

## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY JUNE 11, 1996, AT 7:30 P.M., CENTRAL SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, 1509 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

#### 1. PRESENT:

##### COUNCIL:

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

##### ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day  
Treasurer - S.Gill  
Fire Chief - R.Finley  
Aquatic Centre Manager- J.Norburn  
Development Officer - J.Johnson  
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison

MEDIA: NL Radio, Merritt Herald, Merritt News.

There were sixteen (16) members of the General Public Present.

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Agenda, Regular Council Meeting Tues., June 11/96

524/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting Tues., June 11/96 including the Extra Agenda items. CARRIED

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:27 p.m., and read out the statement regarding presentations.

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**4. PUBLIC HEARING: - Cont'd.**

a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1553, 1996.

1. Richard Vallee, Courtyard Architects (Project Designer) - outlined the project to Council. There will be 32 units around an inner courtyard with vehicle access to the outside. There are from one to four bedroom units with an amenity building in the centre containing a meeting room. The building permit application should be prepared in about six weeks.
2. Barb Casey, coordinator hired by Affordable Housing Committee - explained that the project falls under the auspices of Homes B.C. There will be 30% of units rented to tenants in "need" category, 30% of tenants in "shallow need" category and the remaining 40% of tenants requiring no subsidy and their rent will be at 90% of the market rent. This is considered "family housing" which will mainly be targeted to families in need and low income single women.
3. Richard Vallee, Project Designer answered questions about buffering the project with trees on the on the south side and along the periphery. There will be plantings of trees in the centre of the complex. The Committee expressed a desire to have the exterior colours and cladding incorporated into the Development Permit in order to preserve the uniqueness of the development.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1553, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1554, 1996

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1554, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

c) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1559, 1996.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1559, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:47 p.m.

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**4. PUBLIC HEARING: - Cont'd.**

- d) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1560, 1996

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1560, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.

At 7:50 p.m., twelve (12) Members of the General Public left the meeting with four (4) remaining.

**5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

Dennis Coates representing the Neighbourhood Pub proposed on Voght Street - North East Sector - 499147 B.C. Ltd. spoke to Council regarding the development. He was accompanied by Mike Mitchell and Ken Featherstone the principals of the project. They are requesting a resolution by Council allowing the project to proceed for the processing of their application to the Liquor Control Branch. The Neighbourhood Pub will have a heavy food component and will basically cater to the lunch and dinner crowd during those hours, operating as a pub serving food in the off hours, closing at 12 midnight. There will be a licenced restaurant and an adjacent meeting room included in the complex. The liquor board is allowing approximately 10% additional seating in the pub for the designated driver allowance. Council suggested that the project could be considered as a site specific zoning amendment after the current rezoning application to Highway Commercial is concluded and informed Mr. Coates that the subject property was in a Development Permit Area which would require Council approval of form and character, including landscaping.

Mr. Coates completed his presentation at 8:13 p.m.

At 8:14 p.m. three(3) Members of the General Public left the meeting with one (1) remaining.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

- a) Regular Council Minutes, Tues., May 28/96

525/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council  
ADOPT the Regular Council Minutes, Tues., May 28/96. CARRIED

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

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**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) Colletville Water and Sewer Project

1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, June 5/96 - Approval of Colletville Sewer System Infrastructure Grant.
2. Urban Systems Ltd., May 3/96 - Colletville Water and Sewer Tenders

526/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Ministry of Municipal Affairs letter of June 5/96 - Approval of Colletville Sewer System Infrastructure Grant and SEND a thank you letter to the Ministry. CARRIED

527/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Urban Systems Ltd. letter of May 3/96 - Colletville Water and Sewer Tenders. CARRIED

528/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council AWARD the Colletville Water and Sewer Project to Peter Bros. Construction Ltd. based on their tendered price of \$3,432,569.63 including GST and subject to:

1. funding security;
2. provision of required certificates of insurance;
3. provision of required bonds;
4. provision of a detailed construction schedule. CARRIED

**9. REPORTS:**

a) **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard proclaimed June as Spinal Bifida Month in Merritt and July as Water Conservation Month.

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

1) **Councillor Cowan -**

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - There was a meeting last week at which the Arena Fundraising Committee presented an overview of their success to date especially the generosity of the local business community.

Local Access Awareness - Nil.

Affordable Housing - Nil.

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**9. REPORTS:**

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

- 2) Councillor Laird -**  
Public Works - Nil.  
Community Health Council - Nil.  
Special Events Committee - There was a meeting today with the posters now available and being displayed. The Fireworks funding has now been approved by the federal government in the amount of \$1,400. The downtown businesses have been very supportive of the July 1st celebration.
- 3) Councillor McCormack -**  
Economic Development and Planning - Jason Johnson attended a BIA conference on behalf of the City at the end of May. Councillor McCormack attended an Economic Development conference in Courtney the first week in June. There was an bus tour of Merritt by a group of investors from the Lower Mainland which was well attended. The Economic Development Committee will be sponsoring a booth at the Merritt Mountain Music Festival in July.  
NV Development Centre - Nil.
- 4) Councillor McLean -**  
Airport - Merritt Flying Club - There will be a meeting on June 12 in the afternoon.  
Chamber of Commerce - There will be a meeting on June 13 in the afternoon.
- 5) Councillor Miller -**  
Protective Services & Public Safety - Nil.  
South Central Union Board of Health - Nil.  
Healthy Communities - There is a CORE Group Meeting on June 12 in the morning in Merritt. The City has been presented with a plaque to commend the institution of a non-smoking policy at the Civic Centre and the Tourist Information Booth.
- 6) Councillor Typusiak -** further to the issue of additional Court dates for Merritt Provincial Court, Councillor Typusiak suggested that Council should meet with the Attorney General and discuss the issue either at the UBCM Convention or before.  
Administration & Finance - Nil.  
Environmental Advisory - Nil.

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

**c) Administration Reports:**

1. Noxious Weeds
  - i. Mar.12/96 - Nicola Stock Breeders' Association
  - ii. May 15/96 - Nicola Noxious Weed Committee
  - iii. May 29/96 - Memo

529/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE :

Noxious Weeds

- i. Mar.12/96 - Nicola Stock Breeders' Association
- ii. May 15/96 - Nicola Noxious Weed Committee
- iii. May 29/96 - Memo

and become involved in controlling noxious weeds by:

- i. Inviting a delegation to a Council meeting to inform Council and the public on the issues
- ii. Appoint Alec Hunchak or his designate to sit on the Nicola Noxious Weed Committee
- iii. Refer this issue to 1997 Budget deliberations to determine the extent of the City's participation. **CARRIED**

2. Memo, May 29/96 - Council Remuneration and Expenses

530/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Memo, May 29/96 - Council Remuneration and Expenses.

**CARRIED**

3. Memo, June 3/96 - Caba Fashions

531/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Memo, June 3/96 - Caba Fashions and AUTHORIZE entering into an agreement with Caba Fashions for a one day sale at at the Aquatic Centre provided:

- They hold a valid business licence to operate in the City of Merritt
- They provide 20% of gross revenue generated during the one day sale to the City of Merritt

and that this arrangement become a standard for similar future proposals.

**CARRIED**

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**9. REPORTS:**

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

**4. Building Permit Summary, May/96**

532/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Building Permit Summary, May/96 CARRIED

At 8:55 p.m., Councillor Laird excused himself from the meeting to avoid the potential for a conflict of interest.

**5. Development Permit DP1995-E**

i. Memo, June 6/96 -

ii. Ann Cameron, June 7/96

533/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Development Permit DP1995-E:

i. Memo, June 6/96 -

ii. Ann Cameron, June 7/96

for information and REFER the matter to the Planning Department to discuss the relocation of the garbage bin and the traffic island curbs with the property owner. CARRIED

At 9:09 p.m., Councillor Laird rejoined the meeting.

**6. Memo, June 6/96 - Development Variance Permit DVP1996-04**

534/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Memo, June 6/96 - Development Variance Permit DVP 1996-04 and APPROVE Development Variance Permit DVP 1996-04. CARRIED

**7. Memo, June 6/96 - 3R's Program**

535/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE for information the Memo, June 6/96 - 3R's Program and INVITE members of the Environmental Advisory Committee to the Special Meeting on June 18, 1996 with Dan Fast of the 3R's Program. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports: - Cont'd.

8. Memo, June 11/96 - Upgrading Procedure for Fire Separations in the City of Merritt

536/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE for information the Memo, June 11/96 - Upgrading Procedure for Fire separations in the City of Merritt CARRIED

537/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council DIRECT Administration to ADD the Upgrading Procedure for Fire Separations to the Policy and Procedures Manual for the City of Merritt. CARRIED

At 9:10 p.m. the one remaining member of the General Public left the meeting.

10. BYLAWS:

a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1553, 1996

538/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1553, 1996.** CARRIED

b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1554, 1996

539/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1554, 1996.** CARRIED

At 9:38 p.m., Fire Chief Finley left the meeting.

c) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1559, 1996

540/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1559, 1996.** CARRIED

d) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1560, 1996

541/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1560, 1996.** CARRIED

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

- e) City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1566, 1996.

542/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION,  
DISPOSAL AND CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1566, 1996.**  
CARRIED

543/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SOLID WASTE  
COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1566,  
1996.**  
CARRIED

544/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council  
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION,  
DISPOSAL, AND CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1566, 1996.**  
CARRIED

- f) City of Merritt All Terrain Vehicle Amendment Bylaw No. 1567, 1996.

This bylaw is currently under review by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and the RCMP Police and will be coming before Council after consultation with Administration, with amendments that will make the bylaw more easily enforced.

545/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE  
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1567, 1996. UNANIMOUSLY DEFEATED**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Potential Council Responses:**

1. Urban Systems Ltd., May 27/96 - Parker Drive  
Slippage Abatement

546/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**RECEIVE the Urban Systems Ltd., May 27/96 - Parker Drive Slippage  
Abatement letter for information and discussion.**  
CARRIED

547/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council  
**AUTHORIZE initiation of the Parker Drive Slippage Abatement Program as  
outlined in Urban Systems letter of May 27/96.**  
CARRIED

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

2. School District #31, May 30/96 - City/School District Reciprocal Use Agreement
- 548/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the School District #31, May 30/96 - City/School District Reciprocal Use Agreement for discussion and DIRECT the City Staff to enter into negotiations leading to a new Agreement. CARRIED
3. City of Williams Lake, May 29/96 - Invitation to Williams Lake Stampede and Challenge
- 549/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the City of Williams Lake letter of May 29/96 - Invitation to Williams Lake Stampede and Challenge and SEND a letter of regrets as Council Members are unable to attend. CARRIED
  4. Marie Boniface, June 4/96 - Recycling

550/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Marie Boniface letter of June 4/96 - Recycling and SEND a letter in response outlining the status of the recycling program and the rationale behind the "two bag limit" for garbage collection. CARRIED

  5. Mair Jensen Blair, June 5/96 - Proposed Neighbourhood Pub

551/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Mair Jensen Blair letter of June 5/96 - Proposed Neighbourhood Pub and DIRECT the Planning Department to provide an explanation of the development process to the writer. CARRIED

  6. Goal Getters Training and Careers Inc. June 3/96 - Office Practices and Computer Skills Practicum

552/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Goal Getters Training and Careers Inc. letter of June 3/96 - and REFER the request to Administration for a response. CARRIED

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

7. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, June 6/96 - Street Mall

553/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter of June 6/96 and GRANT their request to close the 2000 block of Quilchena Ave for a street mall during the Merritt Mountain Music Festival, July 18,19,20 from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. CARRIED

8. District of Logan Lake, June 10/96 - July 1st Parade

554/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the District of Logan Lake letter of June 10/96 - July 1st Parade and SEND a letter of regrets as Council Members are unable to attend. CARRIED

**b) Receive:**

1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

- i. May 15/96 - Contaminated Sites Regulation - Expert Review Panel
- ii. May 23/96 - Aboriginal Update

2. Jim Hart, May 27/96 - Amendments to the Copyright Act

3. TNRD, May 30/96 - Open House for Regional Growth Strategy

555/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the following correspondence:

1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities

- i. May 15/96 - Contaminated Sites Regulation - Expert Review Panel
- ii. May 23/96 - Aboriginal Update

2. Jim Hart, May 27/96 - Amendments to the Copyright Act

3. TNRD, May 30/96 - Open House for Regional Growth Strategy

CARRIED

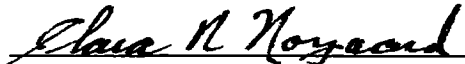
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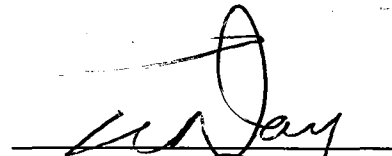
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**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

556/96      Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
TERMINATE this meeting at 10:06 p.m.      CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

  
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T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK