

## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 , 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, 1509 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

#### 1. PRESENT:

##### COUNCIL:

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

##### ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day  
Clerk - Y.Porada  
Treasurer - S.Gill  
Planner - F.Sinclair  
Recreation Manager - D.Mackey  
Development Officer - J.Johnson  
Aquatic Centre Manager - J.Norburn  
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison

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

Two (2) Members of the General Public.

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Feb.13/96

114/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
ADOPT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Feb.13/96.

CARRIED

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**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

- a) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1541, 1996

There were no presentations, oral or written.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1541, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

**5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.**

**6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

- a) Special Council Meeting, Jan.12/96
- 115/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council ADOPT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Jan.12/96. CARRIED
- b) Special Council Meeting, Jan.16/96
- 116/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting; Jan.16/96. CARRIED
- c) Regular Council Meeting, Jan.23/96
- 117/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council ADOPT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, Jan.23/96. CARRIED
- d) Special Council Meeting, Jan.30/96
- 118/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting, Jan.30/96. CARRIED

At 7:35 p.m. two (2) members of the General Public joined the meeting.

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

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.**

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**9. REPORTS:**

**a) Mayor's Reports:**

The honourable Darlene Marzari, Minister of Municipal Affairs has presented Mayor Norgaard with a cheque for \$353,000.00 in regards to funding for the Colletville Boundary Extension.

The Mayor and the Administrator met with Jackie Pement, the Minister of Highways to discuss funding for Colletville road rehabilitation and the possibility of additional funding for the truck route.

The B.C. Forest Service will be hosting an Open House Feb.27-28/96 at the Civic Centre at which the local forest companies will be displaying their five year plans.

- 1) Minutes, Coldwater Joint Advisory Committee Meeting, Jan.29/96

119/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Minutes, Coldwater Joint Advisory Committee Meeting, Jan.29/96 for information. **CARRIED**

120/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council BRING FORWARD AND ENDORSE the recommendation of the Coldwater Joint Advisory Committee that Council continue the past practice of providing the \$75.00 per month honourarium, plus a \$20.00 hourly rate for emergency callouts by the Public Works Department to deal with water system emergencies. **CARRIED**

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

- 1) **Councillor Cowan -**  
Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - Plans for the Arena Retrofit are proceeding, awaiting the presentation of the final design.  
Local Access Awareness - Nil.  
Affordable Housing - Nil.
- 2) **Councillor Laird -**  
Public Works - Nil.  
Community Health Council - Nil
- 3) **Councillor McCormack -**  
Economic Development and Planning - There is a workshop planned for Feb.29/96.  
NV Development Centre Liaison - There will be an information night at the Civic Centre on Mar.7/96 to display new developments planned for 1996

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**9. REPORTS:**

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

3) **Councillor McCormack - Cont'd.**

121/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council co-sponsor the Information Night on Mar.7/96 in conjunction with the Nicola Valley Development Centre. **CARRIED**

- There will be a planning session on Mar.2/96 at the Sundance Ranch.

4) **Councillor McLean -**

Airport - Merritt Flying Club - The Annual General Meeting will be held on Feb.14/96 at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce - The next meeting will be held on Feb.28/96 at the Five Star Restaurant. The Chamber is currently planning the BIA in coordination with the Economic Development Committee.

5) **Councillor Miller -**

Protective Services & Public Safety - There was a CPAC Meeting on Jan.24/96 at which S/Sgt.Don Smith outlined policy changes within the RCMP in regards to community policing concepts. Discussions were initiated as to the feasibility of a downtown policing office. The next meeting will be Mar.27/96.

South Central Union Board of Health - The last meeting was Jan.24/96. Merritt was surveyed as to tobacco sales to minors compliance and found to be the second worst in the region with 60%compliance. Dr. James Lu, the Chief Medical Health officer has been loaned to the Regional Health Board as the Transitional Manager. The next meeting will be Mar.27/96

Healthy Communities - The next meeting will be Feb.14/96 at 8:30 a.m.

6) **Councillor Typusiak -**

Administration & Finance - Nil.

Environmental Advisory -

i. Minutes Meeting Jan.4/96

122/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for information the Minutes, Meeting Jan.4/96. **CARRIED**

ii. Solid Waste Reduction Initiatives

123/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Solid Waste Reduction Initiatives for information and discussion. **CARRIED**

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**9. REPORTS: - Cont'd.**

**c) Administration Reports:**

1. Traffic Operations Review, Nicola Avenue and Voght Street Intersection.

124/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Traffic Operations Review, Nicola Avenue and Voght Street Intersection. CARRIED

Council requests that Administration hold discussions with Ministry of Highways regarding this intersection. The problem of trucks turning right onto Voght St from Nicola Avenue has to be addressed. In order to ban trucks from Voght Street after the truck route is completed, then Voght Street would have to be declassified from a highway to a City street.

2. Memo, Jan.23/96 - Disposition and Handling of Lost and Found Bicycles

125/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Jan.23/96 - Disposition and Handling of Lost and Found Bicycles. CARRIED

126/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council DEFER for two weeks the decision on disposition of lost and found bicycles to allow Administration time to prepare a report on the implications of changes to the present procedures. CARRIED

3. Bylaw Services Statistics
  - i. Month of December, 1995
  - ii. Year End, 1995

127/96

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE for information the Bylaw Services Statistics, Month of Dec./95 and Year End, 1995. CARRIED

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**9. REPORTS:**

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

4. Memo, Jan.26/96 - Saturday Morning Hours
  - i. Shawn Whalen
  - ii. Denise Whalen
  - iii. P.Britton-Bedard

128/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE:

- Memo, Jan.26/96 - Saturday Morning Hours
- i. Shawn Whalen
  - ii. Denise Whalen
  - iii. P.Britton-Bedard

for information.

CARRIED

129/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECOMMEND that the Family / Adult Swim on Saturday mornings be extended to start at 11:15 until March 2, 1996. CARRIED

Council wished to defer a decision on additional recommendations of the Aquatic Centre Manager until after a survey of the patrons is completed.

5. Arena Retrofit
  - i. News Release, Feb.7/96
  - ii. Stanley Associates, Feb.8/96

130/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE:

- Arena Retrofit
- i. News Release, Feb.7/96
  - ii. Stanley Associates, Feb.8/96

for information.

CARRIED

6. Memorandum, Feb.7/96 - Fire Chief's Month End Report for Jan./96

131/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memorandum, Feb.7/96 - Fire Chief's Month End Report for Jan./96.

CARRIED

7. Memorandum, Feb.6/96 - 1995 Planning Department Year End Statistics.

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**9. REPORTS:**

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

- 132/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Memorandum, Feb.6/96 - 1995 Planning Department Year End Statistics. CARRIED
8. Memorandum, Feb.8/96 - Economic Development Activity Report for January
- 133/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for information the Memorandum, Feb.8/96 - Economic Development Activity Report for January. CARRIED
9. Bench Elementary School Parking Lot Addition.  
i. School District #31, Dec.11/95  
ii. Memo, Feb.7/96
- 134/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE:  
Bench Elementary School Parking Lot Addition.  
i. School District #31, Dec.11/95  
ii. Memo, Feb.7/96 CARRIED
- 135/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECOMMEND that the School Board survey the homeowners that would be affected by a proposed driveway from Gillis Crescent accessing the Bench School Yard. CARRIED
10. Release of In-Camera Council Motions to Dec.31/95
- 136/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RELEASE In-Camera Council Motions 876,981,and 992/95. CARRIED

**10. BYLAWS:**

- a) City of Merritt Mamette Avenue Stopping Up and Closing Bylaw No. 1522, 1995.

- 137/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT MAMETTE AVENUE STOPPING UP AND CLOSING BYLAW NO. 1522, 1995.** CARRIED

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**10. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.**

- b) Memorandum, Jan.31/96 - City of Merritt Zoning Amendment  
Bylaw No. 1541, 1996 - **Submitted for 3rd Reading.**
- 138/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT  
BYLAW NO. 1541, 1996.** CARRIED
- c) OCCP 1995-03 & RZ1995-05
1. Memo, Feb.7/96
  2. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment  
Bylaw No. 1545, 1996
- 139/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
RECEIVE the Memo, Feb.7/96 - OCCP 1995-03 & RZ 1995-05 for information  
and **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY  
PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1545, 1996.** Council REQUESTED further  
information be supplied in regards to:
- Buffering
  - On site drainage
  - Type of fencing proposed
  - Continuation of Douglas Street in relation to subject property.
- before the bylaw is presented for second reading. CARRIED
3. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546,  
1996.
- 140/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW  
NO. 1546, 1996.** CARRIED
4. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1549, 1996
- 141/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE  
FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN  
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1549, 1996.** CARRIED
- 142/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY  
PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1549, 1996.** CARRIED

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**10. BYLAWS: -4. Cont'd.**

143/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council schedule the public hearing for City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1549, 1996 at the Regular Council Meeting on March 12, 1996. **CARRIED**

5. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1550,1996

144/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1550, 1996.** **CARRIED**

145/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1550, 1996.** **CARRIED**

146/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council schedule the public hearing for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1550, 1996 at the Regular Council Meeting on March 12, 1996. **CARRIED**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) **Potential Council Responses:**

1. Forest Renewal B.C.
  - i. Community Forest Licence Study
  - ii. Regional Workshop, Feb.20/21, 1996

147/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **RECEIVE** for information the Forest Renewal B.C. letter of Jan.22/96, Community Forest Licence Study. **CARRIED**

148/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **RECEIVE** for information the Forest Renewal B.C. letter regarding the Regional Workshop on Feb.20/21, 1996. **CARRIED**

2. Coldwater River Flooding
  - i. Sanders & Company, Feb.1/96
  - ii. Min. of Environment, Lands and Parks, Jan.29/96

149/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **RECEIVE** Sanders & Company letter of Feb.1/96 and Ministry of Environment letter of Jan.29/96 **CARRIED**

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **Potential Council Responses:** - Cont'd.
3. Nicola Valley Junior Secondary Bands, Jan.22/96 -  
Permission to collect garbage
- 150/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Nicola Valley Junior Secondary Band letter of Jan22/96 - and GRANT their request for permission to collect garbage on March 9, 1996. CARRIED
4. Ray Montpetit, Jan.26/96 - Thank you to Public Works Dept.
- 151/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Ray Montpetit letter of Jan.26/96 - Thank you to Public Works Department and distribute a copy to the Public Works Department. CARRIED
5. Merritt RCMP Police Detachment, Jan.18/96 -Court Costs
- 152/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Merritt RCMP Police Detachment letter of Jan.18/96 - Court Costs and that Council SUPPORT the RCMP Police in their request for additional Court Dates in Merritt with a letter to Judge Blair. CARRIED
6. Diamondvale Mobile Home Owner's Association, Feb.5/96 -  
Information Meeting.
- 153/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Diamondvale Mobile Home Owner's Association letter of Feb.5/96 - Information Meeting and RESPOND with a letter of regrets as Council has another meeting scheduled for the evening of Feb.20/96. CARRIED
7. Municipal Finance Authority of B.C., Feb.6/96 - Fifth  
Financial Forum.
- 154/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Municipal Finance Authority of B.C. letter of Feb.6/96 - Fifth Financial Forum. CARRIED

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

8. Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association, Feb.7/96 - Executive Meeting.

155/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association letter of Feb.7/96 - Executive Meeting. CARRIED

9. Nicola Valley Development Centre

- i. Jan.31/96 - John Weaver Gallery
- ii. Feb.7/96 - Open House

156/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Nicola Valley Development Centre letter of Jan.31/96 - John Weaver Gallery. CARRIED

157/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Nicola Valley Development Centre letter of Feb.7/96 - Open House for information. CARRIED

10. John Rippen, Ronda Knight, Feb.5/96 - Road Closure Request.

158/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE for information the John Rippen, Ronda Knight letter of Feb.5/96 - Road Closure Request. CARRIED

159/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECOMMEND that both landowners bordering onto Parcel Z, Plan 12017 in Colletville be informed of the Road Closure Request and that Administration investigate whether the subject parcel will be required for future sewer expansion before proceeding with the road closure process. CARRIED

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b) **Receive:**

1. U.B.C.M., Jan.23/96 - Member Release
2. Ministry of Forests, Jan.31/96 - Annual Forestry Open Houses.
3. O.M.M.A. , Winter 1996, Newsletter

160/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE for information:

1. U.B.C.M., Jan.23/96 - Member Release
2. Ministry of Forests, Jan.31/96 - Annual Forestry Open Houses.
3. O.M.M.A. , Winter 1996, Newsletter

CARRIED

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.


13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

161/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:35 p.m. and RECONVENE the In-Camera Meeting of Feb.13/96 at 9:40 p.m. in the Central School Library with the press and the General Public excluded.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R.Norgaard, Mayor

  
T.C.Day, Acting Clerk