

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., WEST AUDITORIUM, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Planner - F.Sinclair
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison
MEDIA: Shaw Cable (3), Merritt News, Merritt Herald, NL Radio
DELEGATION: Youth Services Canada (6)

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., July 23/96

677/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., July 23/96 including the Extra Agenda items:

9. REPORTS

c) Administration Reports:

7. NMV, July 05, 1996 - Verbal report from Planner
8. Memo, July 23, 1996 - Sign Bylaw

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- a) Youth Service Canada - Randal Typusiak, Coordinator

The Coordinator, Randal Typusiak spoke to introduce the members of the Youth Service Canada group that were present and outlined their program.

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5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

a) Youth Service Canada - Cont'd.

This is a six month pilot program under the auspices of Human Resources Canada to employ and create opportunities for young unemployed Canadians. The participants are local and are working on projects that provide service to the community by identifying community problems which are then addressed by the group, thereby giving them responsibility, a team environment, and opportunities for career planning. The participants act in partnership with other community organizations, the RCMP in this particular situation, along with the Youth Resources Society. Helen Oliphant and Cpl. Ron Angel originally applied for the program. The participants are paid \$200/week, with the opportunity to apply for a \$2,000 stipend at the end to start a business, continue their education, pay off students loans. Jaz Ghag, a member of the GenX team, spoke on the projects that his team is working on, such as a pin map of local crime locations, setting up crime prevention programs, and bicycle safety. Derek Marshall of the Dream Catchers team discussed the youth participation they have encouraged, such as supervising and organizing a picnic at Monck Park, road trips to various activities, supervising the teen centre on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, fundraising endeavours, and working towards the establishment of a skateboard park.

At 7:55 p.m. the six members of the Youth Services Canada group left the meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

a) Regular Council Meeting, June 25/96

678/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting of June 25/96 with the correction of the Civic Parks and Recreation Commission from Parks and Recreation Commission on pages 11 and 21. CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.

9. REPORTS:

a) **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported that approximately 300 people received information from the Economic Development booth at the Merritt Mountain Music Festival.

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9. REPORTS: Cont'd.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

1) Councillor Cowan -

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - The role of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission is going to be dealt with at the next meeting. The Arena Retrofit is moving along fairly close to schedule, and going well, there was a meeting regarding the Civic Centre Retrofit on June 13/96.

i. Minutes, Meeting July 3/96

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Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Minutes, Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Meeting July 3/96. **CARRIED**

Local Access Awareness - Nil.
Affordable Housing - Nil.

2) Councillor Laird -

Public Works - All the capital expenditures have been completed except for the sidewalks and road work on Merritt Avenue which will be completed once the Arena Retrofit is finished.

Community Health Council - Nil.
Special Events Committee - The planning for the Labour Day weekend celebrations has now started.

3) Councillor McCormack -

Economic Development and Planning - The booth at the MMMF was well attended and created a lot of interest. There will be a BIA meeting on July 25, 1996 at 7 p.m. in the Civic Centre.
NV Development Centre - A delegation visited the Enterprise Centre in Dawson Creek to gather information for a similar project in Merritt.

4) Councillor McLean - Absent.

Airport - Merritt Flying Club - Nil.
Chamber of Commerce - Nil.

5) Councillor Miller -

Protective Services & Public Safety - Nil.
South Central Union Board of Health - The meeting scheduled for July 23/96 is cancelled.
Healthy Communities - Nil.

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9. REPORTS:

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

- 6) **Councillor Typusiak -**
Administration & Finance - Nil.
Environmental Advisory - Nil.

c) **Administration Reports:**

1. Memo, July 11/96 - Second Amendment to DP1994-D

680/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 11/96 - Second Amendment to DP1994-D and Memo, July 17, 1996 - Development Permit Amendment DP94-D(2a) for information. **CARRIED**

681/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council APPROVE Development Permit 1994-D(2a) subject to the following:
a) That the applicants proposed colour changes be approved.
b) That the neon strip along the perimeter of the restaurant building not be approved. **CARRIED**

2. Memo, July 15/96 - Additional Court Dates

682/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 15/96 - Additional Court Dates. **CARRIED**

The meeting was interrupted by a message to announce that the Collettsville water system was experiencing pump problems and immediate water consumption restrictions were in effect in Collettsville until further notice. The meeting was recessed for ten minutes to allow the Administration to deal with the Collettsville situation.

3. Statistics, Water Consumption

This report will be delayed until the end of the meeting to allow the Administrator to provide information to Council.

4. Memo, July 17, 1996 - Development Permit Amendment DP94-D(2a)

This was dealt with along with item 1.

5. Memo, July 18/96 - Recycling Services

683/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 18/96 - Recycling Services. **CARRIED**

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

5. Memo, July 18/96 - Recycling Services - Cont'd.

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Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council INSTRUCT staff to terminate efforts to re-establish recycling services and that City Council ask the TNRD to pursue the concept of establishing regional-wide recycling services and to locate a regional recycling depot in the City of Merritt as a pilot project to test its feasibility. CARRIED

6. Memo, July 18/96 - Agricultural Land Commission Block Exclusions.

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Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 18/96 - Agricultural Land Commission Block Exclusions and that Council AUTHORIZE the Planning Department to pursue the block exclusions noted in the Agricultural Land Commissions letter of March 12, 1996. CARRIED

7. NMV, July 05, 1996 - Verbal report from Planner

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Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the NMV letter of July 05/96 - Verbal report from Planner.

8. Memo, July 23, 1996 - Sign Bylaw

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Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 23/96 - Sign Bylaw and AUTHORIZE staff to prepare a new sign bylaw and AUTHORIZE a moratorium on Sign Bylaw No. 1265 that no new sign permits be accepted until such time as the new bylaw is adopted by Council. CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

a) City of Merritt Water Specified Area (Northeast Sector) Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1547, 1996

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Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT WATER SPECIFIED AREA (NORTHEAST SECTOR) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1547, 1996.** CARRIED

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10. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

- b) City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Specified Area (Northeast Sector) Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1548, 1996
- 689/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council
**ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT SANITARY SEWER SPECIFIED AREA
(NORTHEAST SECTOR) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1548, 1996. CARRIED**
- c) City of Merritt Emergency Program Bylaw No. 1569, 1996
- 690/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT EMERGENCY PROGRAM
BYLAW NO. 1569, 1996. CARRIED**
- 691/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT EMERGENCY PROGRAM
BYLAW NO. 1569, 1996. CARRIED**
- 692/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT EMERGENCY PROGRAM
BYLAW NO. 1569, 1996. CARRIED**
- d) City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Truck Route Construction) Bylaw No. 1574, 1996
- 693/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council
DEFER the Adoption of City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Truck Route
Construction) Bylaw No. 1574, 1996 until such time as the Truck Route Contract
is awarded. **CARRIED**
- e) City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Arena Renovations) Bylaw No. 1575, 1996
- 694/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY BORROWING (ARENA
RENOVATIONS) BYLAW NO. 1575, 1996. CARRIED**
- f) City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Collettsville Water Services) Bylaw No. 1576, 1996
- 695/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council
**ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY BORROWING (COLLETTVILLE
WATER SERVICES) BYLAW NO. 1576, 1996. CARRIED**

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10. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

- g) City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Collettsville Sanitary Sewer Services) Bylaw No. 1577, 1996

696/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY BORROWING (COLLETTVILLE SANITARY SEWER SERVICES) BYLAW NO. 1577, 1996.** CARRIED

- h) City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1578, 1996

697/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1578, 1996.** CARRIED

- i) City of Merritt Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 1579, 1996

698/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW NO. 1579, 1996.** CARRIED

- j) City of Merritt Development Cost Charge Parkland Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1580, 1996

699/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE PARKLAND RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1580, 1996.** CARRIED

- k) City of Merritt Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 1581, 1996

700/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENCE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1581, 1996.** CARRIED

- i. Brian Jepsen, May 8, 1996 - Resubmitted at Mr. Jepsen's request. This letter was previously received by Council.

Council instructed administration staff to prepare an amendment clarifying the hours allowable for a Farmer's Market.

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10. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

- l) City of Merritt Local Government Elections and Other Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 1582, 1996.

701/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1582, 1996.** CARRIED

9. REPORTS: Deferred from earlier in the meeting.

c) Administration Reports:

3. Statistics, Water Consumption - deferred from earlier in meeting.

702/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Statistics, Water Consumption and the verbal report from the Administrator regarding the water situation. CARRIED

Council requested additional information on water consumption, including a comparison of water consumption from a "hot week" in late August of 1995 to the same period in 1996.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

1. Office of the Official Opposition
i. July 5/96 - Hansard
ii. July 17/96 - Forest Renewal B.C.

703/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE Office of the Official Opposition letter of July 5/96 - Hansard CARRIED

704/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE Office of the Official Opposition letter of July 17/96 - Forest Renewal B.C. and SEND a letter of opposition to the Government's proposal of diverting Forest Renewal B.C. funds to general revenue. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

2. Ministry of Transportation and Highways
 - i. July 9/96 - UBCM appointments
 - ii. July 12/96 - 1996/97 Capital Rehabilitation Programs

705/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Ministry of Transportation and Highways letter of July 9/96 - UBCM appointments and SEND a letter to the Ministry outlining the issues that Council wishes to discuss with them as follows:
- Coldwater Road, Highway 5A Interchange
- The upgrading of the 2 lane section of Hwy 97C from Aspen Grove to Merritt to 4 lanes.

706/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Ministry of Transportation and Highways letter of July 12/96 - 1996/97 Capital Rehabilitation Programs and SEND a letter reminding them that the Colletville road rehabilitation remains forty percent unfunded. CARRIED

3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, July 16/96 - Study Grant

707/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Ministry of Municipal Affairs letter of July 16/96 - Study Grant for information. CARRIED

4. Marcel Bedard, July 18/96 - Farmer's Market

708/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Marcel Bedard letter of July 18/96 - Farmer's Market and SEND a letter informing Mr. Bedard that the City will not be approving any sign permits until the new sign bylaw is adopted. CARRIED

b) Receive:

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, June 25/96 - federal payments-in-lieu of property taxes
2. Thompson Nicola Regional District Building Department Statistics for June, 1996.
3. Letter, July 17/96 - Merritt Morning Mirror
4. Bob's Mini Mart, July 18/96 - Thank you to Fire Dept.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

b) Receive: - Cont'd.

5. UBCM, July 18/96 - Member Release

709/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the correspondence:

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, June 25/96 - federal payments-in-lieu of property taxes
2. Thompson Nicola Regional District Building Department Statistics for June, 1996.
3. Letter, July 17/96 - Merritt Morning Mirror
4. Bob's Mini Mart, July 18/96 - Thank you to Fire Dept.
5. UBCM, July 18/96 - Member Release

and SEND a copy of the Bob's Mini Mart letter of July 18/96 to the Fire Department.

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

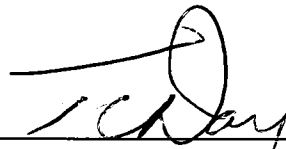
13. ADJOURNMENT:

710/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:42 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR



T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK