

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MARCH 12 , 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, 1509 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

Mayor - C.Norgaard
Councillor - R.Typusiak, B.Cowan, D.Laird, D.McLean

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Treasurer - S.Gill
Planner - F.Sinclair
Aquatic Centre Manager - J.Norburn
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison

MEDIA:

NL Radio, Merritt Herald, Merritt News, Shaw Cable (2)

Two (2) Members of the R.C.M.P. Delegation

Three (3) Members of the General Public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

- a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Mar.12/96

230/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Mar.12/96 including the Extra Agenda items:

9. BUSINESS:

- a) McClure Property, Irvine Avenue
1. Lloyd McClure, March 4, 1996
2. Morelli Chertkow, March 8, 1996
3. City of Merritt, March 08, 1996
- b) Merritt Ball Association, March 10, 1996
- Central Park improvements
- c) Draft #3, Soil Contamination
1. City of New Westminster, March 6, 1996
(See UBCM information pages 116-121 of Regular Agenda)
- d) Union of B.C. Municipalities, Mar.8/96
- Community Safety
- e) Memo, Mar.11/96 - Mamette Avenue Road Closure

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

- a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment (No. 2)
Bylaw No. 1549, 1996.

Mayor Norgaard inquired of the Planner as to whether any written submissions were received concerning City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment (No. 2) Bylaw No. 1549, 1996 and none were received. Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment (No.2) Bylaw No. 1549, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (No. 2) Bylaw No. 1550,
1996.

Mayor Norgaard inquired of the Planner as to whether any written submissions were received concerning City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (No.2)Bylaw No. 1550, 1996 and none were received. Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (No.2) Bylaw No. 1550, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

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5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- a) Show Cause Hearing, Barbara Bauer, #7 Trees Mobile Home Park

Councillor Cowan represented Barbara Bauer in her capacity as a Social Worker and informed Council that she had not been in contact with Ms. Bauer for two weeks. Ms. Bauer did not appear.

- b) Cst. Rod Gardner, RCMP - Photo Radar presentation

Cst. Ron Peterson addressed Council on behalf of the RCMP "Traffic Safety Initiative Program". Cst. Peterson and Cst. Gardner, both former members of the Merritt RCMP Police Detachment, have been posted to positions with the Speed Management Program. The goal of this program is to educate Drivers to reduce speed and in turn accidents and injuries. ICBC pays out approximately \$3 million dollars in claims every day and as ICBC and the Motor Vehicle Branch are being amalgamated, the program is going to be funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General as of April 1, 1996. The members of the program will survey sites by invitation only and will produce a detailed survey of problem zones. These sites can be requested by any private citizens or groups such as CPAC but will not be generated by police without civic input. This program is also instituting changes in driver licencing such as graduated licencing and impounding vehicles driven by prohibited drivers.

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At 8:03 p.m., the two (2) RCMP representatives and two (2) members of the General Public left the meeting.

- c) Wilderness Properties, Bob Macdonald, Dave Cunliffe
- Re Development Proposal South of Irvine Avenue,
DVP1996-01,02

Wilderness Properties did not appear before Council.

- d) Coquihalla Resources, John McAfee
- Re "The Pointe" Development Proposal, DVP1996-03

Coquihalla Resources did not appear before Council.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Minutes, Special Council Meeting, Feb.06/96

231/96

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, Feb.06/96. CARRIED

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6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: - Cont'd.

- b) Minutes, Special Council Meeting, Feb.19/96
- 232/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, Feb.19/96. CARRIED
- c) Minutes, Special Council Meeting, Feb.27/96
- 233/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, Feb.27/96 CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a) Memo, Feb.28/96 - Bicycle Storage
- 234/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Feb.28/96 - Bicycle Storage. CARRIED
- The Kinsmen Club which formerly disposed of found bikes by auction has recently folded and the problem of mounting found property must be addressed.
- 235/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council INVITE local service clubs to put forth proposals to take all found properties from the City for auction. Proposals should include details of how funds raised will be used and the term of any agreement would be for two years with an optional two year extension. CARRIED
- b) Memo, Feb.29/96 - Colletville Specified Area Water and Sewer Petition
- 236/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ACCEPT the Memo, Feb.29/96 - Colletville Specified Area Water and Sewer Petition and RECOMMEND that the Project Proceed as presented. CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At 8:14 p.m., Councillor Cowan left the meeting to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

- a) Barbara Bauer, #7 Trees Mobile Home Park

237/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council DIRECT the Public Works Department of the City of Merritt to PROCEED with cleanup of the unsightly premises at Unit #7, Trees Mobile Home Park. The cost of cleanup is to be the responsibility of the owner of the Trees Mobile Home Park. CARRIED

- b) Memo, Mar.05/96 - Saturday Morning Hours (NVAC)

238/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.05/96 - Saturday Morning Hours (NVAC) and that the Saturday morning Family and Adult swim start at 11:00 am effective April 13, 1996 and further that the Adult swim (Monday - Thursday evenings) end at 9:45 pm effective Monday, April 15, 1996. CARRIED

- c) Photo Radar

239/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council WELCOME the Traffic Safety Initiative Program into the community on the RECOMMENDATION of the Community Policing Advisory Committee. CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

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

Mayor Norgaard proclaimed the month of March as Kidney Month in the City of Merritt and March 21, 1996 as U.N. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

TNRD senior staff is to meet twice yearly with the senior staff of member municipalities. The Thompson Nicola Regional Library had \$5000.00 approved to purchase music Cds to add to the library loan collection. \$20,000.00 was approved to purchase a compact pickup truck for the planning department. There were two resolutions approved for the OMMA Convention, the first of which requests that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs establish procedures whereby electrical permits will not be issued for buildings and structures in the absence of a valid building permit and the second of which requests that Provincial legislation be established prohibiting the use of unmuffled boats within the Province.

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9. **REPORTS:**

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

The TNRD Board received a cheque for \$45,000 from Ministry of Environment for completion of the Solid Waste Management Program and a letter of approval for financial assistance up to 25% of capital and promotional cost toward the Home Composting Program. \$3,333.00 was approved for fencing the Blue River site and \$5,000 for the Clearwater Transfer Station site. There was a detailed report presented on Solid Waste Management for 1995.

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

1) **Councillor Cowan -**

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - The last meeting was March 6 at which the Greenspace Sub-Committee Report was presented.

240/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council SEND a thank you letter to the members of the Greenspace Sub-Committee for their efforts in preparation of the Committee's report. CARRIED

Local Access Awareness - There is a meeting this week at which this spring and summer's projects will be reviewed. Interested members of the public are welcome at all their meetings.

Affordable Housing - The presentation of the proposal at the N.V.D.C.'s open house was extremely well received.

2) **Councillor Laird -**

Public Works - The School Board and City representative have completed discussions on school crosswalks and the results of their survey have been passed on to the school principals for their consideration and input before returning to Council and the School Board with recommendations. Community Health Council - At the meeting on Mar.11/96, the Regional Health Board Management Plan was released after being approved and the local plan has been completed and is awaiting approval. Copies of the Regional Health Management Plan are available to the public.

3) **Councillor McCormack - absent**

Economic Development and Planning - nil.

NV Development Centre Liaison - nil. The Open House co-sponsored by the Nicola Valley Development Centre was well attended and received by the business community and the general public.

241/96

Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a thank you letter to Elizabeth Solomon de Friedberg regarding the excellent presentation of current and future projects at the NVDC Open House. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

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

- 4) **Councillor McLean -**
Airport - Merritt Flying Club - The next meeting is Mar.13/96
Chamber of Commerce - The next meeting is Mar.14/96
- 5) **Councillor Miller - absent**
Protective Services & Public Safety - nil.
South Central Union Board of Health - nil.
Healthy Communities - nil.
- 6) **Councillor Typusiak -**
Administration & Finance - Colletville water and sewer project should be ready for tender Mar.20-Apr.10 with construction to start May 1with a completion tentatively Sept.30/96. The Arena Retrofit should be ready to go to tender soon. The Truck Route should go to tender Apr.3/96 and awarding in May.
Environmental Advisory - nil.

c) Administration Reports:

- 1) Part-Time Animal Control Officer
 - i. Nicola Valley Veterinary Clinic Ltd., Feb.20/96
 - ii. Memo, Mar.1/96

242/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE:

- Part-Time Animal Control Officer
 - i. Nicola Valley Veterinary Clinic Ltd., Feb.20/96
 - ii. Memo, Mar.1/96.

CARRIED

243/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council DEFER discussions on a Part-Time Animal Control Officer until the Apr.30/96 Budget discussions.

CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

2) Memo, Mar.1/96 - P.E.P. Coordinator

244/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.1/96 - P.E.P. Coordinator and RECOMMEND as an interim measure, that Darren Waller continue to act as the Coordinator, working a minimum 8 hrs per week with monthly remuneration of \$600/month beginning March/96. The City will continue to pursue a Coordinator willing to commit to the program on a long-term basis. CARRIED

Councillor McLean OPPOSED Motion 244/96

Mayor Norgaard, Councillors Cowan, Typusiak, Laird SUPPORTED Motion 244/96

3) Memo, Mar.1/96 - Claybanks R.V.Park Fee Increase

245/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.1/96 - Claybanks R.V.Park Fee Increase and Council APPROVE an increase in full hookup site fees from \$16.50 to \$18.00 per site, also an increase in the Contractor portion of fees collected from \$7.00 to \$7.75 per site. CARRIED

246/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council DEFER a decision on the issue of credit card fees until such time as the operators of the Claybanks R.V.Park are available for discussions. CARRIED

4) Memo, Mar.1/96 - July 1, 1996 Celebrations

247/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.1/96 - July 1, 1996 Celebrations for discussion. CARRIED

248/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council DEFER discussions regarding July 1, 1996 Celebrations to a workshop scheduled for Apr.2/96. CARRIED

Council inquired as to the availability of funding for July 1st fireworks displays.

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports: - Cont'd.

- 5) Memo, Mar.7/96 - Park Development Plan -
Recommendation from the Civic Properties and
Recreation Commission

249/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.7/96 - Park Development Plan for discussion.

CARRIED

250/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council
ACCEPT the recommendation to hire a consultant to develop a phase-in
plan for the completion of the Central Park Master Plan, including all associated
costs, and to review all ball diamonds in the City with respect to usage and
demand; and to examine suitable locations for general purpose fields with lights
and that the consultant be given specific guidelines and terms of reference from
Council on expectations of said report and that funds be allocated from surplus;
and further that Council DEFER to the 1997 Capital Budget discussions, funding
to hire a consultant to complete a Recreation Master Plan for the City of Merritt.

CARRIED

- 6) Memo, Mar.6/96 - Masterplan for Civic Centre Property

251/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council
RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.6/96 - Masterplan for Civic Centre Property for
information.

CARRIED

- 7) Memo, Mar.5/96 - Installation of Vending Machines

252/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.5/96 - Installation of Vending Machines and
RECOMMEND that proposals be invited from major beverage companies
regarding installation of vending machines at the Civic Centre, further that
unless further Council input is necessary, the issue be dealt with by
Administration.

CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard OPPOSED Motion 252/96
Councillors McLean, Laird, Cowan and Typusiak SUPPORTED Motion 252/96

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10. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment (No. 2) Bylaw No. 1549, 1996.
- 253/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT (NO. 2) BYLAW NO. 1549, 1996.** CARRIED
- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (No.2) Bylaw No. 1550, 1996
- 254/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT (NO.2) BYLAW NO. 1550, 1996.** CARRIED
- c) City of Merritt Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 1551, 1996
- 255/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENCE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1551, 1996.** CARRIED
- 256/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENCE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1551, 1996.** CARRIED
- 257/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENCE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1 551, 1996.** CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Potential Council Responses:**
1. OMMA, Feb.23/96 - Resolutions, OMMA Convention
- 258/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **RECEIVE OMMA, letter of Feb.23/96 - Resolutions, OMMA Convention and RECOMMEND a resolution requesting the completion of Highway 97C from Aspen Grove to Merritt be presented at the OMMA Convention.** CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Potential Council Responses:** - Cont'd.
2. DryGrad 1996 Committee, Feb.23/96 - Request for Support.
- 259/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the DryGrad 1996 Committee letter, Feb.23/96 - Request for Support and DONATE twelve City of Merritt T-shirts and pins to the Dry-Grad Committee. **CARRIED**
3. Rand Ivanick, Feb.24/96 - Feb.19/96 Meeting, Ball Field Lighting
- 260/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Rand Ivanick letter of Feb.24/96 -Feb.19/96 Meeting, Ball Field Lighting. **CARRIED**
4. B.C. Environment, Feb.27/96 - Air Monitoring
- 261/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for information the B.C. Environment letter of Feb.27/96 - Air Monitoring. **CARRIED**
5. McClure Property, Irvine Avenue
- a. Lloyd McClure, March 4, 1996
- b. Morelli Chertkow, March 8, 1996
- c. City of Merritt, March 08, 1996
- 262/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the correspondence:
- McClure Property, Irvine Avenue
- a. Lloyd McClure, March 4, 1996
- b. Morelli Chertkow, March 8, 1996
- c. City of Merritt, March 08, 1996
- for information and further that Council SUPPORTS the actions taken in denying Lloyd McClure's request to address Council. **CARRIED**
6. Merritt Ball Association, March 10, 1996 - Central Park improvements
- 263/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Merritt Ball Association letter of March 10, 1996 and that Council RESPOND to the Merritt Ball Association advising that:
- a. The City of Merritt routinely seeks tenders for City projects
- b. Financial records of the City of Merritt are accessible for public scrutiny at City Hall.
- c. Council's budgeting process allows for contingency. **CARRIED**

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

7. Draft #3, Soil Contamination
 - a. City of New Westminster, March 6, 1996
(See UBCM information pages 116-121 of Regular Agenda)

264/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE City of New Westminster letter of March 6, 1996 - Draft #3 for information. CARRIED

8. Union of B.C. Municipalities, Mar.8/96 - Community Safety

265/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Union of B.C. Municipalities letter of Mar.8/96 - Community Safety for information. CARRIED

9. Memo, Mar.11/96 - Mamette Avenue Road Closure

266/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Memo, Mar.11/96 - Mamette Avenue Road Closure and that Council RESOLVE to PETITION the Minister of Municipal Affairs to have the portion of Mamette Avenue situated east of Voght Street and west of Garcia Street, Merritt, B.C. as closed, vested in the name of :
The Corporation of the City of Merritt, P.O.Box 189, Merritt, B.C. VOK 2BO. CARRIED

b) **Receive:**

1. Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - i. Feb.28/96 - List of Ministers and Deputy Ministers
 - ii. Mar.4/96 - Contaminated Sites Regulation, Draft #3
 - iii. Feb.29/96 - In the House
 - iv. Feb.23/96 - Aboriginal Update
 - v. Mar.1/96 - Member Release
2. Jim Hart, M.P., Feb.29/96 - Update

267/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE for information the correspondence:

1. Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - i. Feb.28/96 - List of Ministers and Deputy Ministers
 - ii. Mar.4/96 - Contaminated Sites Regulation, Draft #3
 - iii. Feb.29/96 - In the House
 - iv. Feb.23/96 - Aboriginal Update
 - v. Mar.1/96 - Member Release
2. Jim Hart, M.P., Feb.29/96 - Update CARRIED

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12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.


13. ADJOURNMENT:

268/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
TERMINATE this meeting at 10:14 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



C.R. Norgaard, Mayor



T.C. Day, Acting Clerk