

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, 1509 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Treasurer - S.Gill
Planner - F.Sinclair
Development Officer - J.Johnson
Fire Chief - R.Finley
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison

MEDIA: Merritt News, Merritt Herald (2), Shaw Cable(2), NL Radio
GENERAL PUBLIC: Eight (8) members

2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Mar.26/96

285/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Mar.26/96 including the Extra Agenda items:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Central Park

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:33 p.m., and read out the statement regarding presentations.

a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1542, 1995

There were no written submissions received in regards to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1542, 1995. Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1542, 1995 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

b) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1543, 1995

There were no written submissions received in regards to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1543, 1995. Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1543, 1995 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

c) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1544, 1995

There were no written submissions received in regards to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1544, 1995. Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone to speak for or against City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1544, 1995 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

d) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 1995

1. Larry Garthwaite, Box 489, Merritt, B.C. - Mr. Garthwaite expressed concerns about buffering along the agricultural property owned by his family, the River Ranch. The Planner explained the buffering requirements would be chain link fencing with landscaping that would eventually cover the fence and access landscaping that would meet Ministry of Transportation and Highways standards.
2. Eugene Klein, (Green Mountain Holdings Ltd.) 4070 Delbrook, North Vancouver, B.C. - Mr. Klein is the owner of the subject property and outlined to Council his plans for a Mobile Home Dealership on the property. His plans include a small office, mobile home display and a parking lot including buffering along the agricultural property bordering the subject property on the north side.

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4. PUBLIC HEARING: - Cont'd.

- d) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1545, 1995 -Cont'd

There were no written submissions received in regards to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 1995.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone else wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 1995 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

- e) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 1995

There were no written submissions received in regards to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 1995.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 1995 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Norgaard relinquished the chair to Councillor Typusiak as Acting Mayor and left the meeting to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

- a) Pat Lamb, Valley Court

Pat Lamb addressed Council concerning Council's intention to register a notice against the title to Valley Court (a copy of her presentation is attached to the agenda) questioning why their building was even required to be sprinkled and noting that ongoing litigation should soon resolve the issue of the missing engineer's certification. She requested that Council not proceed with registration of the 750.1 notice.

286/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council PROCEED with the registration of a Section 750.1 notice against the title of Valley Court.

CARRIED

At 7:56 p.m., Mayor Norgaard returned to chair the meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

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

287/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Mar.12/96

CARRIED

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7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a) Central Park (MOVED AHEAD FROM NEW BUSINESS)

288/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **RESCIND Motion 250/96** which reads as follows:

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

Motion 288/96 was opposed by Mayor Norgaard

Motion 288/96 was supported by Councillors Laird, Typusiak, Cowan, Miller and McLean.

289/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council bring forward from the Special In-Camera Meeting of Mar.12/96 motion 278/96 which reads as follows:

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that the \$45,000.00 be placed in a reserve fund for completion of a Ball Field at Central Park and we not hire a consultant at this time and that consideration be given to the hiring of a consultant in 1997 to do a complete Recreation Master Plan.
CARRIED

Motion 278/96 was opposed by Mayor Norgaard

Motion 278/96 was supported by Councillors Laird, Typusiak, Cowan, Miller and McLean.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Development Permit DP1996-A

290/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **RECEIVE** Development Permit DP1996-A for information. **CARRIED**

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Development Permit DP1996-A - Cont'd.

291/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council APPROVE Development Permit DP1996-A subject to the following:

1. No Building Permit be issued until the applicant submits an engineer's report that studies the integrity of Marion Avenue. Should the engineer find that Marion Avenue is unable to support the load demands placed on it by this development, the applicant will construct Marion Avenue to the point of access for this development. The road is to be engineered and conform to City standards.
2. No Building Permit be issued until the applicant submits plans showing a reduced freestanding pylon sign of 4 metres to conform to the development permit designation.
3. No Building Permit be issued until the applicant submits plans showing the canopy signs reduced to a maximum height of 3.66 metres to conform to the City of Merritt Sign Bylaw No. 1265, 1989.
4. No Building Permit be issued until the City of Merritt City Works Superintendent gives written approval that the drainage system of the subject property meets the City of Merritt standards.
5. That the applicants variance request to hook up to an on site sewage holding be approved providing the applicant be required to hook up to City sewer services once the line is provided to the front property line. This connection must occur within two months of the service being provided.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

a) **Mayor's Reports:**

At the last TNRD Meeting, the 1996 Budget was passed including Grants in Aid approved. The new Solid Waste Management Budget was approved with three (3) communities in opposition - Ashcroft, Cache Creek, and Merritt. Mayor Norgaard, Merritt's representative opposed the Solid Waste Management Budget on the grounds that she felt it was too costly, did not reflect the principles of recycling, reusing, reducing and had not been given enough consideration. The cost to homeowners in Merritt will be approximately \$50 per \$100,000.00 of assessment.

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9. REPORTS: - Cont'd.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

1) Councillor Cowan -

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - The next meeting will be in early April.

i. Greenspace Sub-Committee Report

292/96

Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Greenspace Sub-Committee Report. CARRIED

Local Access Awareness - Strategy is currently being developed towards new projects for the spring and National Access Awareness in May.
Affordable Housing - Nil.

2) Councillor Laird -

Public Works - Nil.

Community Health Council - There is a meeting next week.

3) Councillor McCormack - on vacation.

NV Development Centre - Nil.

4) Councillor McLean -

Airport - Merritt Flying Club - Nil.

Chamber of Commerce - There will be a dinner meeting on April 17/96.

Economic Development and Planning - Western Development Magazine featured an article on Merritt.

293/96

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council CO-SPONSOR with the Nicola Valley Development Centre a presentation by Mark Taylor. CARRIED

5) Councillor Miller -

Protective Services & Public Safety - There will be a CPAC Meeting on Mar.27/96, the public is invited to attend.

i. Merritt Citizen's Patrol, Mar.18/96 - Request for gas allowance to training seminar.

294/96

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Merritt Citizen's Patrol letter of Mar.18/96 - Request for gas allowance to training seminar. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

5) Councillor Miller - Cont'd.

295/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council APPROVE an expenditure of \$30.00 per vehicle to a maximum of six vehicles to be charged to the Citizen's Patrol budget in order to reimburse Citizen's Patrol members for their gas expenses to attend a training seminar. CARRIED

South Central Union Board of Health - The next meeting is Mar.27/96 in Kamloops.

Healthy Communities - Nil.

6) Councillor Typusiak -

Administration & Finance - Nil.

Environmental Advisory - There will be a City Cleanup Initiative to be held on May 26/96 starting at N'Kuala Park, this will have a family emphasis with a cleanup to start at approximately 11 am and carrying on until 3:00 p.m. ending with a hotdog roast for participants.

296/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council send a Thank You letter to Banveer Lali and Jamie Cooper for the excellent work in preparing a pamphlet on disposal of construction waste for the Environmental Advisory Committee. CARRIED

c) Administration Reports:

1. Building Permits, February 1996.

297/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council NOMINATE the Environmental Advisory Committee for an Environmental Award to recognize their initiatives in recycling, composting, storm drainage integrity and other environmental issues affecting Merritt. CARRIED

2. Memo, Mar.19/96 - Colletville Official Community Plan and Zoning Project.

298/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for information the Memo, Mar.19/96 - Colletville Official Community Plan and Zoning Project and SCHEDULE a Special Council Meeting on April 3, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. in Meeting Room #1, Civic Centre. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS: - Cont'd.

3. Memo, Mar.18/96 - Parking Infractions - Handicapped Zones.

299/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.18/96 - Parking Infractions - Handicapped Zones.

CARRIED

4. Bylaw Services Statistics

i. January, 1996

ii. February, 1996

300/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Bylaw Services Statistics for January and February 1996.

CARRIED

5. Memo, Mar.21/96 - Fire Inspection Contract Position

301/96

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Mar.21/96 - Fire Inspection Contract Position and APPROVE the selection of Mr. Ken McIvor to undertake the Fire Inspection contract at a price of \$1,250 per week, all expenses inclusive. Further, that the contract start June 3, 1996.

CARRIED

At 8:35 p.m., Fire Chief Finley left the meeting.

6. Development Permit DP1993-A

302/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Development Permit DP1993-A.

CARRIED

There were written submissions received from Samra Brothers Enterprises Ltd., and from K.Sekhon, the owner of the subject property.

303/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council APPROVE the Development Permit DP1993-A.

CARRIED

At 8:45 p.m., two (2) members of the General Public left the meeting, leaving three (3)

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10. BYLAWS:

1. City of Merritt Truck Route Loan Authorization Bylaw No.1454, 1994

304/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council
**ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT TRUCK ROUTE LOAN AUTHORIZATION
BYLAW NO. 1454, 1994.** CARRIED
2. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1542,
1995.

305/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1542, 1995.** CARRIED
3. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1543, 1995

306/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1543, 1995.** CARRIED
4. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1544, 1995

307/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT
BYLAW NO. 1544, 1995.** CARRIED
5. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 1996

308/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1545, 1996.** CARRIED
6. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 1996

309/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT
BYLAW NO. 1546, 1996.** CARRIED
- 310/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**SECURE ACCESS to lands beyond the subject property by OBTAINING a right
of way for Douglas Street through the existing railway right of way. CARRIED**

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10. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

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

311/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT (NO.2) BYLAW NO. 1549, 1996.** CARRIED

8. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment (No.2) Bylaw No. 1550, 1995

312/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT (NO.2) BYLAW NO. 1550, 1995.** CARRIED

9. City of Merritt Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 1551, 1996.

313/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENCE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1 551, 1996.** CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

1. Urban Systems, Mar.11/96 - Status Report

314/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **RECEIVE** the Urban Systems letter of Mar.11/96 - Status Report. CARRIED

2. B.C.Cycling Experiences, Mar.20/96 - Request to host

315/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **RECEIVE** the B.C. Cycling Experiences letter of Mar.20/96 - Request to host. CARRIED

316/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **APPROVE** the use of Voght Park by the B.C. Cycling Experiences Group and that a list of their requests be distributed amongst the service groups in Merritt for their possible participation. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses: - Con't.

3. Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia, Mar.13/96
- Request for support.

317/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia letter of Mar.13/96 - Request for support and that Council RESPOND to their request for support with a letter to both parties in the labour dispute requesting that they settle their dispute as quickly as possible without affecting the quality of service to the community. CARRIED

4. Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia, Mar.12/96
- Draft Summary of Riverfest V Workshops

318/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia letter of Mar.12/96 - Draft Summary of Riverfest V Workshops and distribute a copy of the summary to the Nicola Watershed Roundtable. CARRIED

5. District of Hope, Feb.22/96 - Closures of Coquihalla Recreation Areas.

319/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the District of Hope information of Feb.22/96- Closures of Coquihalla Recreation Areas and REQUEST through our local MLA that the public continue to have access to washrooms along the Coquihalla Highway. CARRIED

6. Sonia Ralston, Mar. 7/96 - Lane 1500 Block Douglas

320/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Sonia Ralston letter of Mar.7/96 - Lane 1500 Block Douglas. CARRIED

7. West Coast Disaster Response Conference, Mar.5/96- Invitation.

321/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the West Coast Disaster Response Conference Invitation of Mar.5/96 CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses: - Cont'd.

8. University College of the Cariboo, Mar.6/96 - Street Use Agreement.

322/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the University College of the Cariboo letter of Mar.6/96 - Street Use Agreement and APPROVE an extension of the agreement subject to the approval of the Public Works Department prior to their use.

CARRIED

b) Receive:

1. Huntingdon Industries Inc., Mar.1/96 - Update.

323/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Huntingdon Industries Inc. letter of Mar.1/96 - Update.

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

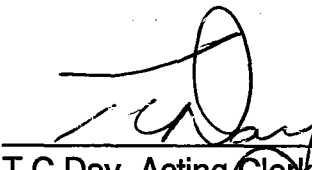
13. ADJOURNMENT:

324/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:09 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R.Norgaard, Mayor


T.C.Day, Acting Clerk