nicola Avenue | Parcel A, Blk. B, Plan 1 | Sign | 2 K | \$28.00 |
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (MERRITT)

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MICHAEL E. HENDERSON
PHONE (604) 378-2022

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
P.O. BAG 4100 - MERRITT, B.C. - VOK 2B0

SECRETARY-TREASURER
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— LEARNING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW —

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City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
Merritt, B.C.
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CITY OF MERRITT

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Attention: Tom Day,
Administrator

Dear Mr. Day:

This letter is further to our discussions over the past several weeks regarding the proposed parking lot at Merritt Bench Elementary School.

Concern has been expressed by the parents in the Bench area regarding the safety of the existing parking lot. The only way the existing parking lot can be expanded would be to bring fill to the back of the existing lot to allow more cars to park. This would not alleviate the congestion on Grimmitt Street where there is a crosswalk and also is the main road servicing the Bench area. This road will only get busier as the North Bench development occurs.

The discussions we have had have been centred around working together to build a road between the tennis courts and the rear of the neighbours' properties. Main staff parking would be on the lower end of the parking lot. This would allow for increased safety for the students on the school grounds, as well as on the playground and school property during the evenings and on week-ends.

The area would allow parking for approximately 20 vehicles. There is enough room along the rear property line for a two lane road. This would divert the traffic from the main entrance to the school. This would also afford property owners access to the rear of their property, without a significant increase of traffic on Gillis Road. Vehicular traffic would only be increased on this road by 12-18 cars in the morning and again in the afternoon, with the times to be staggered subject to when the staff members leave the school.

This would allow maximum use of taxpayers' dollars and ensure long term usage of any investment by the Board in the parking lot.

To fill and extend the existing parking lot may not be beneficial in the long run, given the potential for expansion of the gymnasium as well as the addition of classrooms to replace the portables at Merritt Bench Elementary School. Any expansion of the gymnasium would cut off access to the parking lot.

If Council and the Board were able to work together in joint use on this proposal, it would ensure the maximum efficiency of the taxpayers' dollars as well as the maximum safety for the residents of the Bench area.

I would ask that you review this with your staff and contact the writer and advise of the next steps to be taken so that formal discussions between the Board and the Council can take place in regard to this matter. A copy of a drawing previously given to you is attached for your reference.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

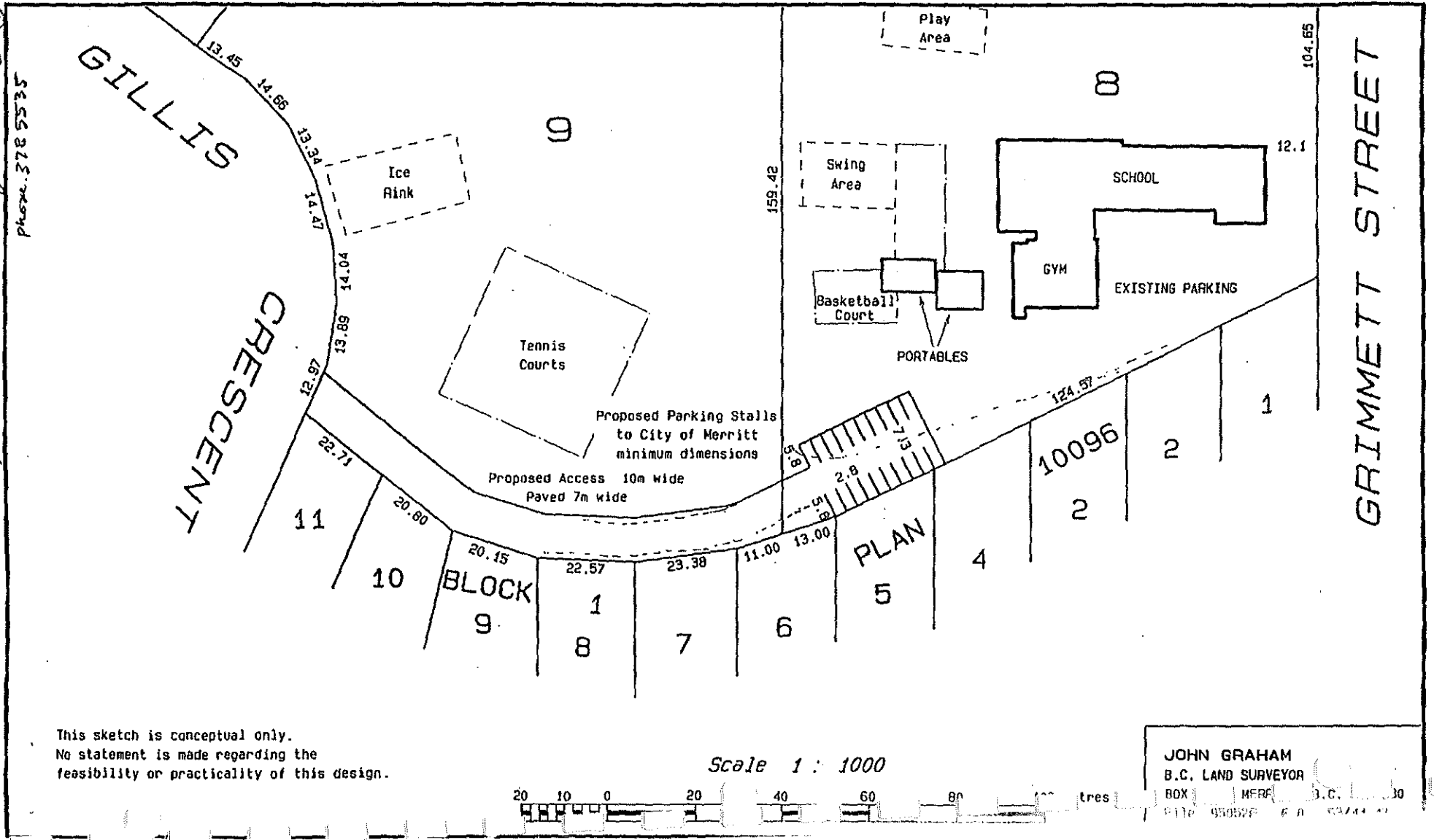


H. Bruce Tisdale,
Secretary-Treasurer

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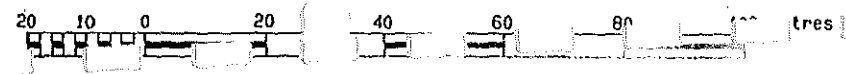
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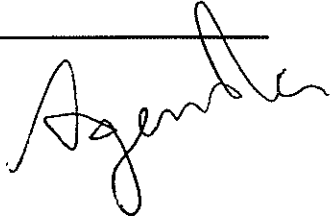
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JOHN GRAHAM
B.C. LAND SURVEYOR
BOX 1000 MERRITT B.C. V3V 2S0
PHONE 930528 FAX 930529

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrator
FROM: City Planner
DATE: February 7, 1996
SUBJECT: BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT ADDITION



The attached was received from School District No. 31 with respect to the possibility of constructing a new parking area for Bench Elementary School.

The proposed parking lot would service approximately 20 vehicles and access would be obtained off of Gillis Crescent.

The proposal will allow for better traffic movement in the existing parking lot which is currently accessed from Grimmert Street.

Relocation of the teachers parking area will not decrease the potential interaction between students and vehicles; however, it will alleviate congestion at the Grimmert Street entrance.

The City currently owns the property which the proposed road is to be built on and it should be transferred legally if council approves of this proposal.

The access from Gillis to the proposed new parking area would have to be paved with appropriate drainage so as not to introduce any water to the adjacent properties. This road should also be private, maintained by the School Board and the Board should petition each property owner affected by the proposal and give the results to Council so they are aware of any opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Finlay J. Sinclair
City Planner

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Attachment
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CITY OF MERRITT

RELEASE OF IN-CAMERA COUNCIL MOTIONS TO DEC.31/95

876/95 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council COUNTER the offer from Lal S. Mahil and Jagbir Arora to purchase the Library Building with a purchase price of 257,500.00.
CARRIED

981/95 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RESOLVE to allocate \$5,000.00 from surplus to general operating in order to engage a consultant to apply to Forest Renewal B.C. for a Forest Licence and to pursue information relating to a Forest Licence.
CARRIED

992/95 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Memo, Nov. 15/95 - Exempt Staff Salary Ranges - APPROVE 1996 annual salary ranges for exempt positions being established as follows:

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| Administrator - | 70,000 to 80,000 |
| Clerk - | 50,000 to 60,000 |
| Treasurer - | 57,500 to 67,500 |
| Public Works Superintendent - | 57,500 to 67,500 |
| Planner - | 50,000 to 60,000 |
| Fire Chief - | 50,000 to 60,000 |
| Recreation Manager - | 42,500 to 52,500 |
| Aquatic Centre Manager - | 42,500 to 52,500 |
| Confidential Secretary - | 35,000 to 40,000 |

CARRIED

CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1522

**A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE STOPPING UP AND CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF
MAMETTE AVENUE SITUATED EAST OF VOGHT STREET AND WEST OF GARCIA
STREET, MERRITT, B.C.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 578(1)(b) of the Municipal Act (RSBC 1979, Chap.290), the Council may by bylaw stop up and close to traffic a highway or a portion of it.

AND WHEREAS, the Council deems the following described portion of road is not required by the City of Merritt:

1. That portion of Mamette Avenue situated east of Voght Street, Merritt, B.C. and west of Garcia Street , as outlined on Schedule "A".

AND WHEREAS, the owner of lands adjoining have consented to that portion of road being stopped up and closed;

AND WHEREAS, the Council's intention is to initiate abandonment of the above described portion of road and consolidate it with adjoining property, the owner of said property being the City of Merritt;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Merritt, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT MAMETTE AVENUE STOPPING UP AND CLOSING BYLAW NO.1522, 1995**".
2. That the portion of Mamette Avenue shown outlined on Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this bylaw, is hereby STOPPED UP and CLOSED to traffic of all kinds.

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**CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1522
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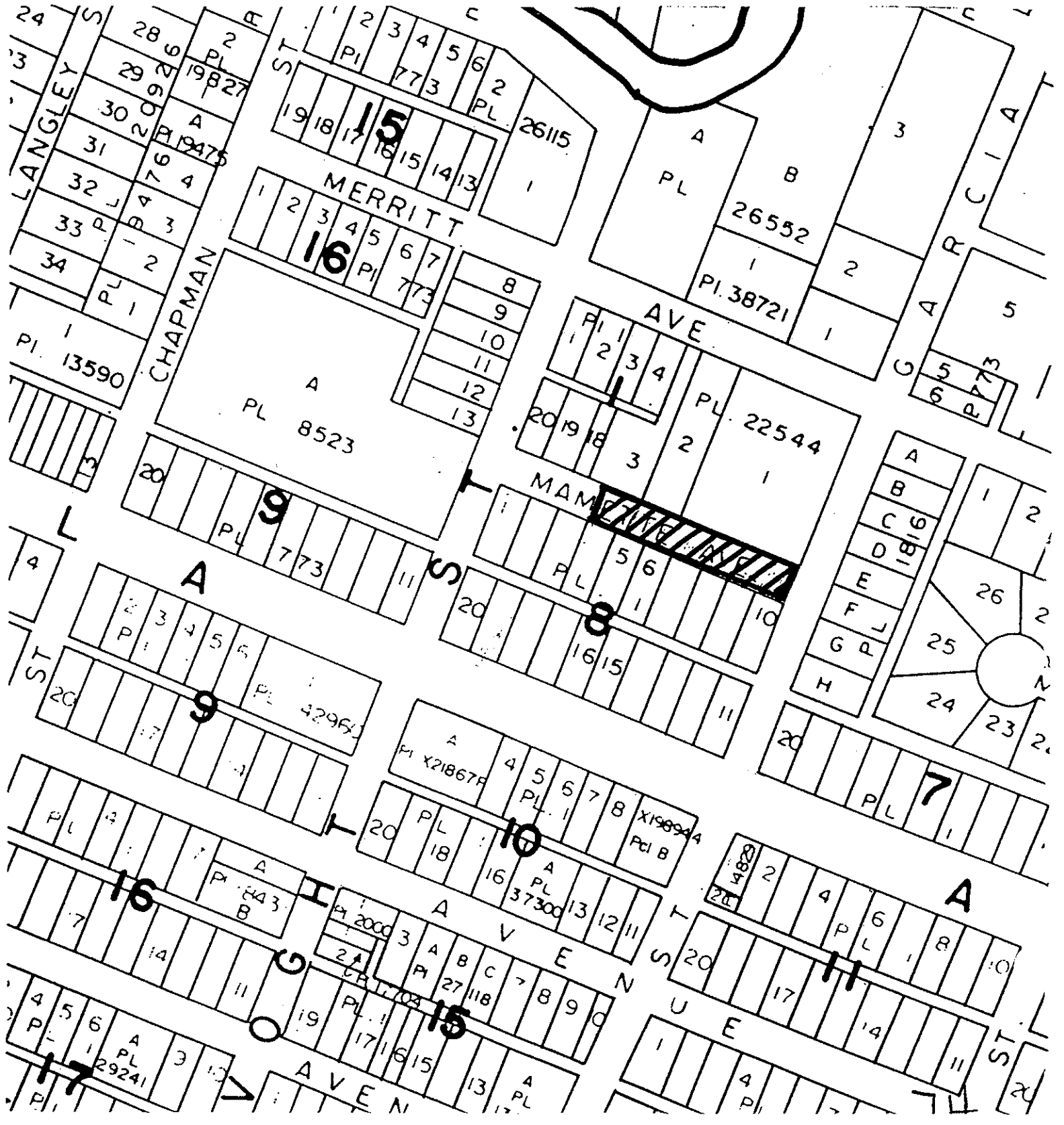
C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

Y.J.Porada, CLERK

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO.1522

SCHEDULE "A"



M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: February 8, 1996
TO: Administrator
FROM: Development Officer
RE: Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 1541

Council will recall that the above bylaw adds a definition to City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw 1530, 1995 affecting the P3 zone.

The current zoning of these facilities is P3 (Public Use) the previous zoning was C5 (General Highway Commercial). As a result, a number of operations that were previously acceptable under the C5 zoning designation have now become restricted under the P3 designation. The current zoning does not allow the following functions at the above noted facilities:

concession sales, retail sale, circus events, trade shows, home shows, car shows, dances, bingo, commercial entertainment, native pow-wow, conventions, concession sales, graduation ceremonies, skate rentals, wedding receptions, memorial services, craft fairs, auctions, commercial displays and sales, competitive sports, religious services, photo studios, graduation ceremonies and commercial kitchen rental.

In order to enable these functions to occur it is recommended that Council add the following definition of **Municipal government buildings** to Zoning Bylaw NO. 1530, 1995.

Municipal government buildings means municipal offices, community centres and arenas used for both private and public functions which includes the use of facilities for commercial purposes.

Planning Department

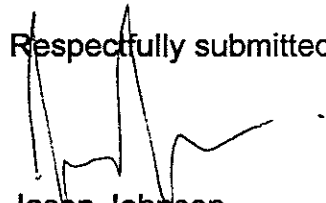
Memorandum of January 31, 1996

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Recommendation:

1. THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw NO. 1541, 1996 be given third reading.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Johnson

Development Officer

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1541

A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF MERRITT ZONING BYLAW NO. 1530, 1995

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has adopted the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to amend the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has held a public hearing pursuant to Sections 956 of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C., 1979;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1541, 1996**".
2. That "City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995" be AMENDED as follows:

That **PART TWO - DEFINITIONS** Section 2.0 be amended by ADDING the following:

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS means municipal offices, community centers, and arenas used for both private and public functions which includes the use of the facilities for commercial purposes.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
FACT SHEET**

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT & REZONING AMENDMENT

OCP1995-03 & RZ1995-05

Owner: Eugen Eugen Klien
Edith Maria Klien
Eugen Leopold Klien
Monique Madeline Klien

Legal Description: That part of D.L. 171 as shown in red on Plan attached to D.D. 4330: K.D.Y.D. except plans 28083 and A17788 and That part of D.L. 123 shown in red on Plan attached to D.D.4612: K.D.Y.D. except such undersurface rights as are registered in Absolute Fees Book Volume 18 folio 152 No. 9837D also except plans 28083, 29363, KAP53627 and KAP53869 and KAP55590.

OCP Designation: Agricultural

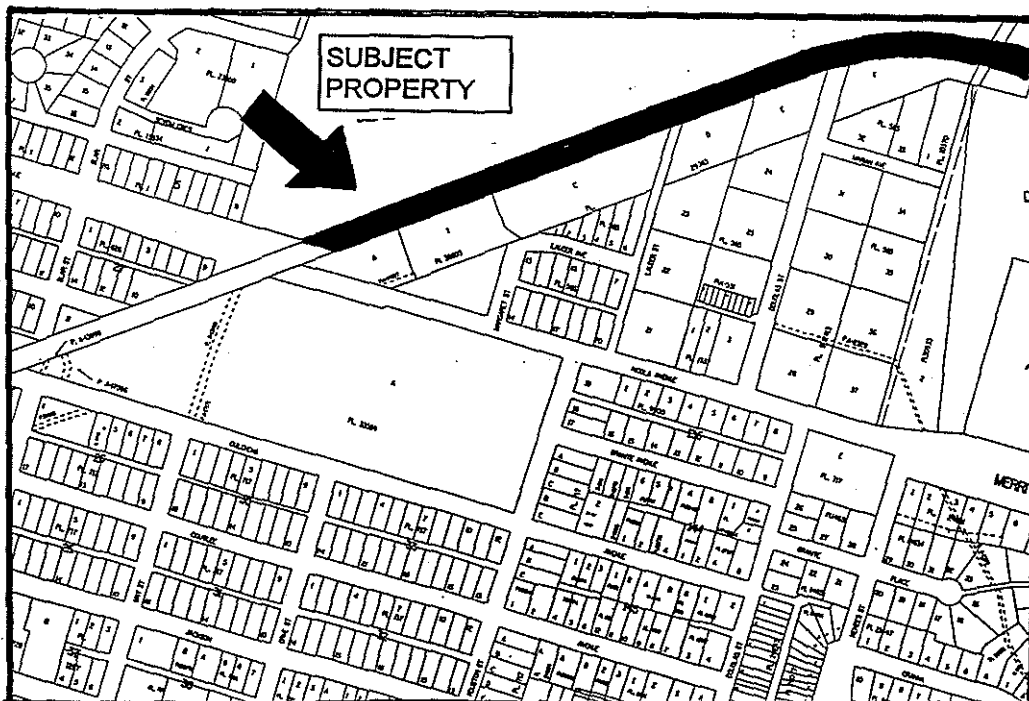
Zoning Designation: AR1 (Agricultural)

Current Use: Abandoned C.P.R. Railway Right-of-Way

Lot Size: 4.6 acres

Relevant Information: The applicant wishes to change the Official Community Plan designation of this property from Agricultural to Service Commercial and to Rezone the property to C-3 (Service Commercial).

LOCATION MAP: SUBJECT PROPERTY



PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

REZONING APPLICATION

OCP1995-03 & RZ1995-05

TO: Administrator
FROM: Planning Department
DATE: February 6, 1996

History of Application:

The planning department first received this application on September 27, 1995. The application was then referred to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. On October 10th, 1995 the Ministry of Transportation and Highways replied that they would require a number of items from the applicant prior to granting preliminary approval, until these items were satisfied the Ministry considered the application to be held in abeyance (This letter has been attached for reference). As a result the planning department informed the applicant that until the Ministry's requirements were satisfied the City would not process this application. On October 12, 1995 the City refunded the applicants application fee. (Please see the attached letter)

The applicant reapplied on January 2, 1996, with an approval in principal from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The planning department has placed this application on Council's Agenda for their Regularly Scheduled meeting of February 13, 1996.

Relevant Information:

The applicant for this application is Mr. Eugen Klein, owner of Diamond Vale Mobile Home Park.

The property is a portion of the abandoned C.P.R. right-of-way running in a North Easterly direction from Nicola Ave (Please see the attached Planning Department fact sheet for a visual representation of this property). The applicant wishes to change the Official Community Plan designation of the property from Agricultural to Service Commercial as well as Rezone the property from the AR1 (Agricultural) to the C-3 (Service Commercial).

This site currently sits vacant and has not been in use since the abandonment of the

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C.P.R. railway. The applicant has purchased 4.6 acres of this right-of-way section and plans to develop a portion of this property as a mobile home sales area.

The applicant has also requested that a letter from the Ministry of Housing, Recreation and Consumer Services be included in this applications presentation to Council. (Please see the attached letter.)

Agency Referrals:

This application was referred to The Ministry of Transportation and Highways for preliminary approval. This letter is included in this package. On January 23, 1996 preliminary approval for this application was granted by Brent MacDonald, Senior Development Technician. The approval is contingent upon:

1. Developer to register a suitable no building road reserve covenant over the strip indicated on the John Graham, BCLS plan dated December 15, 1995 prior to final zoning approval by the Ministry.
2. All drainage to be retained on-site or otherwise directed to a municipally maintained storm sewer collection system.

Mr. MacDonald also references the Ministry's Major Street Network Plan," ...we noted that the Major Street Network Plan shows a future parallel route which may impact the most easterly portion of the parcel. When planning and development progresses in this area, the alignment of this route may be more precisely identified and should be similarly protected." Council may not wish to act on this suggestion as it does not reflect the City of Merritt's Major Street Network Plan.

Planning Department Comments:

The Planning Department supports the overall concept of this project, however, the City needs to be cognizant of the costs and strain that development of this property will create. This application has a number of significant issues related to the development of this property. Should Council wish to approve this application a number of issues need to be addressed:

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- Due to the grade of this property, sewer lines will not function properly by gravity alone. As a result, the applicant would have to utilize force mains, to access the City's sewer system. In order for the applicant to use force mains a development variance permit will have to be submitted to Council. The use of force mains has been an acceptable practice in other developments in the City of Merritt where gravity service is not possible
- The applicant wishes to utilize Lauder Street as the ingress for the mobile home sales site. Lauder Street is not a full right-of-way to the City of Merritt standards. A complete right-of-way allows proper offsetting of services such water, sewer, hydro and telephone. Allowing the applicant to construct a road width right-of-way that is only half of the City's standard width is a reduction of our City standards. The planning department recommends that access to this site not be granted from Lauder Street until such time as full road right-of-way is secured.
- This property is not serviced by the City storm sewer system. It is the policy of the City of Merritt to ensure that all property owners contain drainage on-site. The planning department will require the applicant to utilize drywells to contain drainage on site. This has been an acceptable alternative in the collection of drainage in other developments within the City of Merritt.
- The applicant will be required to extend water main lines to service this property.
- The Official Community Plan recognizes the potential for conflict between the agricultural land use and service commercial land use. The City must consider an appropriate means for buffering this property from the River Ranch which is in the ALR. As the O.C.P. states section 10.4.04:

The City will work jointly with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Agricultural Land Commission to develop means to reduce the potential for conflict and enhance the compatibility between agricultural and non-agricultural uses."

This policy creates an issue as the width of the property in this application is very small, and thus does not provide a large amount of room to provide an adequate buffer area to the adjacent Agricultural use. The planning department recommends that the applicant be required to buffer this development from the

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OCP1995-03 & RZ1995-05

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ALR by constructing fencing along the property line of the River Ranch. The fence should be a wooden fence six feet in height.

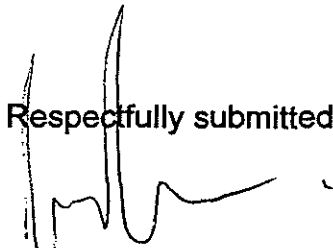
The above noted concerns identify important issues that will have to be addressed should this application be approved. However, it must also be noted that this application proposes a use which is of value to the City. Development of this property will benefit the City by ensuring that the land use of these parcels will be contiguous with development to the East and it will also ensure full utilization of the properties.

If the above noted issues can be resolved to the satisfaction of the City this development will continue to reinforce growth in the community. But as earlier identified the cost to the City in terms of a reduction in standards may be too high.

Planning Department Recommendation:

1. That Official Community Plan Bylaw NO. 1545 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw NO. 1546 be given first and second reading.
2. That a Public Hearing be Scheduled for March 12, 1996 subject to the applicant agreeing to the following:
 - i.) That ingress and egress to the site will not be obtained from Lauder Street until the complete 66 foot right-of-way for this street is established.
 - ii.) That the applicant agree to utilize engineer designed and approved dry wells for the retention of drainage on site.
 - iii.) That the applicant agree to buffer this property from the River Ranch with a solid wooden six foot high fence.

Respectfully submitted,



Development Officer
Jason Johnson

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1545

**A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
BYLAW NO. 1460, 1994.**

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has adopted an Official Community Plan pursuant to Section 944 of the Municipal Act (RSBC 1979);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to amend the City of Merritt Official Community Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has examined the proposed amendment in conjunction with its most recent capital expenditure program under Section 266 of the Municipal Act, and any waste management plan or economic strategy plan that is applicable in the municipality to ensure consistency between them;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has held a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1545, 1996**".
2. That the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1460, 1994 is hereby **AMENDED** by changing the land use designation on:
 - a) That part of District Lot 171 as shown in red on Plan attached to D.D.4330; Kamloops Division Yale District except plans 28083 and A17788; and
 - b) That part of District Lot 123 shown in red on Plan attached to D.D.4612; Kamloops Division Yale District except such undersurface rights as are registered in Absolute Fees Book Volume 18 folio 152 No. 9837D also except Plans 28083, 29363, KAP53627, KAP53869 and KAP55590;

as shown in solid black on Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this bylaw, from Agricultural to Service Commercial.

3. That the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Map being Schedule "B" of the City of Merritt Official Community Plan No. 1460, 1994 is hereby **AMENDED** to depict the change.

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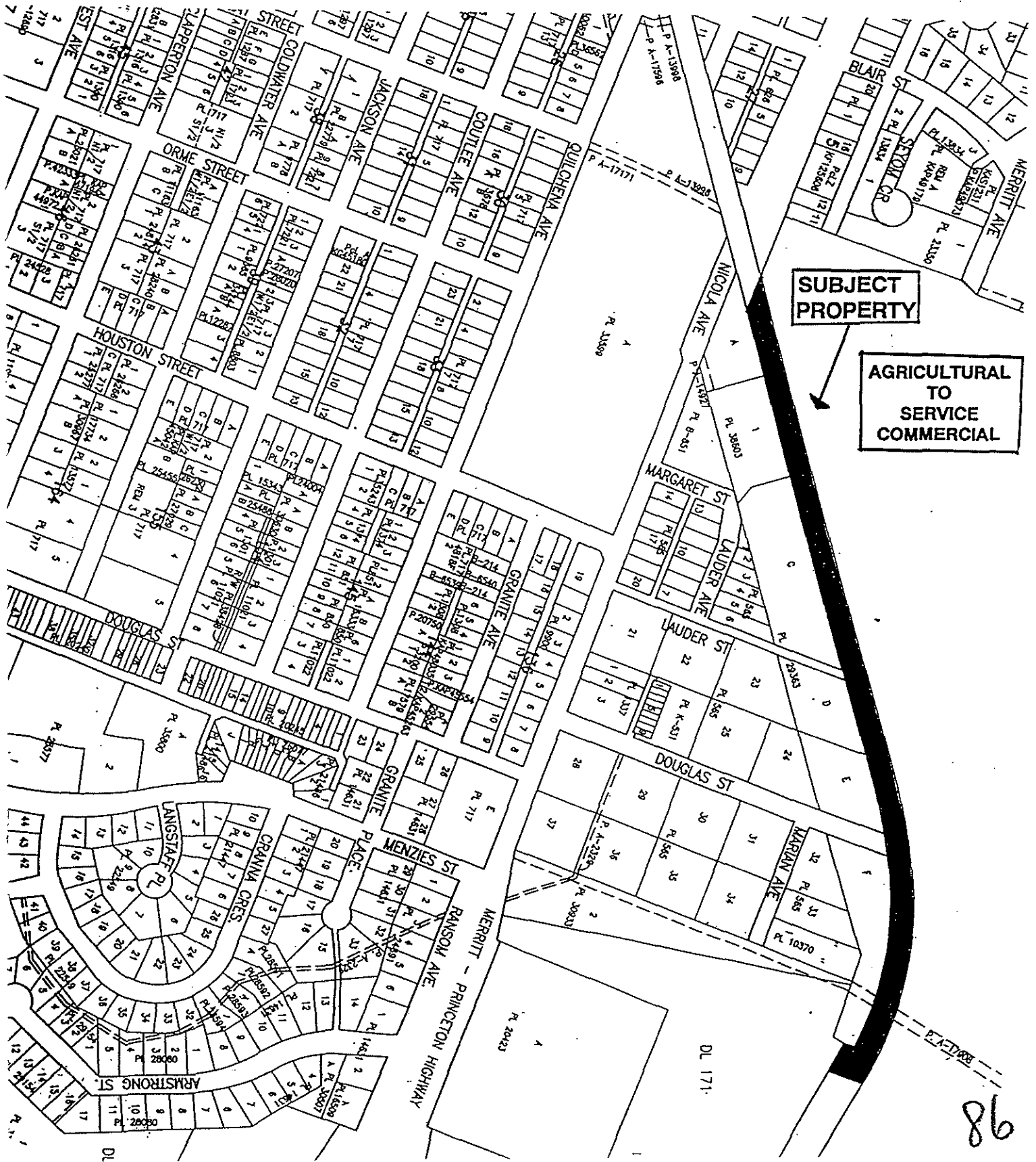
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

Y.J. Porada, CLERK

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1545

SCHEDULE "A"



SUBJECT PROPERTY

AGRICULTURAL TO SERVICE COMMERCIAL

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1546

A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF MERRITT ZONING BYLAW NO. 1530, 1995.

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has adopted the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to amend the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has held a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 956 of the Municipal Act (RSBC 1979).

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1546, 1996**".
2. That City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995 is hereby AMENDED by changing the zoning on :
 - a) That part of District Lot 171 as shown in red on Plan attached to D.D.4330; Kamloops Division Yale District except plans 28083 and A17788, and
 - b) That part of District Lot 123 shown in red on Plan attached to D.D.4612; Kamloops Division Yale District except such undersurface rights as are registered in Absolute Fees Book volume 18 folio 152 No. 9837D also except plans 28083, 29363, KAP53627, KAP53869 and KAP55590;

as shown in solid black on Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this bylaw, from the AR1 (Agricultural) zone to the C3 (Service Commercial) zone.

3. That the City of Merritt Official Zoning Map being Schedule "A" of the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995 is hereby AMENDED to depict the change.

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day of 1996

ADOPTED THIS day of 1996.

C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

Y.J. Porada, CLERK



Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of
Transportation
and Highways

Nicola Highways District
4500 (3499 Voght St.)
Merritt, British Columbia
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Fax: 604-378-9364

October 10, 1995

YF: Bylaw Nos. 1523 & 1524/95
OF: 02-014-10880(OCP) and
02-014-10881(Zone);
X-Ref 02-014-10883

City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
Merritt, B.C. VOK 2B0

Attention: Mr. Jason Johnson, Development Officer

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: Proposed OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 1523, 1995 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1524, 1995 - Route #5A/97C Princeton-Kamloops Arterial 841R (Nicola Avenue) at old CPR Right-of-Way/Lauder Street/Douglas Street - AR1 (Agricultural) to C3 (Service Commercial)

Thank you for your October 3, 1995 referrals for the above noted proposals:

In order for us to assess the impact to the Controlled Access Highway, pursuant to Sec. 57(2) of the Highway Act, we require the submission of a Traffic Site Plan of the proposed development.

In our informal meetings with the applicant (Mr. Klein), we advised him of this requirement and we understand he is prepared to forward us this important information.

The site plan should also indicate how on-site drainage is to be handled as well as provide sufficient information regarding off-site elements such as poles, hydrants, edge of pavement, lane lines, highway centreline, drains, etc.

In the future, you may wish to include the attached Development Approvals Questionnaire with your submissions. This checklist provides us with the minimum information necessary for our assessment - much of which is available in the applicant's formal application for rezoning to your office. This questionnaire has previously been discussed with and used by Finlay Sinclair in prior development referrals and assists in providing quicker approvals as it can reduce the need to await for this important information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 378-9359 as I would be pleased to discuss it further.

We will hold these files in abeyance pending receipt of the required information.

Yours truly,

D.S. Kirk
District Highways Manager
per:


G. Brent McDonald, ASCT
Senior District Development Technician

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c.c. Karl Klingbeil, Regional Planning and Development Technician
c.c. Eugen Eugen Klein

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October 12, 1995

Eugen Klein
Green Mountain Holdings
4070 Delbrook Avenue
North Vancouver, B.C.
V7N 4A1

2185 VOGHT STREET
P.O. Box 189
MERRITT, B.C. V0K 2B0
(604) 378-4224
FAX (604) 378-2600

File: RZ1995-05

Dear Sir:

RE: OCP & ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION - OCP95-03 & RZ95-05

Please find enclosed a cheque in the amount of \$500.00. This cheque has been issued to you to refund the money for your OCP and Zoning Amendment application fee.

The City of Merritt will not continue to process your application with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways holding your application in abeyance. When you have satisfied the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation and Highway please feel free to re-apply to the Planning Department. The City of Merritt will not be a third party between negotiations with yourself and the Ministry. A copy of the letter sent to our City by Highways has been included for your review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any further clarification.

Yours truly,


Jason Johnson
Development Officer

JJ/aac

CC: Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Brent MacDonald

Enclosure

B:RZ95512.OCT



Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of
Transportation
and Highways

Nicola Highways District
14500 (3499 Voght St.)
Merritt, British Columbia
VOK 2B0
Tel.: 604-378-9359
Fax: 604-378-9364

K 4237

January 23, 1996

Your File: Bylaw 1546
Our File: 02-014-10918
X-Ref: 02-014-10883

Mr. Jason Johnson, Development Officer
City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
Merritt, B.C.VOK 2B0

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: Proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 1996 - AR1 (Agricultural) to C3 (Service Commercial) - Route 5A (North) Princeton-Kamloops Arterial 841R (Voght Street) at Old CPR r/w - Eugen Eugen Klein

Thank you for your January 11, 1996 referral.

As you are aware, the Ministry has been negotiating directly with the developer on issues related to access and future transportation concerns.

On December 21, 1996 we advised Mr. Klein of our approval in principle and copied the City with our reply (file 02-014-10883).

Accordingly, preliminary approval is granted for the proposed rezoning bylaw for 180 days, subject to the following:

1. Developer to register a suitable no building road reserve covenant over the strip indicated on the John Graham, BCLS plan dated December 15, 1995 prior to final zoning approval by the Ministry.
2. All drainage to be retained on-site or otherwise directed to a municipally maintained storm water collection system.

As indicated in our December 21, 1995 letter to Mr. Klein, we noted that the Major Street Network Plan shows a future parallel route which may impact the most easterly portion of the parcel. When planning and development progresses in this area, the alignment of this route may be more precisely identified and should be similarly protected.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 378-9359.

Yours truly,

D.S. Kirk
District Highways Manager
per:

G. Brent McDonald, ASCT
Senior District Development Technician

c.c. Karl Klingbeil, Regional Planning and Development Technician
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GREEN MOUNTAIN HOLDINGS LTD

Head Office: 4070 Delbrook Ave, North Vancouver B.C. V7N 4A1

Tel: 604 987 2000

Fax: 604 985 2508

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To: CITY OF MERRITT

ATTN: MR. T. DAY
2185 VOGEL STR.
MERRITT B.C. V0Y2B0

Date: FEB. 7 / 96

Number of pages including cover

Phone: 378-4224

sheet: 2

Fax: 378-2600

From: E. KLEIN

Attention: MR. T. C. DAY - ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: HEARING - RE ZONING APPLICATION JAN 13 / 96
NICOLA AVE - PROPERTY

Remarks:

From Mr. Day,

The letter I am faxing to you is for the
information of the honourable Mayor & Council
for application hearing for NICOLA AVE property
on Feb. 13 / 96 for rezoning.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours truly

E. Klein



Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of
Housing, Recreation and
Consumer Services

Motor Dealer Licensing Branch

1019 Wharf Street
Victoria, British Columbia
V8V 1X4
Phone: (604) 387-5433
Fax: (604) 953-3533

February 2, 1996

Green Mountain Holdings Mobile Home Sales
4070 Delbrook Avenue
North Vancouver, British Columbia
V7N 4A1

Attention: Eugen Klein

Dear Mr. Klein:

Re: **Conditional Motor Dealer Registration**

This letter is to confirm that the conditions of your registration as a Motor Dealer, with the exception of the business office, signage and zoning, have now been met. I understand that your re-zoning application for the site located at Nicola Avenue and Lauder Street is currently pending with the City of Merritt.

Please be advised that should the City of Merritt recommend your re-zoning application proceed after the first reading before Council on February 13, 1996, I will grant you conditional registration as a Motor Dealer. Your registration will be conditional upon the re-zoning of your registered location at Route #5A/97C Princeton-Kamloops Arterial 841R (Nicola Avenue) at old CPR Right-of-Way/Lauder Street/Douglas Street from AR1 (Agricultural) to C3 (Service Commercial) within 4 months of my conditional approval. Your new location will require a business office and signage with your registered dealer name prior to your selling mobile homes.

If the City of Merritt turns down your request for re-zoning on February 13, 1996, or the re-zoning is not approved by June 15, 1996, you will be required to find an alternate location, appropriately zoned for the retail sale of mobile homes.

This letter should be held so it can be attached to the original copy of your Motor Dealer Registration Certificate, which is to be posted in your business office.

Yours truly,

Mary Freeman
Registrar of Motor Dealers

Enclosure

PC: Sheri Folk
Motor Dealer Inspector

Jason Johnson
City of Merritt

Date: 96/01/12
Requestor: (PC80516)

TITLE: RCH PRINT - KAMLOOPS
CITY OF MERRITT
TITLE - KJ77184

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KAMLOOPS

LAND TITLE OFFICE

TITLE NO: KJ77184
FROM TITLE NO: KH117600

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION RECEIVED ON: 22 SEPTEMBER, 1995
ENTERED: 05 OCTOBER, 1995

REGISTERED OWNER IN FEE SIMPLE:

EDITH MARIA KLEIN, SECRETARY
EUGEN LEOPOLD KLEIN, STUDENT
MONIQUE MADELINE KLEIN, STUDENT
EUGEN EUGEN KLEIN, BUSINESSMAN
4070 DELBROOK AVE
VANCOUVER, BC
V7N 4A1

TAXATION AUTHORITY:
CITY OF MERRITT

DESCRIPTION OF LAND:

PARCEL IDENTIFIER: 012-969-851
THAT PART OF DISTRICT LOT 171 AS SHOWN IN RED ON PLAN ATTACHED TO D.D. 4330;
KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT EXCEPT PLANS 28083 AND A17788

LEGAL NOTATIONS:

THIS TITLE MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION ACT,
SEE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE PLAN M11379

CHARGES, LIENS AND INTERESTS: NONE

DUPLICATE INDEFEASIBLE TITLE: NONE OUTSTANDING

TRANSFERS: NONE

PENDING APPLICATIONS: NONE

* * CURRENT INFORMATION ONLY - NO CANCELLED INFORMATION SHOWN ***

Date: 96/01/12 TITLE RCH PRINT - KAMLOOPS
Requestor: (PC80516) CITY OF MERRITT
TITLE - KJ77183

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KAMLOOPS LAND TITLE OFFICE TITLE NO: KJ77183
FROM TITLE NO: KJ77182

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION RECEIVED ON: 22 SEPTEMBER, 1995
ENTERED: 05 OCTOBER, 1995

REGISTERED OWNER IN FEE SIMPLE:
EUGEN EUGEN KLEIN, BUSINESSMAN
EDITH MARIA KLEIN, SECRETARY
EUGEN LEOPOLD KLEIN, STUDENT
MONIQUE MADELINE KLEIN, STUDENT
4070 DELBROOK AVE
VANCOUVER, BC
V7N 4A1

TAXATION AUTHORITY:
CITY OF MERRITT

DESCRIPTION OF LAND:
PARCEL IDENTIFIER: 012-969-800
THAT PART OF DISTRICT LOT 123 SHOWN IN RED ON PLAN ATTACHED TO D.D. 4612;
KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT EXCEPT SUCH UNDERSURFACE RIGHTS AS ARE
REGISTERED IN ABSOLUTE FEES BOOK VOLUME 18 FOLIO 152 NO. 9837D ALSO EXCEPT
PLANS 28083, 29363, KAP53627, KAP53869 AND KAP55590

LEGAL NOTATIONS:

THIS TITLE MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION ACT,
SEE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE PLAN M11379

CHARGES, LIENS AND INTERESTS: NONE

DUPLICATE INDEFEASIBLE TITLE: NONE OUTSTANDING

TRANSFERS: NONE

PENDING APPLICATIONS: NONE

*** CURRENT INFORMATION ONLY - NO CANCELLED INFORMATION SHOWN ***

**CITY OF MERRITT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENTS
ZONING AMENDMENTS**

1. APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM - ALL SECTIONS
- APPLICATION HAND SIGNED BY *OWNER*
- LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FOR AGENT - AS REQUIRED
- STATE OF TITLE CERTIFICATE FOR SUBJECT PROPERTY
- DETAILED SITE PLAN OF ALL PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND EXISTING BUILDINGS
- TRAFFIC PLAN FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
- PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL APPLICATION FEES

*** INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

- 2. COSTS:**
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| O.C.P AMENDMENT ONLY | \$400.00 |
| ZONING AMENDMENT ONLY | \$400.00 |
| O.C.P & ZONING AMENDMENT | \$500.00 |

- 3. TIME:** ALLOW FOR A MINIMUM OF 8 *WEEKS* TO FULLY PROCESS ANY ONE OF THESE APPLICATIONS.

- 4. PROCESS:**
- A PUBLIC HEARING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THESE APPLICATIONS.
 - DEPENDING ON THE APPLICATION YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES BEFORE COUNCIL CAN DECIDE UPON FINAL APPROVAL OF YOUR APPLICATION:

1. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS
2. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
3. DEPARTMENT OF OCEANS & FISHERIES

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF MERRITT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE:

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| FINLAY J. SINCLAIR | CITY PLANNER/ APPROVING OFFICER |
| JASON JOHNSON | DEVELOPMENT OFFICER |
| PHONE: (604) 378-4224 | FAX: (604) 378-2600 |

(Please Print)

CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1365
SCHEDULE "A"

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. EUGEN E. KLEIN, EDITH M. KLEIN, EUGEN L. KLEIN, MONIQUE H. KLEIN
Property Owner's Name Authorized Agent (if applicable)

EUGEN E. KLEIN

70. P.O. BOX 2609, MERRITT B.C.
Address of Owner

4070 DELBROOK AVENUE, N. VAN B.C. V7N4A
Address of Agent

(604) 987-2000 OR 378-6331
Telephone Number

Telephone Number

2. _____
Legal Description

CERT. # STKA 0030658

CERT. # STKA 0030654

APPROX. 4.6 ACRES. -

*FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROPERTY
UNDER APPLICATION AND APPROXIMATE AREA
OF EACH LOT

Total Area

*Please supply a current State of Title Certificate obtainable
from Land Titles.

3. This is an application for a:

Official Community Plan Amendment

Rezoning and if so, what is the proposed zoning? _____

Development Variance Permit and Section(s) that requires amending?

A Development Permit

A Temporary Commercial or Industrial Use Permit

4. Existing Zoning _____

5. Describe the existing use of the subject property:

X - RAILWAY PROPERTY

6. Describe the existing land use and buildings on all lots adjacent to and surrounding the subject property:

- (a) North AGRICULTURAL
- (b) East _____
- (c) South C3
- (d) West SAW HILL

7. Describe the proposed development of the subject property and any variances or amendments to existing plans, bylaws or permits that are necessary to accomplish the proposed development:

MOBILE HOME SALES - APPLYING FOR C.3.

8. Describe the services available to the subject property or the possibility of providing services:

- (a) Roads ON NICOLA AVE
- (b) Water - - -
- (c) Sewage Disposal _____
- (d) Others _____

9. Is the subject property subject to flooding: Yes No


10. This application must be fully completed and supported by the following documents:

- (a) A State of Title Certificate from the Land Titles Office.
- (b) A fee made payable to the City of Merritt, as per Schedule "B" of Bylaw No. 1365.
- (c) Two plans to appropriate scale showing the following:
 - i) boundaries and dimensions of subject property;
 - ii) size and location of existing and proposed building(s) on the site(s) including distances to the boundary lines of the property;
 - iii) location and name of road(s) adjacent to the property;
 - iv) north arrow and scale
 - v) location of bodies of water adjacent to or on the site(s);
 - vi) topographic information in the form of contours or spot elevations;
 - vii) proposed subdivision layout showing the number and approximate locations of lots; and
 - ix) any other information as required by the Director of Planning, in order to obtain as much information as possible regarding the proposed development.

- (d) Detailed description of access to the subject property, including:
- i) traffic site plan;
 - ii) name of the closest major highway
 - iii) point of intersection with access road; and
 - iv) distances and landmarks.

11. Any other information or comments:


I hereby declare the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge, factual and correct.


(Signature of Owner/Agent*)

JAN. 2 / 1996
(Date)

(*If agent is handling application, please supply authorization from owner.)

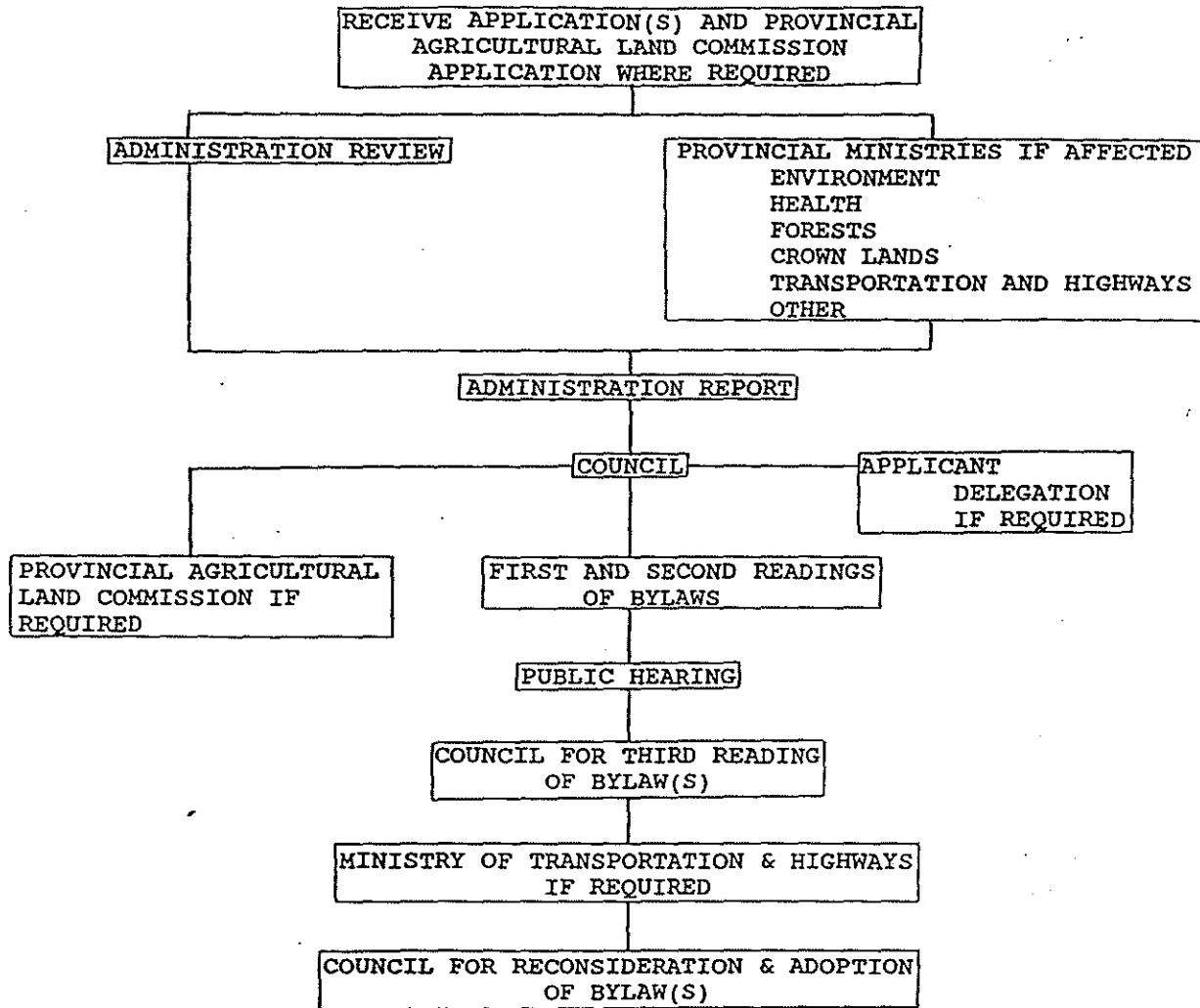
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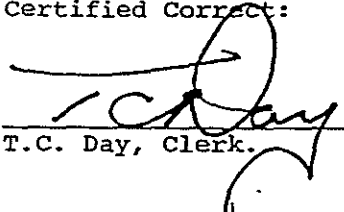
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CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1365
SCHEDULE "C"

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ZONING BYLAW
AMENDMENTS



Certified Correct:


T.C. Day, Clerk.

Memorandum

To: Administrator
From: City Planner
Date: February 7, 1996
Subject: John Collett - Official Community Plan Amendment and Zoning
Amendment Bylaws NO. 1549 & 1550

Mr. John Collett has applied to amend the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Nicola Valley Official Settlement Plan and Rezone the subject property to allow for a residential subdivision.

As Council will recall this proposal was previously being processed by the T.N.R.D. and Council in fact approved the referral which was forwarded by the Regional District however the bylaws were not approved as of the date which Collettville was incorporated into the City. As a result Mr. Collett had to reapply to the City for approval of his proposal and the bylaws are attached for Council's Consideration.

The application is relatively straight forward as the proposed land use is compatible with surrounding land uses. The only issue with respect to this proposal is that Council needs to be aware that subdivision of this property will only be possible when the water and sewer services for Collettville are completed and approved for use.

Recommendation:

1. "THAT Council give first and second reading to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment (No.2) Bylaw No. 1549 and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 12, 1996"
2. " THAT Council give first and second reading to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (No.2) Bylaw No. 1550 and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 12, 1996"

Respectfully Submitted



Finlay Sinclair
City Planner

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO.1549

A BYLAW TO AMEND THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT NICOLA VALLEY OFFICIAL SETTLEMENT PLAN BYLAW NO. 939, 1985.

WHEREAS, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District has adopted a "Nicola Valley Official Settlement Plan Bylaw No. 939, 1985".

AND WHEREAS, the City of Merritt has extended its boundaries, being "Collettsville and Other Areas" west, east and north of the City, and said areas were incorporated into the City of Merritt Supplementary Letters Patent on November 16th, 1995;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Merritt Supplementary Letters patent dated November 16th, 1995, Council has the authority and finds it desirable to amend the Thompson-Nicola Regional District "Nicola Valley Official Settlement Plan Bylaw No. 939, 1985";

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT (No.2) BYLAW NO. 1549, 1996**".
2. That the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Nicola Valley Official Settlement Plan Bylaw No. 939, 1985 is hereby AMENDED by changing the land use designation on that part of District Lot 126, shown on Plan B583, Kamloops Division Yale District as shown black on Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this bylaw, from Rural Resource to Urban Residential.
3. That the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Nicola Valley Official Settlement Plan Map be AMENDED to depict the change.

CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO.1549
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| READ A SECOND TIME THIS | day of | 1996 |
| PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS | day of | 1996 |
| READ A THIRD TIME THIS | day of | 1996 |

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| ADOPTED THIS | day of | 1996. |
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C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

Y.J. Porada, CLERK

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1549

SCHEDULE "A"

D.L. 126

AGRICULTURAL

LOT A
FL. M-17853
INSTITUTIONAL

RURAL RESOURCE
FL. B-1658

LOT A
FL. KAP46045

D.L. 174

**RURAL RESOURCE TO
URBAN RESIDENTIAL
SUBJECT SITE**

PL. B-583
Rem. ± 104ha.

URBAN RESIDENTIAL

RECREATIONAL
D.L. 173

COLLETTVILLE

D.L. 176

LOT A
FL. 34260
RECREATIONAL

URBAN RESIDENTIAL



CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1550

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT
ZONING BYLAW NO. 940, 1985.**

WHEREAS, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District has adopted a "Zoning Bylaw No. 940, 1985";

AND WHEREAS, the City of Merritt has extended its boundaries, being "Collettsville and Other Areas" west, east and north of the City, and said areas were incorporated into the City of Merritt Supplementary Letters patent on November 16th, 1995;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Merritt Supplementary Letters patent dated November 16th, 1995, Council has the authority, and finds it desirable to amend the Thompson-Nicola Regional District "Zoning Bylaw No. 940, 1985";

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT (No.2) BYLAW NO. 1550, 1995**".
2. That the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 940, 1985 is hereby **AMENDED** by changing the zoning on that part of District Lot 126, shown on Plan B583, Kamloops Division Yale District as shown black on Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this bylaw, from the RL-1 (Rural Resource) zone to the R-2 (Residential Multi Use) zone.
3. That the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Zoning Bylaw Map be **AMENDED** to depict the change.

CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1550
Page 2

READ A FIRST TIME THIS day of 1996

READ A SECOND TIME THIS day of 1996

PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS day of 1996

READ A THIRD TIME THIS day of 1996

RECEIVED MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS APPROVAL THIS
day of 1996

ADOPTED THIS day of 1996.

C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

Y.J. Porada, CLERK

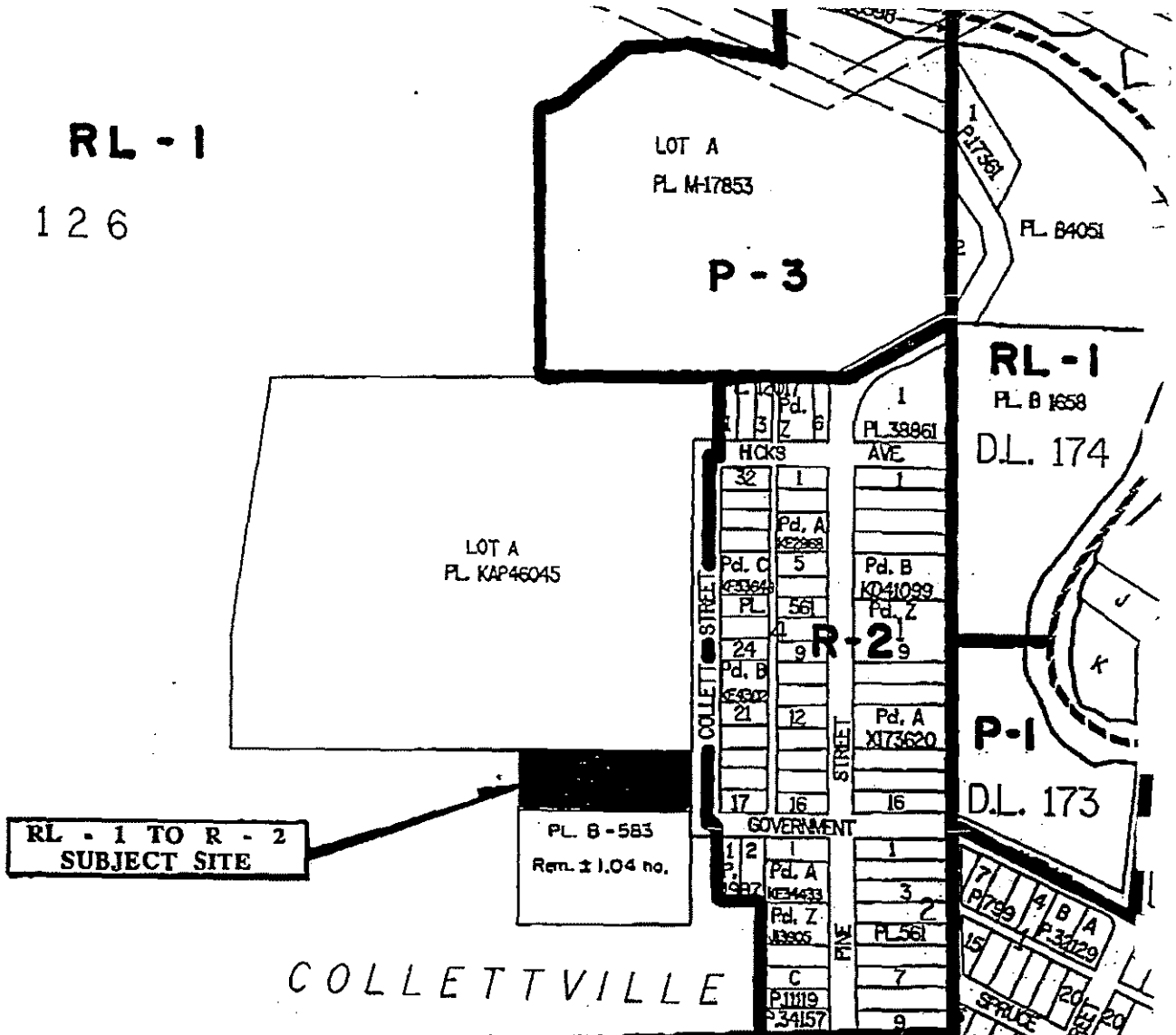
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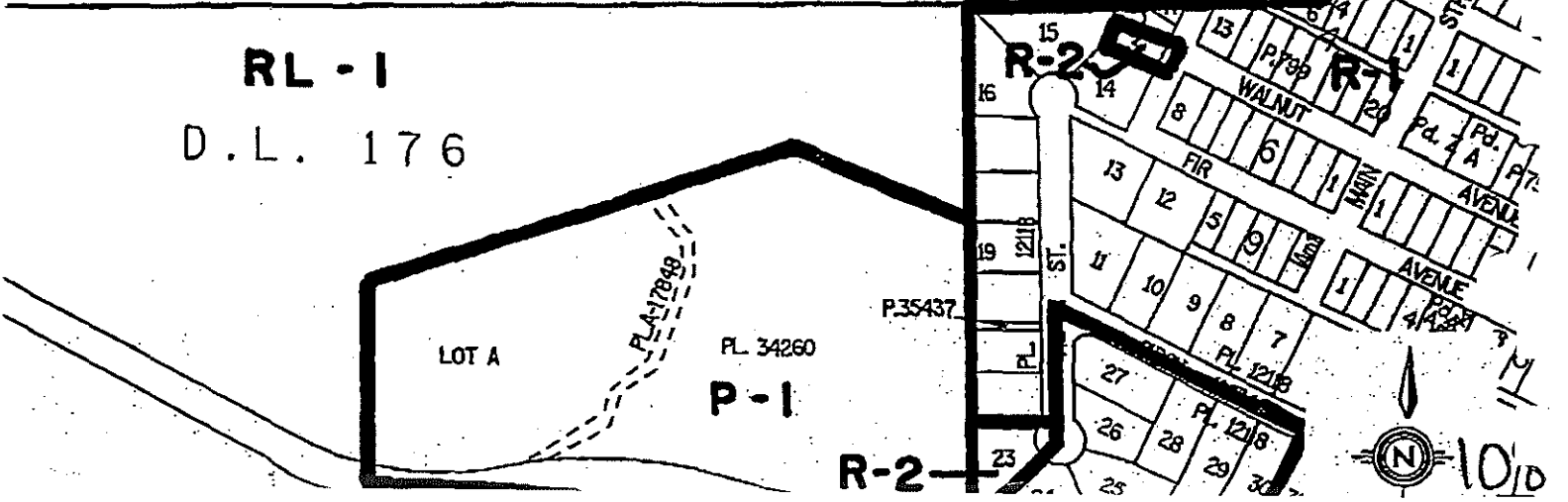
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COLLETTVILLE

RL - 1

D.L. 176





Agenda

January 22, 1996

City of Merritt
2185 Voght St.
PO Box 189,
Merritt, British Columbia
VOK 2B0

CITY OF MERRITT
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Attention: Tom Day, Administrator

FRBC REF NO: TO96112-CO

PROPOSAL: City of Merritt - Community Forest License Study

STATUS: APPROVED

Forest Renewal BC is pleased to advise that your proposal has been conditionally approved for funding of up to \$10,395. This approval is subject to the successful negotiation of a Contribution Agreement pertaining to some of the activities identified in your proposal, and subject to the following restrictions on the use of the funds supplied by Forest Renewal BC.

The Forest License, which the City of Merritt is applying for, is being advertised through a competitive process. Forest Renewal BC, therefore, cannot contribute funds for conducting a feasibility study or preparing the actual proposal to the Ministry of Forests, as this would constitute interference in the competitive process by providing the City of Merritt with a business advantage over other applicants. Forest Renewal BC can, however, contribute funds for an assessment of where and how various groups in the locality, including First Nations, may fit into the concept of a Community Forest License venture. Please ensure Forest Renewal BC funds are used only for this latter purpose.

Our staff are preparing the contractual documentation required to formalize this approval. Please contact Pat Mackasey at our office regarding the Contribution Agreement. The contractual documentation will be forwarded to you for signature as soon as possible. A member of our Communications Division may be in touch with you regarding future announcements of our support for this initiative.

British Columbia
Merritt Corporation

Forest Renewal BC
Harrison Okanagan Region
18 St. Paul Street
Kelowna, B.C.
V1Y 1A4

(250) 860-3922
371-3933 Fax



On behalf of Forest Renewal BC, I would like to wish you every success with this initiative.

Sincerely,

for A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Ortner", is written over the printed name.

Chris Ortner,
Regional Director
Thompson Okanagan Region

cc: Linda Edgington, Manager - Finance & Administration
Harb Sihota, Manager - Special Projects
Ernie Fraser, Director, Communications (Att: Norma Randle)
Rod DeBoice, District Manager, Merritt Forest District
Fred Baxter, Regional Manager, Kamloops Forest Region

CSO/PM/cc

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*A British Columbia
Crown Corporation*

Forest Renewal BC
Thompson Okanagan Region
238 St. Paul Street
Kamloops, B.C.
Canada
V2C 6G4

(604) 371-3922
(604) 371-3933 Fax



Mayor
Box 189
Merritt BC
V0K 2B0

Agenda

CITY OF MERRITT
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January 22, 1996

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Forest Renewal BC, I invite you to participate in a regional workshop on February 20 and 21, 1996, at the Stockmen's Hotel, Kamloops, BC.

The primary goal of this workshop is to share information and enhance communications between Forest Renewal BC and its local partners. Discussions will emphasize "how-to" information regarding access to Forest Renewal funding and project implementation. The secondary goal of the workshop is to gather input from area residents regarding the structure of the pending regional advisory groups.

Since the BC Forest Renewal Act was passed in June 1994, there has been much progress in the areas of program and policy development, as well as implementation activities. As part of the effort to ensure that programs receive maximum participation and are regionally relevant, Forest Renewal BC invites your participation at this event.

Please find attached an agenda for the event and a registration form which can be faxed to us at 851-8431. Your response is requested by February 9th. If travel costs are prohibitive to your participation, please make note of it on the registration form, and my office will be in contact with you to discuss financial assistance.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet you at the workshop.

Yours truly,
Forest Renewal BC
[Signature]
Chris Ortner
Regional Director
Thompson Okanagan Region

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Attachment

British Columbia
Government Corporation

Forest Renewal BC
Thompson Okanagan Region
38 St. Paul Street
Kamloops, B.C.

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Forest Renewal BC - Kamloops Regional Workshop
February 20-21 Agenda

Day One: Tuesday February 20

- 12 noon* **Registration Opens**
Informal Social - Information Booths will be set-up and Regional Staff will be present to answer questions.
- 2:00 pm* **Opening Session**
- 2:10 pm* **Colin Smith, C.E.O. Forest Renewal BC**
1st year in review - Provincial
- 2:30 pm* **Roger Stanyer, Chair of the Board, Forest Renewal BC**
2 year plan - Provincial
- 3:00 pm* **Claire Dansereau, V.P. Communities, Workforce & Value-Added**
- Agency Partnerships for Implementation
 - Move to a Regional Structure
 - Introduction of Regional Staff
- 3:15 pm* **Break**
- 3:45 pm* **Report on 5 Activity Areas - Chris Ortner, Regional Director**
- Objectives and Guidelines
 - Projects that do & do not meet Forest Renewal BC guidelines
 - Update on Major Regional Activities:
 - Land & Resources / Environment (20 minutes)
 - Value-Added (15 minutes)
 - Workforce (15 minutes)
 - Communities (15 minutes)
- 5:45 pm* **Social (No Host Bar)**
- 6:30 pm* **Dinner**
- 7:30 pm* **Keynote Address**
- 8:00 pm* **A Presentation of Success**
- International Forest Products
 - Weyerhaeuser Canada
- 9:00 pm* **Wrap-up and Review of Day 2 Agenda**
- 9:15 pm* **Social (No Host Bar)**

Day Two Wednesday February 21

- 8:30 am* **Continental Breakfast**
Information tables open
- 9:00 am* **Opening Session**
Review agenda & Housekeeping items
- 9:15 am* **Break-out Sessions - How to Access Forest Renewal BC Funding**
- Overview of Process Or Review of Handbook
 - How to write an effective proposal
 - Q & A
1. **Land & Resources / Environment** - Chris Ortner, Regional Director
 2. **Value-Added** - Peter Fisher, Executive Director, Operations
 3. **Workforce** - Kelly Nontell, Director, Workforce
 4. **Communities** - Claire Dansereau, Vice President, Operations
- 10:45 am* **Break**
- 11:00 am* **Break-out Sessions - How to Access Forest Renewal BC Funding**
REPEATED
- 12:30 pm* **Lunch & Networking**
- 1:30 pm* **Break-out Sessions**
Advisory Groups for Forest Renewal BC
Presented by Forest Renewal staff:
- Role of the Advisory Groups
 - How the Advisory Groups fit with the Forest Renewal BC's implementation process
 - Facilitation session:
Gather input re: structure & representation
- 3:00 pm* **Break**
- 3:30 pm* **Report Back**
- 4:00 pm* **Regional Workshop Concludes**

Forest Renewal BC - Kamloops Regional Workshop
Registration

Please complete this form and forward before *February 9*, 1996 to:

Regional Workshop Coordinator

1953 Valleyview Drive

Kamloops BC

V2C 4C1

Phone 851-8400 Fax 851-8431

_____ I plan to attend the Forest Renewal BC Regional Workshop

_____ I will NOT be attending the Forest Renewal BC Regional Workshop

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E-mail: _____ Ph (res) _____

Title: _____ Fax: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address:

City: _____ Province: BC Postal: _____

Participants will have the option of attending two of the three break-out sessions on "How to Access Forest Renewal BC Funding". Please choose two workshops by marking an "X" in the appropriate boxes below.

_____ 1. Land & Resources/Environment

_____ 2. Communities/Value-Added

_____ 3. Workforce

Note: All attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the breakout sessions on Advisory Groups for Forest Renewal BC.

_____ I will require financial assistance.

Do you need hotel accommodation? Yes ___ No ___ We can arrange rooms at the Stockmens' Hotel located at 540 Victoria St, Kamloops. (\$59.00 + tax).

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Ministry of Environment, Lands, and Parks
Southern Interior Region,
1259 Dalhousie Drive,
Kamloops, B.C.
V2C-5Z5

Feb 1, 1996

ATTENTION : Paul Doyle, P.Eng., Engineering Section Head

SUBJECT : Recent flooding

Dear Sir ;

As a long-time resident of the Nicola Valley (since 1953) I am appalled at the lack of concern for the Nicola and Coldwater watersheds by all levels of Government. I have supervised dyking, erosion protection and internal drainage for both the Federal and Provincial Governments since the 1948 Fraser Valley flood, and over the years, every landowner along the local rivers has asked for my help to get through the bureaucracy. This includes ranchers, sawmills, and the City of Merritt.

Every time the subject of river work comes up, whether it is dyking, erosion protection, or log-jam removal, both Ministry of Environment, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans respond with ; "Let nature take it's course". There are many examples of succesful reclamation and restoration that would never have been attempted if this attitude had always prevailed - the Lower Fraser River Dyking program as well as the creation of Sumas Prairie with the Vedder Canal project come to mind.

There are three items you must consider immediately:

1. At the present time, there are at least two abandoned CPR Bridges on the Coldwater River that will not survive another ice-jam, or even minor spring runoff. These will end up a pile of twisted metal and creosote treated timbers in the bottom of the river.
2. There are numerous extremely large log-jams created by the recent floods that are now accessible for salvage and removal, as they are currently sitting on dry, frozen ground due to low water levels. There is a very high component of merchantable timber in most of these accumulations that should not be left to rot, or more likely, to migrate downstream and cause additional problems in the future.

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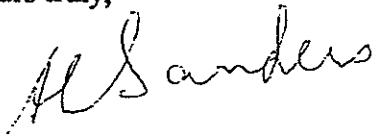
3. Many new erosion areas were created in the recent flooding that must be protected before the imminent Spring Freshet, or these will cause tremendous loss to property, including land and buildings. This is of major concern to the landowners, and should be to you as well.

When the decision is made to deal with these issues, it is also important to consider creation of a quarry to produce high quality Rip-Rap to do these repairs with. There are a number of quarries locally that can supply marginal quality Volcanic rock, but extremely limited quantities of granite rock of sufficient size is available to do the job properly.

Do not avoid these critical issues. The long-term damage to both the fisheries resource and the landscape that will result will be impossible to overcome. It is irresponsible to ignore the potential for successful repairs and salvage during the next couple of months.

I expect and would appreciate a response.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H Sanders". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Harry Sanders, Superintendent

Sanders & Company Contracting Ltd.



File: 35000-20

January 29, 1996

Agenda

Sanders & Co.
Box 56
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Attention: Jerry Sanders

Re: Repair of Eroded CPR Embankment Upstream of JicJac Trailer Park

I have your letter dated 2 January 1996 regarding the above and share your concerns. My Ministry, in cooperation of P.E.P. and City of Merritt, is striving to get a permanent repair done within financial and environmental guidelines which should be familiar to you. Discussions are on-going and I am hopeful of a satisfactory resolution of all matters within a few weeks and actual construction well before freshet.

Bob Costerton (371-6282) is handling the project for us. You may want to discuss project status with him in late February if you don't hear that the project has been approved before then.

Yours truly,

Paul F. Doyle
Engineering Section Head
Southern Interior Region

PFD/sf

cc: Finlay Sinclair, City of Merritt
Rod Salem, P.E.P.
Bob Costerton, Water Management

January 22, 1996

Agenda

Dear Merritt City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Nicola Valley Junior Secondary bands to ask for permission to collect garbage around the streets of the City on March 9, 1996 between 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The students will be getting pledges to raise funds for their up coming trips and festivals.

I can be reached at 378-5538 after 4 P.M. or at Box 41, Merritt, B.C. V0K 2B0.

Thank you for attention.

Sincerely,

Debbie Moldowan

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JAN 26 1996

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Just a quick note
to say "thank you" to
the city - and in particular
to the snowclearing
department that put in the
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the road in front of
my house.

It's appreciated.

Ray Montpetit

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Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

January 18, 1996

100-4

NCO i/c Merritt Detachment RCMP
 RR #1
 Merritt, B.C.
 V0K 2B0

Dear Sir:

The Provincial Court in Merritt, as we are sure you are aware, has reached a critical state in relation to trials and first appearances. Over recent years there has been a dramatic increase in case load for this Detachment with the resulting increase in court time. The allotted court time has not seen a corresponding increase and as a result we have seen two recent court challenges under Sec. 11(b) of the Charter of Rights. The media thought these decisions of public interest and articles were printed in the December 15 & 20, 1995 edition of the Merritt Morning Mirror and Merritt News, copies of which are attached for your interest.

The two cases in question, R v WERBOWSKI (Merritt Court file 7784) and R v HALL (Merritt Court file 7822K), saw a judicial stay of proceedings entered after defence presented arguments based upon Supreme Court of Canada decisions R v ASKOV and R v MORIN. Transcripts of Judge SHUPE's decision are held on the court files. The irony of this situation is that both of these cases were call dated for adjournments to the December trial date, which was granted by the courts despite arguments by defence in one case, then subsequently stayed by the same court because of the right of the accused to a speedy trial.

Merritt Court trials are presently set to the end of October of 1996 and will shortly move into November. With these decisions on record we can now expect to see more Charter challenges for any cases that are older than eight months, which could conceivably affect trials set after August 1996. We realize that there have been extra court days allotted for trials in October but this is at best a band aid solution to the overall problem of total court time allotted to Merritt. This is also only a partial answer to the five (5) serious cases that have been set so far this year. These cases take from one (1) to two (2) days of court time and unseats seven (7) to eight (8) other trials that could be set on those dates.

Merritt Provincial Court saw a total of 3,042 charges addressed between January 3 and December 18, 1995. There were 51 court days available to deal with these charges, which are not inclusive of Family or Civil Court days. The lowest number of charges answered to were 21 on November 6, with the highest number being 106 on January 30. The average for this period was 59.65 charges for each court day. During this same period 287 trials were scheduled varying between 1 on December 4 and 11 on March 13, with the average of 5.63 trials for each court day. These trials are set after the first appearances which, as is quite apparent, does not leave sufficient time for prosecution. This situation is further exasperated by the Courts' intent to not sit past 4:30 PM.

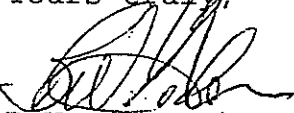
Merritt Detachment and the tax payers of the City of Merritt are also burdened with some of the financial cost of this system. The problems we may face with Crown Counsel case load and preparation is further compounded in the financial end by the inadequate time allotted to this court. The total court overtime for the period of January 1 to October 25, 1995 was \$15,754.85 representing 651 hours of overtime. This represents 54.5% of the total Detachment overtime expended during this period. The total court over time can be broken down further to show that of the 651 hours expended 456.5 hours, \$11,047.76 or 38.2% of the total Detachment budget, was for members who attended on overtime and did not give evidence. This represents 70.1% of total court overtime being expended where members did not give evidence.

We acknowledge there are several factors that affect these figures including more detailed attention by our office and that of Crown Counsel but we feel that the courts must also become a part of the overall solution. The court must be responsive to not only the needs and rights of the accused and the administration of justice but this court must also have an obligation to respond to the needs of the public and the community that it serves.

We are requesting that an immediate review be completed of the Merritt Provincial Court criminal trial time allotted. Points that should be considered in this review are that since 1975 there has been one day a week given to this court, not including extra days provided for urgent needs. The population in 1975 for Merritt (1976 Stats Canada census) was 5,680, today the City provides a figure of 7500 with an area population service base of approximately 14,000 people. This represents a City growth of 32% and the City forecasts a municipal population of 10,000 people within three (3) years, a further 33% increase, which would bring the area population serviced to 16,500 without any growth in the rural area. We believe that this information in conjunction with the current overload to the court system warrants one extra day a week being given to this court to handle remands and trial overflow.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact our office and we will provide any assistance that we can.

Yours truly,



B.W. (Bryan) GORDON Sgt.
Ops. NCO



D.W. (Don) SMITH S/Sgt.
NCO i/c Merritt Detachment

cc: Mayor, City of Merritt
Attorney General for B.C.
Chief Judge for the Provincial Court of B.C.
Regional Crown Counsel
Harry LALI MLA

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Courts clogged

□ A back log in the Merritt court system has set two men free based on arguments that their charter rights had been breached.

BY SHANNON MILLER
MERRITT NEWS REPORTER

A clogged court system in Merritt has allowed two men to walk free of their charges.

And their lawyer is warning more cases may be thrown out if the backlog continues.

Criminal lawyer Howard Pontious successfully argued that his clients had their charter rights breached when their cases took close to a year before being able to be heard by a judge.

Pontious said that according to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and backed by case law, a simple case should proceed to trial within an eighth-month period.

After 11 months from the date of the offence a case of theft under \$1,000 had still not reached trial and was set to be delayed for another six months when Pontious had the charges stayed.

The other case was spousal assault and was stayed after 10 months of delay.

According to Merritt court administrator Evelyn Paterson, committing a crime today would land you in court for a trial in October, 1996.

Paterson said in the last two years court dockets have gone from four to seven pages on average, which means 40 extra people are being jammed through Merritt's weekly court date.

Every Monday provincial court is held in Merritt with one of five regional judges who service Kamloops, Merritt, Chase, Clearwater, Lytton, Lillooet and Ashcroft.

One of these judges is due to retire in February, and Paterson is concerned that it will cause even further delays, before he is replaced.

"It's backlogged now, what's it going to be with one less judge?," Paterson said.

To deal with the backlog, Paterson has put in a request to have more of the court administrative functions dealt with by a Justice of the Peace.

"Entering pleas, adjournments, setting trial dates - anything that is not a trial," Paterson said, that can be handled one day a month, other than Monday.

Paterson said they have the court space and administration in place.

"We just haven't got the judges to handle it."



▲ 'Tis the season to be jolly and over three hundred people in January were in the festive spirit last Thursday evening as students of Diamond Vale Elementary School performed a gala event in the school gymnasium.

DEAN BROUGHTON PHOTO

CITY BUDGET

Taxman takes a break

□ After a six-hour budget meeting the city revealed that there will be no new hikes in the 1996 budget.

BY SHANNON MILLER
MERRITT NEWS REPORTER

Read my lips: no new taxes.

That was the good news from a six-hour city budget meeting which was described by city staff as a "pretty comfortable" and "conservative" provisional budget.

The city will begin 1996 with \$1.7 million in their surplus and reserve fund, despite the city's new boundary extension to include Collettville.

Revenues for the city are up and expenses have been reduced by close to \$400,000 for 1996.

"The budget is the healthiest its ever been," Mayor Clara Norgaard said.

"We've met all our general expenses and

established a large discretionary fund without tax increases," Norgaard said.

A discretionary fund of \$575,000 will be split between grants in aid, administration expenses, protection services and public work expenses.

Improvements to roads and sidewalks will total close to \$320,000 and a new city hall will be built under an administrative budget of only \$116,200.

The sale of the library and info centre, plus a short-term borrow of \$200,000 will offset the \$900,000 cost of building a new city hall.

Revenues for the city are up, due in part, to the increased tax-base and provincial grants that offset the city's expenses to include Collettville.

However, policing costs are also up. City administrator Tom Day referred to the police protection category of the budget as "a big ugly one."

"The budget is the healthiest its ever been."

Clara Norgaard

LOGAN LAKE: Trustee warns council about amalgamation

Addressing the District of Logan Lake council, Kamloops school board trustee warned that the small community may lose its voice on the board if amalgamation goes ahead as scheduled.

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City steers clear of easement issue

The City of Merritt has opted out of the battle between Coquitalla Motor Inn and Merritt Motor Inn over an easement that was registered by a prior owner.

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Re-election tops Lali Christmas wish list

Yale-Lillooet MLA Harry Lali said re-election tops his Christmas wish list. Lali and other city officials laid out the wishes for the things they hoped Santa would bring.

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Liberal candidate
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Staff yours from

Potpourri

The Weather



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| Dec. 12 | 8 | -4 | Dec. 16 | .5 | -7.5 |
| Dec. 13 | 8 | 0 | Dec. 17 | 1 | -1 |
| Dec. 14 | 6 | -1 | Dec. 18 | 4 | -1 |

6.8 mm of precip.

Bouquet of the Week

To Collettville Elementary School Choir for their outstanding performance during Chorfest '95 at the Merritt Civic Centre. Bravo!

Coming This Week

MSS Band & Choir Concert - Dec. 20 7:30 pm
 Nicola-Canford School Concert - Dec. 20 1:15 & 7 pm
 Collettville Elementary Concert - Dec. 20 6:30 & 8 pm
 Diamond Vale Christmas Carolling - 6 - 7:30 pm

One Year ago this Week

Victor Victorious. Victor York posted a landslide, victory over challenger Archie Blankinship in the Lower Nicola Indian Band head office. Six others were elected into office including, Eunice Watson, Bill John, James Shuter, Don Moses, Shannon Kilroy, Austin Sterling and Teri Clayton.

The Ministry of Highways threw a road block up on the development of the CPR properties of Gaucher Holdings Inc.

The ministry said the traffic studies did not adequately meet its concerns.

Happy Birthday

Debbie Griffith Charles Valois
 Edward Heppner Steven Reimer
 Myrna Bakuluk Christine Bardy - 5



Happy Anniversary

George & Vi Wilson
 Clifford & Lori Reimer - Happy belated Anniversary

For the Record

An incorrect phone number was published in the News' venture column. The number for Linda Fisher's accounting services is 378-5999. We apologize for inconvenience.

* If you know someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary, let us know by calling 378-8876.

MERRITT

▼ ACCIDENT REPORT

Despite big PR campaign, police still nab plenty of drunk drivers

□ *The police CounterAttack campaign snared seven motorists in its city-wide web this weekend.*

"When will they learn," That was the response from police this weekend after they booked seven motorists for impaired driving.

"You would think that with all the publicity that there has been over the past two weeks regarding CounterAttack that drivers would heed the message of not drinking and driving," said Cpl. Mike Orton of the Merritt Highway Patrol. "Not so."

One drinking driver was snared in the Counter-Attack web while six were nabbed on roving patrols. Of the seven charged, five were from the Merritt area.

The average reading was .16, - double the legal limit.

"The only blessing, as far as I am concerned, is that none involved motor vehicle accidents," said Orton.

□ A sight-seeing trip up to Look-out Point provided a sad sight for a Sechelt woman Saturday afternoon.

Jody Brown parked her car on the edge of Look-out road above Norguard Ready Mix.

However, it didn't stay there for long as the earth gave way and the vehicle tumbled down the embankment.

Fortunately there was no one in the vehicle, but it did sustain extensive damage.

□ An icy road was at the root of a two-car accident on Hwy. 8 three kms west of Merritt last Friday.

A westbound vehicle, driven by Paula Cameron of Merritt, lost control on an icy section of road and collided with an eastbound vehicle driven by Corey Leier also of Merritt.

Cameron as well as a passenger in the Leier vehicle received minor injuries and were treated and released from NVGH.

□ Corey Paterson of Merritt also fell prey to icy roads this weekend.

The vehicle he was driving sustained \$4,000 damaged when it sheered off a lamp standard on Highway 97C. There were no injuries.

□ Todd Smith of Merritt was southbound on Hwy. 5 when his vehicle slid off the road just south of Lac Le Jeune.

Smith's vehicle sustained heavy damage as it came to rest against the game fence.

□ A complaint was received of a motorist who failed to pay the prescribed toll south of Merritt at the Toll Plaza.

Police located the vehicle at 2:30 a.m. near the Nicola Interchange.

As a result, Clare Alan Ortwein of North Vancouver was charged with impaired driving, refusing to provide a breath sample, assault of a peace officer, mischief and finally failing to pay the prescribed toll.

Population increase bogs down system

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Merritt's population growth, an increasing amount of alcohol charges and an increase in the length of trials is what Paterson said may be causing the system to clog-up.

Pointious said the ever-lengthening list is due mostly to an increase in cases, without an

increase in the number of judges and with less court days.

Philip Maher, another lawyer who represents cases in Merritt, agrees the justice system is short of judges.

"I've come awfully close to having a few of my own cases drop-kicked out of court for taking too long," Maher said.

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(that means you, too, Fran!)

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Crime & (uh ...) Punishment

Get outa jail FREE

This one'll just turn the back of your neck redder! Here's a local fella hauled to Justice on a couple of counts of Theft under \$1000. The first offence allegedly took place in August of '94. Then began a dance of court-appearances and adjournments: Dec. 5th, first appearance, adjourned to Dec. 12; Dec. 12, accused appeared and was told to come back Jan 3. On that date he was bumped to the 16th; on the 16th he plead Not Guilty and was adjourned to July 17. Then the court reversed its field when it discovered July 17 was already booked-up! The accused was contacted and asked to come in a month earlier than July 17 - June 5th. And finally (who knows what went on between June 5th and last Monday?) finally, the case came up before Judge Shupe this recent Monday.

Defence counsel Pontius told the court that his client had been jerked around long enough, and in jerking around his client the court had violated his right to a speedy trial (of course he used prettier, *legalsitic* language). Pontius pointed out that none of the delays were requested by his client and, in fact, his client had pushed for a rapid resolution. Supporting his argument Pontius came up with a Supreme Court decision indicating that 9 or 10 months delay might be considered damn close to too long.

Crown Prosecutor Ken Salt responded with more of a political claim than a legal argument, and the learned Judge went off to consider. He returned 45 minutes later and said 'cut 'im loose.' And that went for the second charge AND ... AND a second Pontius client, a lady who had waited 11 months to be tried. The prosecutor didn't think 11 months was all that long.

Judge Shupe, however, found the delay "simply inexcusable," and directed stays-of-proceedings for everyone.

President of Butt-Head fan club

Neat, clean, nice-lookin' kid, 17 years old. And there he was, Oct. 14, around 1 in the morning, weaving down Voght Ave., in his car, no lights and only a very dim bulb shining

somewhere in his dazed and befuddled young brain.) Up pop the Forces of Good; over pulls the kid; out everyone goes, and ...

"The accused was quite cocky when pulled over, Y'r Honor," sez the prosecutor. "Called the policemen 'assholes,' he did."

(There was a faint stir in the courtroom as everyone present thought the exact same thing: Who's the asshole now-ow?? The small brain-wave passed through the courtroom, and Judge Shupe took a shot at poetic Justice.)

\$300 fine; 6 months probation; year's loss of licence; and 40 hours community work service - "And see if it can be arranged that he work for the local detachment, washing police cars or whatever," said Shupe.

Drunk Drivers

Arthur Shuter: 90 days jail-time; no licence, 1 year; 1 year probation.
Jason McGowan: \$550 fine or 15 days; licence gone for 1 year; \$50 Victim Surcharge.

Shirley Steel: 15 days in the electronic bracelet; 6 months probation; 1 year as pedestrian.

(if you drink & drive, type your name in the blank and have a glimpse at the future)

_____ : \$500 fine; 6 months probation; prohibited from driving anywhere in Canada for a period of 1 year!

...and for dessert on Sunday ...

A bunch of the folks is whoopin' it up over to the Civic Centre Sunday, 6 pm. Slap some peanut butter in a handful of celery spears and show up for the action. Or make some candy-apples (yeah! *candied apples!*) - any kind of finger-food will get you through the door, into the warmth of caroling and kids and casual conversation, *community*, yknow? Sponsored by the Arts Council, the evening promises to be a hoot. Instrumentalists, bring your instruments; vocalists, bring your vocals; yokels ... save the whites for meringue. It's free, it's fun, it's family darn it! C'mon out for the evening or just drop in for a minute.

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Mayor & Council
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5 Feb. 1996

Dear Mayor & Council;

You are cordially invited to attend an information meeting on the rights and obligations of the landlord and tenants of mobile home parks. This meeting is to be held at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 20, 1996 at the Royal Canadian Legion upper lounge. Spokespersons from the Tenancy branch, D.R.C., and Kelowna & District Manufactured Home Owners Association will be in attendance to answer questions that arise concerning tenancy.



Bob Calam
vice-chair D.V.M.H.O.A

cc: on file.

*Council has a meeting on the
City's Forest Proposal this
same evening.*

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Agenda FIFTH FINANCIAL FORUM

presented by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

The Four Seasons Hotel, The Arbutus Room, 791 W. Georgia St. Vancouver

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

1:00 P.M. Opening Remarks

1:15 P.M. Peter C. Newman

2:15 P.M. Dr. Angus Reid

3:00 P.M. BREAK

3:15 P.M. The Hon. Maurice
McTigue

4:00 P.M. Douglas Hogg

4:45 P.M. Questions

5:00 P.M. Reception

Thursday, March 7, 1996

9:00 A.M. MFA Board Meeting
Guest Speaker: Gordon Thiessen,
Governor of the Bank of Canada

12:00 P.M. Luncheon

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To celebrate 25 years of successful operation, the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia presents its fifth Financial Forum. Peter C. Newman, Canada's foremost chronicler of business power, and eminent pollster Angus Reid will address the question, "Can Canada survive as a country, given the twin pressures of the Quebec sovereignty movement and the Federal focus on deficit reduction?" At a time when internal political events impact investment decisions as much as economic factors, municipal leaders will benefit from an opportunity to hear from such dynamic speakers.

Mayors, Councillors, Regional Chairs and Directors, Administrators, Clerks, Treasurers, and Directors of Finance are cordially invited to attend on Wednesday, March 6, at 1:00 p.m.

PETER C. NEWMAN

Peter C. Newman is the best-selling author of 16 books, including *The Canadian Establishment* and a 3 volume history of the Hudson's Bay Co. In the fall of 1995 he released *The Canadian Revolution, From Deference to Defiance*. Newman believes Canadians have undergone a dramatic upheaval in the past decade, amounting to a revolution in society, politics and attitudes to power. A former editor of Canada's largest newspaper, (The Toronto Star) and most influential magazine (Maclean's), Peter Newman has won a dozen of North America's most coveted journalism awards.

DR ANGUS REID

Dr. Angus Reid is Chairman and CEO of Canada's leading polling firm, the Angus Reid Group Inc., which he founded in 1979. The firm is one of Canada's largest and most dynamic marketing and social research companies with current billings in the \$17 million range. Dr. Reid holds a PhD in Sociology from Carleton University. From 1974 to 1980 he was an associate professor at the University of Manitoba. He is currently an adjunct professor at UBC.

MAURICE MCTIGUE

The Hon. Maurice McTigue, High Commissioner of New Zealand to Canada, has a distinguished record of service to the NZ cabinet from 1985 to 1993. During that time he presided over a fiscal/economic revolution in New Zealand which saw mass privatization of state owned enterprises, cost recovery for public services and a massive reduction in the size of the public service.

DOUGLAS HOGG

Douglas Hogg is Chief Executive of the Private Finance Panel where he has been working for the last 2 years on secondment from Eurotunnel. He is also Head of HM Treasury's Private Finance Unit which has responsibility for co-ordinating policy issues within the Treasury and promoting the Private Finance Initiative across and within Government. Born in New Zealand, Mr. Hogg was educated principally in the UK. He qualified as a solicitor in 1987, joining Eurotunnel immediately thereafter.

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TO: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS -
NORTH OKANAGAN MUNICIPALITIES

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FROM: OKANAGAN MAINLINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

PHONE: 495-6515

FAX: 495-2400

DATE: February 7, 1996

COMMENTS: You are invited to attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association. The meeting takes place in Ashcroft at the Ashcroft River Inn on February 14th at 10:30 AM.

You would be welcome to address the Committee with particular issues affecting your area. Should you wish to attend, please contact Brenda at 495-6515 or fax us at 495-2400 with your confirmation by Friday, February 9, 1996.

Thank you. Hope to see you there!

Tom Shields,
PRESIDENT

fax

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NICOLA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
2076 Granite Avenue Box 159 Merritt BC V0K 2B0
Telephone (604) 378-2284 and 378-3923 Fax (604) 378-3924

January 31, 1996

Agenda

City of Merritt
Box 189
Merritt, BC
V0K 2B0

Attention: Tom Day, City Administrator

Dear Tom:

A year ago the John Weaver/Community Arts Complex Committee made a presentation to Council (Committee of the Whole) requesting that Claybanks Park be set aside for a community arts complex. Council granted this request and asked us to provide them with an annual update on the project. This letter provides an overview of the developments over the past year and the current state of the project.

The John Weaver/Community Arts Complex Committee had two objectives it wanted to accomplish in the short term once Council had granted their request. The first was to do soil testing on the site in order to get a better idea of the suitability of the site for such a building and by extension, how much would site preparation cost. The second objective was to come up with a concept plan drawing on that site. If you recall, the community arts complex would be approximately 30,000 square feet in size and in addition to some common areas, would house the museum, a public art gallery, a John Weaver Gallery, a theatre and several multi-purpose activity rooms.

The first objective was met albeit later in the year than had been anticipated. On the advice of the City's engineers, the soil testing took place late in summer when the water table would be low so that the soil testing would produce a good sample and thereby more and better information.

At about the time that the report on the soil testing was received by the Committee, the public was made aware of plans for a civic complex and the City's intention to build a new city hall.

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For a number of reasons the announcement that the Civic Centre would be reverting back to its original purpose - this was the perception by the members of the John Weaver/Community Arts Complex Committee - changed the focus of the project once more. Several meetings were held and from them emerged the consensus that the Committee members wanted to provide input into the renovations and future uses of the Civic Centre and were prepared to commit time to this process. They were in favour of the Civic Complex idea in principle and decided that they did not want to pursue any further the idea of a community arts complex in Claybanks Park.

The John Weaver/Community Arts Complex Committee is a committee under the auspices of the *Nicola Valley Development Centre*, and as a result of these developments, the time had come for the Board to review and discuss the project. This discussion took place early in January and the Board decided to no longer be involved with this project. This decision in effect brings the project to an end.

We therefore wish to withdraw the request made a year ago setting aside Claybanks Park for the community arts complex.

After spending four years developing and promoting John Weaver, the community has not responded in a manner that convinces us that this project has sufficient support in the community.

We wish to thank Council and City Staff for all their help and support over the past few years and most especially for the trust you had in us. Council was always ready to give us a hearing and to allow us to try out our ideas. We have all learned much from our involvement in this project and even though we did not meet our goal, there have been positive outcomes as a result of working with the community to determine the feasibility of the original idea.

Sincerely,



Mariette Luce, Co-Chair
John Weaver/Community Arts Complex Committee



Doug Strand, Co-Chair
John Weaver/Community Arts Complex Committee

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February 7, 1996

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Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Norgaard and Councillors:

The *Nicola Valley Development Centre* has been approached by representatives of the City of Merritt to organize an open house/public information evening to inform the community on the major development projects currently under way or soon to be under way in Merritt. Preliminary discussions have been held with the City Planner and with a member of Council.

It has been proposed that the following developers, community organizations and others be invited to participate in this event:

Grant Gaucher - Railyard Shopping Centre
John McAfee - The Pointe
Canada Post - community mailboxes
School District # 31 - high school
Affordable Housing Society - housing project
Merritt & District
Chamber of Commerce - BIA program and initiative
Brian Dafoe - renovations to the Brian Dafoe Motorcade Ltd. building

In addition, the *Nicola Valley Development Centre* will have a display booth and we would like the City to provide information on its plans for a new city hall, civic complex and renovations to the arena.

We have reserved the main auditorium in the Civic Centre for the open house/public information evening which is scheduled for March 7, 1996 from 5-10pm.

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The *Nicola Valley Development Centre* has set aside \$500 to organize this event as well as staff time and we are asking the City to waive the rental fee for the Civic Centre for this event.

This is an opportunity to create better awareness in the community of the changes we will be seeing in Merritt and why businesses are choosing to invest in this community. It will also give local agencies and groups working to promote economic development the opportunity to learn from each other so that we may all pull in the same direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

George Mathieu
George Mathieu,
Chair

Recommend Council co-sponsor the event as a public information event.

Box 2677
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February 5, 1996

City Planner, Mr. Finlay Sinclair
City of Merritt
Merritt, B.C.

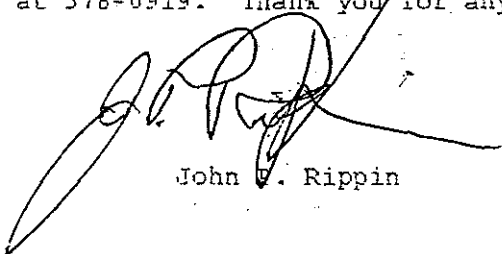
Dear Mr. Finlay:

Re: 1230 Hicks Street
Parcel Z, Plan 12017

We are the owners of the above property in Collettsville. Along the west side of this property there is a 15 x 150ft strip which is classed as a lane, which is now owned by the City. Nobody uses this piece except ourselves, and we would therefore like to purchase this portion, for fair market value.

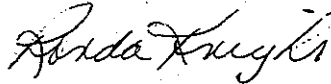
Enclosed are maps which show our property, and the piece in question.

Your consideration of our request in the near future would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to discuss this matter with us, we can be reached at 378-0919. Thank you for any assistance you can give us in this regard.



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Sincerely,



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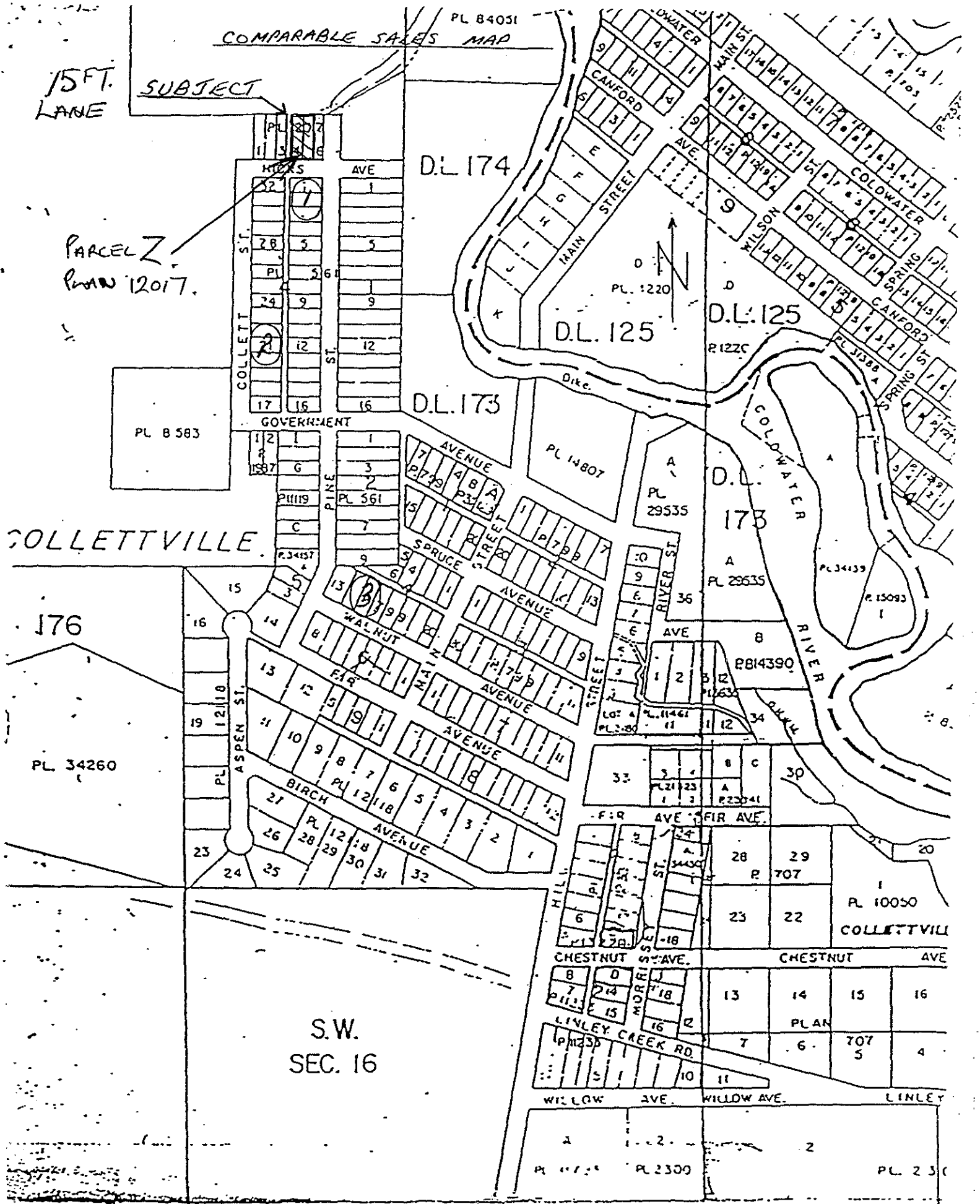
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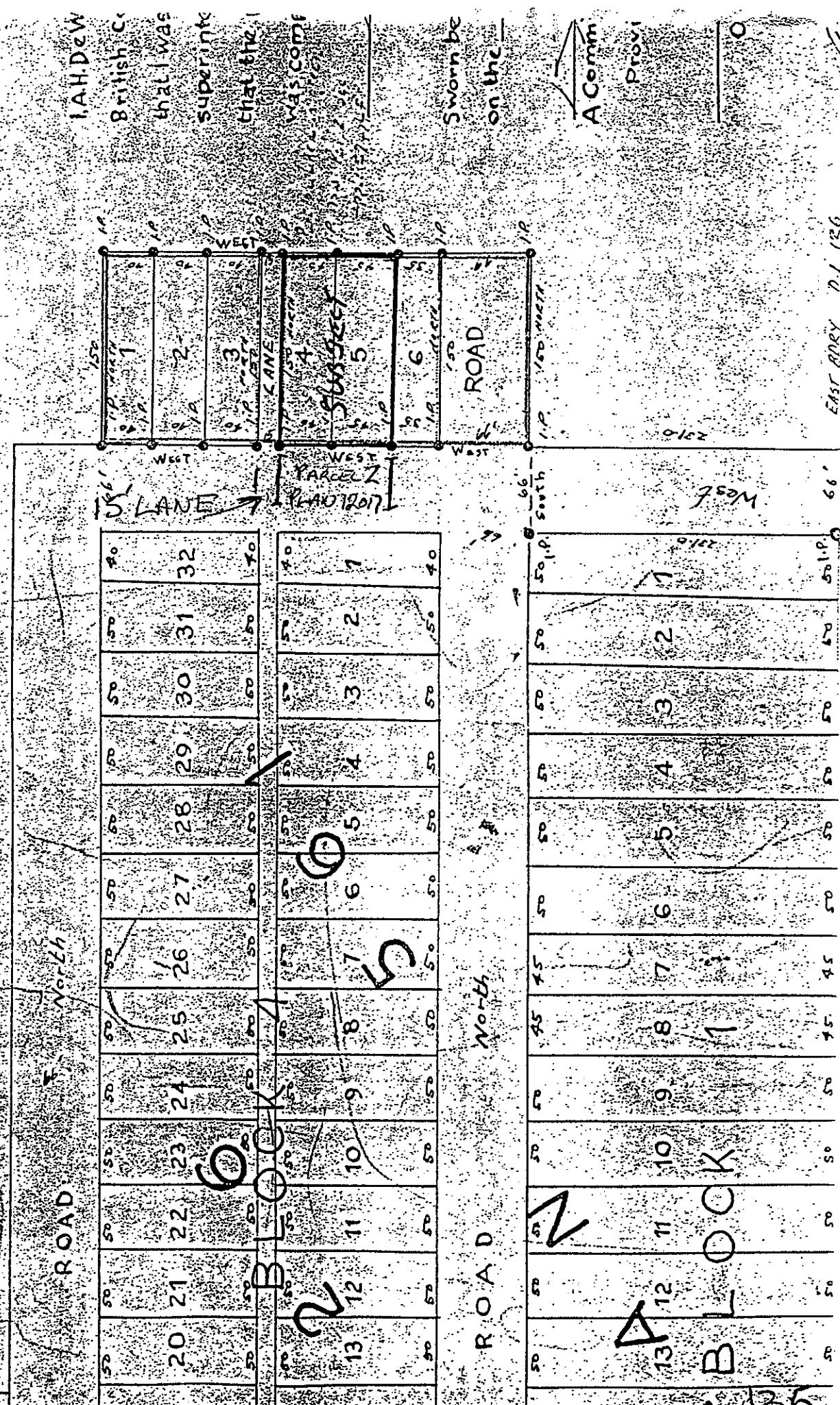
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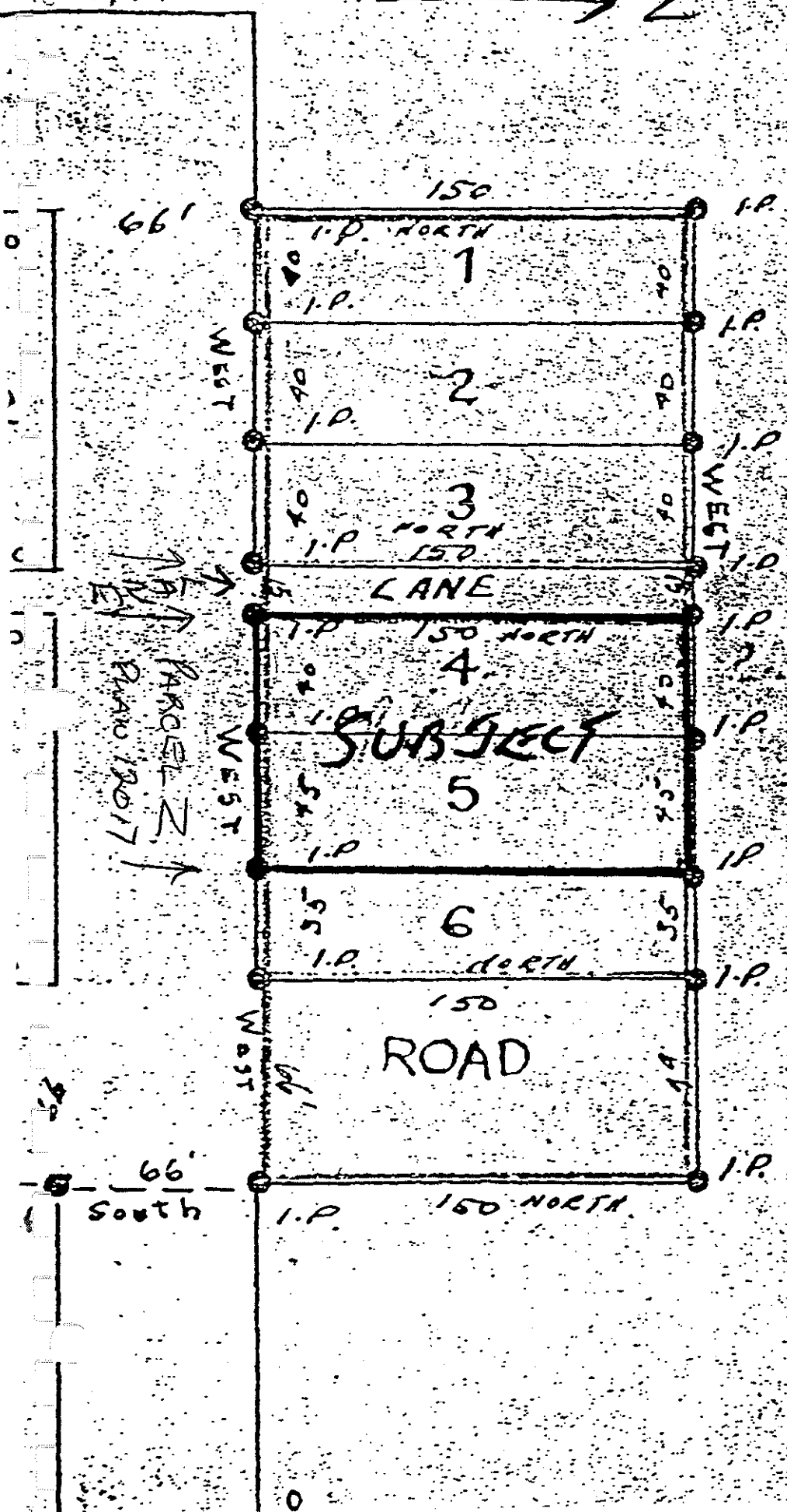
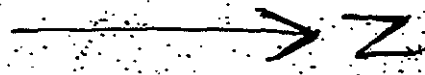
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Agenda - Love Highlights of January 18-19, 1996 Executive Meeting.

- Were advised that 113 or 51% of members have so far renewed their 1996 UBCM memberships.
- discussed holding the April UBCM Executive meeting in Kimberley in conjunction with the AKBM Convention; due to financial considerations, the Executive declined but agreed to consider holding our meetings with Area Association meetings only in years when the UBCM annual convention is located in Vancouver.
- authorized staff to renew office lease at the present location in Richmond.
- charted an initial course to respond to federal marine policy announcement. Will also be contacting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to determine actions, discussion, policies and procedures it has in place that relate to the devolution of federal responsibilities and in particular what overall policy framework it maintains respecting federal off-loading on to local governments.
- adopted an interim Executive policy on access to information requests.
- authorized staff to work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to develop policy guidelines for local governments for the release of law enforcement information in a way that meets the intent of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- were advised that final revisions

to the conflict of interest discussion paper are now being made and that the revised paper will shortly be sent to all members for comment.

- will be making a presentation in support of a principles-based approach to the Internal Trade Agreement at the end of the month.
- endorsed staff's plan to visit 42 local governments or 28% of the members outside the GVRD during 1996 including visits to the northwest part of the province, West Kootenays, South Okanagan and mid Vancouver Island.
- discussed the current situation whereby local governments that do not claim conditional grants (e.g., sewer, water) within a provincial fiscal year results in millions of dollars in funding being lost to local government since the funds are not held for future years nor can be made available to other local governments.
- will convey local government concerns about the workability of the proposed Ministry of Transportation and Highways policy on unopened rights of way and unmaintained structures.
- endorsed a joint submission by the Environment Committee and Community and Resources Committee in response to the federal government's Endangered Species legislative proposal.

Legal

Will provide legal assistance in these cases:

- Norman v. City of Port Moody. This case involves the extent of the duty or obligation of a municipality to fully disclose documents and information for the purpose of conducting a public hearing as required by Section 956 of the *Municipal Act*.
- Sunshine Coast Regional District v. Bailey and Sunny Harbour Estates. The case relates to the interpretation of the non-conforming use provisions of the *Municipal Act* and the issue of nonconforming density.
- Assessment Appeal Board Hearing on Property Owned by Musqueam Holdings Ltd. UBCM will apply for intervener status on behalf of all municipalities in an attempt to reverse a Court of Revision decision that found fee simple lands that are owned by the Musqueam Band to be considered special reserves and therefore, tax exempt. CITY OF M

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Delegations

Meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Darlene Marzari focused on:

- *Protocol of Recognition*
The Minister stated that she would be willing to discuss this

issue further with her Cabinet colleagues and others.

- *B.C. Rail*

The Minister confirmed the government's commitment to implementing a transitional scheme for B.C. Rail 1996 payments-in-lieu and a permanent scheme for 1997 and subsequent years.

- *1996 Municipal General Grants Prospects*

The Minister indicated that the 1996 grants are fully committed and that local governments who have commitments should get their bills in as soon as possible. The province's finances, due to federal cut backs, are being fully reviewed and the importance of local government grants will need to be stressed.

Fire Chiefs Association of B.C. met with the Executive to discuss issues such as:

- *installation of automatic sprinklers* - requested local government support to press for automatic sprinkler legislation.
- *First Responder* - concerned with receiving funds to cover the costs of equipment replacement.
- *Risk Management* - encouraged local governments to review their fire bylaws to ensure that a department can do what their bylaw stipulates.
- *Fire Services Act Amendments and Fire Code changes* - requested local government input into these proposed amendments.

Committees

Executive Committees had packed agendas:

Environment

The Committee identified its top

priority issues for 1996, as follows:

- Beverage Containers
- Pleasure Craft Pollution Prevention
- Groundwater Management
- Household Hazardous Waste

The Committee decided not to hold an Environment Conference in 1996 due to the current level of political uncertainty.

Contaminated Sites

The Environment Committee reviewed Draft #3 of the Contaminated Site Regulations and determined that it responded to most of local governments major areas of concern:

- it provided more site specific flexibility with respect to standards; and
- it provided an opt-out for administration.

The Ministry acknowledged our liability concerns in accompanying material, although it did not change the legislation.

The Committee approved in principle with the draft regulation and requested that the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks proceed to enact the regulation provided:

- it stipulates an effective date that allows for adequate training (Sept. 1, 1996);
- the Minister commits on behalf of the provincial government to liability legislative changes;
- it addresses our detailed concerns and those of others. Accordingly the time line for comments be extended until February 28, 1996 to ensure that all local governments and technical specialists have an opportunity to fully review the draft regulation;

- it provides more local flexibility on cost recovery;
- it is understood that the decision to proceed is contingent on the regulation retaining the opt-out provision; and
- there is an agreement for on-going monitoring and adjustment of the regulation through the Protocol Committee.

Health Care Task Force

- will monitor the development of RHBs and CHCs and request information regarding the costs and legal uncertainties surrounding the elections process for these organizations. Information will be sent to members as it becomes available.
- wishes to establish a proactive position regarding the current status of New Directions. They have requested staff to prepare a comparative report outlining several issues in the Seaton Report, to be used as a benchmark against the current status of New Directions, including the existing RHBs and respective CHCs currently in place.

Aboriginal Affairs

- confirmed that plans were underway for a late March conference with First Nations, a meeting of TAC Chairs and representatives would also piggyback this event.
- ensure that the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs gives the highest priority to ensuring adequate funding to TACs and seek clarification about what is included in the "activity-based" model of funding proposed.
- will write to the Minister of Indian Affairs regarding the mandate of federal negotiators and their failure in some cases to recognize local government in the treaty

negotiation process.

- concern was expressed about the draft Land Management Proposal and it was referred to the April meeting for further discussion.

Member Services

- were advised that in the Actuarial Valuation of the Municipal Superannuation Plan as at December 31, 1994, the actuarial liability has dropped from 49% (as at December 31, 1991) to 36% of covered payroll.
- advised that CivicNet enrolment continues to expand and home pages have been established by 109 members on CivicNet. The Web site is being updated and expanded with new information and the CivicNet Management Committee has established the direction and actions for site development in the coming months.

Justice and Protective Services

- gears up for 1996 RCMP contract review of the cost base.

The Committee identified its top priorities in 1996, as follows:

1. Policing Costs/RCMP Contract
2. Changes in the Justice System
3. Young Offenders Act
4. Crime Prevention Programs

Highlights of its program, include:

- proposed meeting with RCMP communities, if and when, the contract is opened for review;
- completion of procedure manual on RCMP contract;
- retention of IPEG grant in 1996 budget;
- request Attorney General establish a violent crime/sexual offender registry;
- expansion of bylaw and traffic courts;
- addition to CivicNet of a

discussion forum to share best practices on crime prevention;

- preparation of a brief to the House of Commons Committee reviewing the Young Offenders Act.

Community and Resources

- received a delegation from Municipal Affairs staff; Dave Morris, Dale Wall and Allan LeFevre. Mr. LeFevre has been recently seconded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to work, on a priority basis, to address many of the resource-based community concerns that the Committee has brought to the provincial government's attention;
- will be writing to Forest Renewal BC to obtain a status report on the funds expended by Forest Renewal, specifically requesting information about what percentage of the money has been spent on community-based projects, enquire about the procedures an applicant must follow to apply for FRBC funding and determine if there are opportunities for smaller local businesses to apply for FRBC funds.

Convention

The Convention Committee discussed some final items from the 1995 Convention and tradeshow and plans for the 1996 Convention. Points of interest included:

- 1995 convention financial statements show a moderate profit which can be directly attributed to Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow and increased sponsor participation;
- Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow will continue to occur at Vancouver-based conventions (the next one takes place in October, 1997);

- firm priority has been set on resolutions sessions at the 1996 Convention; the program will be focused around these sessions and will be modified to encourage attendance; and
- 1996 Convention program will be re-evaluated and streamlined for simplicity, quality and economics.

Awareness

- reviewed the Terms of Reference and confirmed Year III of the Local Government Awareness Program entitled "Your Voice, Your Vote, Your Community".
- confirmed that two Community Awareness Awards will be presented in 1996 – one for the community that undertakes the most comprehensive month long program during April Awareness month and a second to honour the community that undertakes a more extensive year long program to promote local government awareness.

Resolutions

- reviewed delegates evaluations of the 1995 Resolutions sessions. Executive will be proposing bylaw amendments that will:
 - introduce a new category of resolutions – "emergency" to be distinguished from "late" resolutions.
 - establish a new process for introducing "B" resolutions; introduce as a block, not individually, thereby maximizing time for debate.
 - previously considered resolutions to be put into a separate block of "B" resolutions to be moved as a block but the Chair will allow 'exceptions' so debate can take place on individual resolutions.



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January 31, 1996

Mayor Clara Norgaard
City of Merritt
Box 189
Merritt, British Columbia
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Dear Mayor Clara Norgaard:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL FORESTRY OPEN HOUSES

The Merritt Forest District has scheduled its annual Forestry Open Houses from February 27 to March 1, 1996. These Open Houses are aimed at fostering communication between various local natural resource organizations and the general public.

This year we anticipate displays from local forestry companies, the Ministry of Forests, Spius Creek Fish Hatchery, Forest Renewal B.C., Tribal Councils, B.C. Environment, and others. Local forest companies and the Forest Service will be displaying their Forest Development Plans and Five Year Silviculture Plans detailing forestry operations that are expected to occur in local forests in the coming years. Comments on any aspect of these displays or plans is welcomed.

The focus of this year's evening Public Meetings will include a presentation on the "Year in Review" and "Challenges Ahead" presented by the District Manager of the Merritt Forest District. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

The Open Houses will be open to the general public during the times below:

Merritt Civic Centre

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| Tuesday, February 27 | 10:00 am - 12:00 noon | 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Public Meeting |
| Wednesday, February 28 | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon | 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm |

Princeton Legion Hall

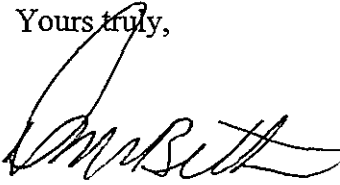
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| Thursday, February 29 | 10:00 am - 7:00 pm |
| | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Public Meeting |
| Friday, March 1 | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon |

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You are welcome to attend this event at any time or if your organization would prefer to book a tour, please let us know.

For further information please contact Dave McBeth (378-8400). We hope to see you there.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McBeth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "M".

David M. McBeth
District Planner
Merritt Forest District

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OMMA TO HELP THE STARS

OMMA will be seeking support from all in keeping the White Lake Observatory near Penticton in operation.

The Federal Government is looking to downsize the operation by moving it to Victoria which will cost a number of jobs plus reducing the White Lake Observatory to an 'outstation' from a scientific centre.

The Observatory attracts 8000 tourists per year plus 1500 school, and college groups per year as well as scientific conferences and delegates from around the world.

OMMA is asking support to lobby both Provincial and Federal Governments to continue to fund the White Lake Observatory near Penticton.

FEDERAL BOUNDARIES

This is a contentious issue for some members of OMMA particularly around Westbank and in the south near Oliver and Osoyoos.

Westbank has been moved into the Okanagan-Similkameen Riding while Oliver and Osoyoos are now in the Kootenays,

These changes occurred AFTER the one and only public hearing. There was no chance for these communities to give any input to the commission.

Its interesting to note that at our level we cannot make changes of this sort without going to the public but that seems not to apply federally.

MP's have protested: individual areas have protested and we will also send a letter from OMMA and the UBCM has also been informed of the changes.

It seems like we are in the political equivalent to the Canadian Football league but at least they have some input.

Isn't Federal Democracy wonderful!

RESOLUTIONS

There was a major complaint at the U.B.C.M. convention in Vancouver regarding the time allowed for the resolutions portion of the convention.

Many members feel that it is the MOST important portion of the entire event and more emphasis should be place on getting through them with a strong attendance of the membership.

This is now being looked at by the UBCM convention committee.

We also recognize that the convention is also a time when the smaller communities can get to meet with the senior beaurocrats or Cabinet members.

However it seems that many meetings are going on at the same time as the resolutions therefore there were times when the resolutions were being voted on to a rather sparse gathering.

The UBCM convention committee is hoping to block in a set time for the resolutions and asking Ministers and their staff to NOT have meetings during the resolutions portion of the convention.

Meanwhile this is also a reminder to all councils and Regional Districts to get the Resolutions in for our own OMMA convention as soon as possible

This needs to be done soon as the convention this year is about 3 weeks earlier than in previous years.

We have also taken your comments to the UBCM regarding the follow-up to all the resolutions so that we do not have the same resolutions appearing at the UBCM year after year.

HOPE NOT HAPPY☹

The community of Hope has a feeling that they are too small for the LMMA.

They connect to the North, and south through highway systems. Should we extend an invitation to be a part of the OMMA?

LUNCH BREAK! LUNCH BREAK!

This is an unusual headline but we want some input regarding the Area Luncheons at the UBCM.

There are many complaints regarding the cost of these luncheons especially from the smaller communities. This past year our luncheon was the cheapest at \$20 per head (we didn't know that did not include coffee). Most luncheons in Vancouver are \$25-30 a shot which is difficult to sell to the local taxpayers.

There is a suggestion that instead of a luncheon, we turn the delegates loose at that period and instead all Associations get together to have a 'hospitality lounge' which would be open at lunch hour and for a few hours each day after the working portion of the day has ended....roughly 4pm to say 6pm.

If this cost each delegate \$15, the room would have condiments and would allow us to meet each other to do some networking etc.

What are your thoughts? All five Associations are looking for member input.

OTHER ITEMS.....

UBCM says to get ready for Provincial cuts coming down..as if you didn't know...Marzari is gone but consensus is 'she did an excellent job regardless of party affiliation'. She did say two weeks ago that if we need anything to contact Glen..as if you didn't know. The age of technology is here and the UBCM is recommending computer usage and the Internet as the coming way of communicating with each other and doing business and are encourageing the smaller communities to invest in a computer if you already have not done so....sorry to hear about Sherri Price's horse...the next executive meeting is in Ashcroft on February 14th♥ and any elected person wishing to attend is invited to join us. We might even by you lunch!