

## CITY OF MERRITT

### AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., WEST AUDITORIUM, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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- a) City of Merritt Emergency Program Bylaw No. 1569, 1996 - 31-38  
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**a) Potential Council Responses:**

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## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., WEST AUDITORIUM, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day  
Fire Chief - R. Finley  
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison  
MEDIA: Merritt Herald, NL Radio

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues. July 9, 1996

647/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., July 9/96 including the  
Extra Agenda item, Memo, July 9/96 - Farmer's Market CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nil.

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

6. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

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

648/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council  
ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., June 11/96 with the  
correction noted by Councillor Miller, the location of the CORE Meeting should  
be Merritt. CARRIED

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

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

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9. REPORTS:

a) Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard attended a Circle Tours Meeting in Keremeos at which a sample of the 1997 Brochure was circulated for discussion. The Ministry of Tourism is now known as Tourism B.C. which is a Special Operating Agency of the Provincial Government. Mayor Norgaard updated Council on the meeting which was held to discuss the Coldwater and Nicola River restorations and expressed her displeasure with the lack of solutions offered by the government agencies present. Congratulations are extended to the Special Events Committee for the successful July 1st celebrations.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

1) **Councillor Cowan -**

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - Nil.

Local Access Awareness - Recessed for the summer, resume in Sept.

Affordable Housing - Nil.

2) **Councillor Laird -**

Public Works - Nil.

Community Health Council - The next meeting will take place on Wed., July 10/96.

Special Events Committee - The July 1st celebrations were very successful, including the co-operation of the weather, and had a large turnout. A financial report will be forthcoming with approximately \$1,600 of the \$3,000 budget spent. NVIT contributed a \$600 grant towards the facilitator. The plans for the Rodeo Weekend celebrations centre at present on hiring a facilitator to coordinate that celebration. A summary will be prepared on the preparation and overview of the July 1st events.

3) **Councillor McCormack -**

Economic Development and Planning - There will be a display booth at the Merritt Mountain Music Festival to distribute information and the promotional video. There has been a new business card featuring a gold pan on the front ready to be distributed to visitors. A new internet home page is being planned which will feature the promotional video.

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Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE the expenditure of \$1,500 from the Economical Development Budget for the digitalization of the promotional video. **CARRIED**

The Community Profile covers should be ready by the end of the month. There is a BIA meeting on Thursday, July 25/96 at which Martin Thomas from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will be available for information.

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9. REPORTS:

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

NV Development Centre - Meetings are currently taking place with different sectors of the community to form a strategy.

4) **Councillor McLean -**

Airport - Merritt Flying Club - Nil.

Chamber of Commerce - The Chamber is extremely busy with the Merritt Mountain Music Festival.

5) **Councillor Miller -**

Protective Services & Public Safety - Nil.

South Central Union Board of Health - Nil.

Healthy Communities - Nil.

6) **Councillor Typusiak - absent.**

Administration & Finance - Nil.

Environmental Advisory - Nil.

c) Administration Reports:

1) Verbal report from City Planner Re: Postal Boxes on the Bench.

The Administrator provided information on the installation of new Super Mail Boxes in the Bench area which will eventually replace the rural boxes in all the area north of the Nicola River. These property owners will then use their civic addresses as their postal addresses

2) Memo, July 2, 1996 - Fire Safety and Upgrading Inspection Program.

650/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
RECEIVE the Memo, July 2/96 - Fire Safety and Upgrading Inspection  
Program. CARRIED

3) Memo, July 2, 1996 - Month-End Report for June 1996

651/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
RECEIVE the Memo, July 2/96 - Month-End Report for June 1996. CARRIED

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**9. REPORTS:**

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

- 4) Memo, July 2, 1996 - Contract for Services to the Lower Nicola Indian Band Fire Department.

652/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 2/96 - Contract for Services to the Lower Nicola Indian Band Fire Department. CARRIED

653/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council DENY the request to enter into an agreement with the Lower Nicola Indian Band Fire Department to provide services. CARRIED

**10. BYLAWS:**

- a) City of Merritt Business License Bylaw No. 1581 Amendment Bylaw No. 1581

654/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 9/96 - Farmer's Market. CARRIED

655/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1581, 1996.** CARRIED

656/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1581, 1996.** CARRIED

657/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1581, 1996.** CARRIED

- b) Memo, July 3, 1996 - Re: 1996 Local Government Elections and Amending Election Bylaw No. 1404, 1993

658/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, July 3, 1996 - Re: 1996 Local Government Elections and Amending Election Bylaw No. 1404, 1993. CARRIED

659/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **APPOINT C.A.Penny and Laura M. Sanders to the positions of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer respectively.** CARRIED

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**10. BYLAWS:**

- b) Memo, July 3, 1996 - Re: 1996 Local Government Elections and Amending Election Bylaw No. 1404, 1993 - Cont'd.
- 660/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1582, 1996.** CARRIED
- 661/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1582, 1996.** CARRIED
- 662/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1582, 1996.** CARRIED

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Potential Council Responses:**

1. B.C. Old Time Fiddlers' Association Branch 8, June 27/96 - Request for assistance.
- 663/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **RECEIVE** the B.C. Old Time Fiddlers' Association Branch 8 letter of June 27/96 - Request for assistance CARRIED
- 664/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **SEND** a polite letter **DENYING** the B.C. Old Time Fiddlers' Association Branch 8 request for assistance. CARRIED
2. Thank you to Merritt Volunteers
- i. Canadian Consulate General, June 21, 1996
- ii. Sue Burney, June 19, 1996 - Thank you to Merritt Volunteers
- 665/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **RECEIVE** the Thank you to Merritt Volunteers letters from:
- i. Canadian Consulate General, June 21, 1996
- ii. Sue Burney, June 19, 1996 - Thank you to Merritt Volunteers CARRIED

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

3. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, June 20, 1996 - Merritt Provincial Court Requirements

666/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the Royal Canadian Mounted Police letter of June 20, 1996 - Merritt Provincial Court Requirements. **CARRIED**

4. Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd.  
July 3, 1996 - Hydrostatic - Water Pressure Testing Information

667/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd., letter of July 3, 1996 - Hydrostatic Water Pressure Testing Information. **CARRIED**

5. District of Sicamous, July 2, 1996 - 1996 UBCM Convention - Resolution - Capital Rehabilitation Program

668/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the District of Sicamous letter of July 2, 1996 - 1996 UBCM Convention - Resolution and SEND letter of support for their Resolution regarding the Capital Rehabilitation Program. **CARRIED**

**b) Receive:**

1. Healthy Communities - Volunteer Center Committee, June 21, 1996 - Merritt Volunteer Centre

669/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Healthy Communities - Volunteer Center Committee letter of June 21, 1996 **CARRIED**

2. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, June 28/96 - Budget Highlights

670/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, June 28/96 - Budget Highlights. **CARRIED**

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12. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The old Baillie Property

671/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council  
INVITE proposals for the disposition of the old Baillie Property at the corner of  
Voght and Mammette Avenues. CARRIED

The proposals must include the specific use, location, preservation/restoration  
plans and the anticipated date of removal.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

672/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council  
TERMINATE this meeting at 8:23 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

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T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK

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.

**DRAFT**

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:

**DRAFT**

- 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

679/96

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.

**DRAFT**

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 alot 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

**DRAFT**

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

CITY OF MERRITT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 23, 1996

9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

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

684/96 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.

685/96 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

686/96 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

687/96 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

688/96 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

CITY OF MERRITT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 23, 1996

**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.

CITY OF MERRITT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 23, 1996

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:

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C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

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T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1996 AT 7:00 P.M., WEST AUDITORIUM CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

Mayor -

C.Norgaard

Councillors-

R.Typusiak, D.McLean, H.McCormack, D.Laird, L.Miller

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator -

T.Day

Confidential Secretary -

B.Harrison

Development Officer -

J.Johnson

MEDIA:

NL Radio, Merritt Herald

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Special Council Meeting, July 30/96

711/96

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Special Council Meeting, July 30/96 including the addition of the Active Mountain Entertainment Corp. letter, July 29/96 under Reports.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Nil.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.

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CITY OF MERRITT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, TUES., JULY 30/96

9. REPORTS:

Mayor Norgaard reported that the feedback she had from the local truckers concerning the proposed Merritt Truck Route was positive, they felt the route and the grade were acceptable, although they wished they had been consulted more during the planning process.

a) Truck Route

1. Memo, July 25/96
2. Jonathan Huggett, July 25/96
3. Active Mountain Entertainment Corp., July 29/96

712/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Truck Route correspondence:  
1. Memo, July 25/96  
2. Jonathan Huggett, July 25/96  
3. Active Mountain Entertainment Corp., July 29/96 CARRIED

713/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council DECLARE Walter & SCI Construction (Canada) Ltd. the preferred proponent for the Truck Route Design/Build Project., further that staff and its consultants be authorized to enter into final negotiations with the preferred proponent, leading to the finalization of a contract for the Truck Route Design/Build Project. CARRIED

714/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council SEND a thank you letter to Active Mountain Entertainment Corp. for their donation of the Truck Route right-of-way. CARRIED

b) Arena Retrofit

**DRAFT**

1. Merritt Centennials, July 24/96
2. Letter, July 29/96

715/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Arena Retrofit correspondence:  
1. Merritt Centennials, July 24/96  
2. Letter, July 29/96  
for discussion. CARRIED

CITY OF MERRITT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, TUES., JULY 30/96

10. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Truck Route Construction)  
Bylaw No.1574, 1996

716/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that  
Council **RESCIND THIRD READING OF CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY  
BORROWING (TRUCK ROUTE CONSTRUCTION) BYLAW NO. 1574, 1996**  
CARRIED

717/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that  
Council **AMEND CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY BORROWING (TRUCK  
ROUTE CONSTRUCTION) BYLAW NO. 1574, 1996** to increase the amount  
necessary to borrow to \$1,560,000.00. CARRIED

- b) Collettsville Zoning Bylaws

**DRAFT**

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1583,  
1996

718/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that  
Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1583, 1996.** CARRIED

719/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that  
Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1583, 1996.** CARRIED

2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No., 1584 1996.

720/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT  
BYLAW NO. 1584, 1996.** CARRIED

721/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council  
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT  
BYLAW NO.1584, 1996.** CARRIED

722/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council  
**SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1583, 1996 AND CITY  
OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1584, 1996 FOR  
THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1996.** CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

CITY OF MERRITT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, TUES., JULY 30/96

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Appointment of Acting Deputy Clerk (Sukh Gill)

723/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
APPOINT Sukhbinder Gill to the position of Acting Deputy Clerk for the  
City of Merritt. CARRIED

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

724/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council  
TERMINATE this meeting at 7:54 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

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T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK



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## M E M O R A N D U M

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**DATE:** August 7, 1996  
**TO:** Administrator  
**FROM:** Development Officer  
**RE:** SD1996-05 (extension of Walters Street)

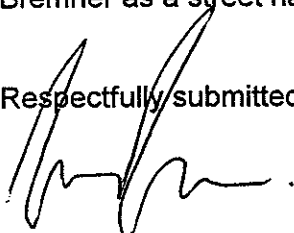
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Mr. Bremner the applicant for Subdivision 1996-05 is requesting specific street names for his subdivision. These street names are Bremner (an Alderman from 1955 - 1960) Court and Nicholson (an Alderman from 1932 - 1933) Street.

As per Councils policy street names are chosen from a chronological list of previous elected officials for the City of Merritt. The planning department is currently up to the year 1932.

Our department is requesting direction from Council for the applicants request to use Bremner as a street name within this subdivision.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Johnson

Development Officer

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## M E M O R A N D U M

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**DATE:** August 7, 1996  
**TO:** Administrator  
**FROM:** Development Officer  
**RE:** *Economic Development Activity Report for June and July*

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This report briefly summarizes some of the activities that occurred in Economic Development for the months of June and July.

The City's promotional tools have expanded as a number of the Economic Development Committee's project have been completed:

- The Gold Pan card is completed and ready for distribution. The card featuring Merritt as a Golden Opportunity with a map of Merritt and some quick facts is now available to all organizations and individuals in the community. The Committees intent for these cards is to have them distributed at various functions that members of the community attend. We invite all members of the community to contact City Hall to collect a number of these cards to hand out on their travels.
  
- The City Profile is now fully completed as the cover page has been revised to include colour. This 25 page document provides detailed information on Merritt and the Nicola Valley. The profile is a valuable tool that is sent to people requesting information on the Merritt area. We currently have approximately 250 copies of the Profile ready for distribution. The profile, in conjunction with the video, gives a written and visual impression of our City and its attributes (to date we have given out over 80 copies of the Economic Development Video).

The City's Internet home page is close to being ready for a test run to the Economic Development Committee. The consultant and myself are currently working on completing the content of the page (graphics and having the video digitized). We look for a final product to be ready by the end of August. I believe that this promotional tool will lead to a number of new inquiries to the City from people who have previously not been able to access our community. The Economic Development Committee has been quite proactive in the development of this tool ensuring that the page contains new developments in Internet technology as well as enabling future developments to be incorporated into the page.

In June I had the opportunity to attend the 'You Bet' seminar presented by the Ministry of Small Business Tourism and Culture. This seminar was to promote the start of new businesses by the youth of our community. I was able to speak to a number of youth who were very keen on initiating their own small business. Industry analysts suggest that small business will be the key

to future growth. It was refreshing to see the youth of our community interested in starting their own business.

An ad was presented in the August edition of the Western Investor. The Committee expects to receive a number of business based inquiries derived from this ad. I have already received four inquiries directly related to this advertisement. My next report will detail the number and type of inquiries received from this ad.

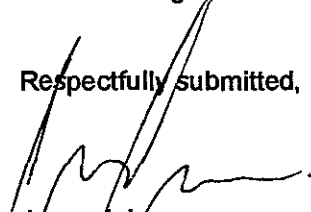
July 18 - 21 was Merritt Mountain Music Festival. The City's Economic Development Committee was presented the opportunity to have a booth throughout the entire fair. At the booth a number of volunteers and the Committee promoted Merritt and the Nicola Valley. I estimate that approximately 300 people stopped by the booth to receive information. The inquiries were generally about real estate and the cost of living in Merritt. The Gold Pan cards were a big hit as they generated discussion on Merritt. The Committee would like to thank the volunteers and the promoter of the Festival for contributing their time and the booth to the City's promotion. For the cost of our participation and the exposure we received I would recommend that the City attend next years festival as well.

On July 25, 1996 the City hosted an information session on Business Improvement Areas. The panel consisted of Martin Thomas from Municipal Affairs and two representatives from a well known BIA consultant firm in Vancouver. Members from the Chamber and representatives from the Ashcroft area were enlightened on the processes of BIA and what it could mean to a community. The sessions primary goal was to give information to the Chamber for their BIA initiative. On July 31, 1996 I attended the Chambers BIA Committee meeting. At this meeting the Chamber informed me that they would be bringing a consultant in to help facilitate introducing a BIA to Merritt. Council can expect to see activity formulating around a BIA in Merritt in the near future. I will update Council on the BIA activities as they occur. The Chamber is currently negotiating with the consultant on time frames and cost.

Most of the inquiries in June and July have been from commercial businesses wishing to relocate to Merritt. We also received a number of questions on new home based businesses. I had the opportunity to work with seven home based businesses. In the summer months inquiries on creating new commercial and industrial businesses slow down somewhat as the summer months are the building time. Most companies initiate the inquiry process in the fall and winter in order to be ready for the building months. I anticipate that inquiries both commercial and industrial will exceed last years levels.

The Economic Development Committee has met quite consistently on a bi-weekly basis. Our next Planning Session is scheduled for August 29th, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Johnson  
Development Officer

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: TOM DAY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**FROM: JEFF NORBURN, AQUATIC CENTRE MANAGER**

**DATE: AUGUST 8, 1996**

**RE: LABOUR DAY PARADE ROUTE**

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The Labour Day planning committee has been holding regular meetings to organize the activities for the Labour Day Community Celebration, including the parade. At the committee's meeting on August 6 the planned parade route was confirmed. The committee would like the parade to begin at the corner of Quilchena Avenue and Blair Street and proceed west on Quilchena through the downtown core. The parade would turn left on Main Street and would end at Voght Park. The date selected for the parade this year is Labour Day, Monday September 2, 1996. The parade is scheduled to start at 12:00 noon.

The Committee is planning a number of events to occur at Voght Park including entertainment, concessions, and a wide variety of other activities. One of the activities planned is a "Push, Pull, or Drag Race". The committee would like to run this race on Spring Street between Coldwater Avenue and Canford Avenue. The Committee has also made tentative arrangements with a group of local artists who wish to paint a mural on the outside wall of the concession at Voght Park.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Labour Day Parade be held on Monday September 2, 1996 at 12:00 noon starting at the corner of Blair Street and Quilchena Avenue and ending at Voght Park, and that all motor vehicle traffic along the route be restricted during the time of the parade.
2. That Voght Park be reserved exclusively for the Labour Day Community Celebration on Monday September 2, 1996.
3. That Spring Street, between Coldwater Avenue and Canford Avenue, be closed to motor vehicle traffic in order to hold the Push, Pull, or Drag Race during the afternoon of September 2, 1996 from approximately 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
4. That local artists be permitted to paint a mural on the exterior walls of the concession at Voght Park as part of the Labour Day Community Celebration.

  
Jeff Norburn  
Aquatic Centre Manager

ATTN JASON

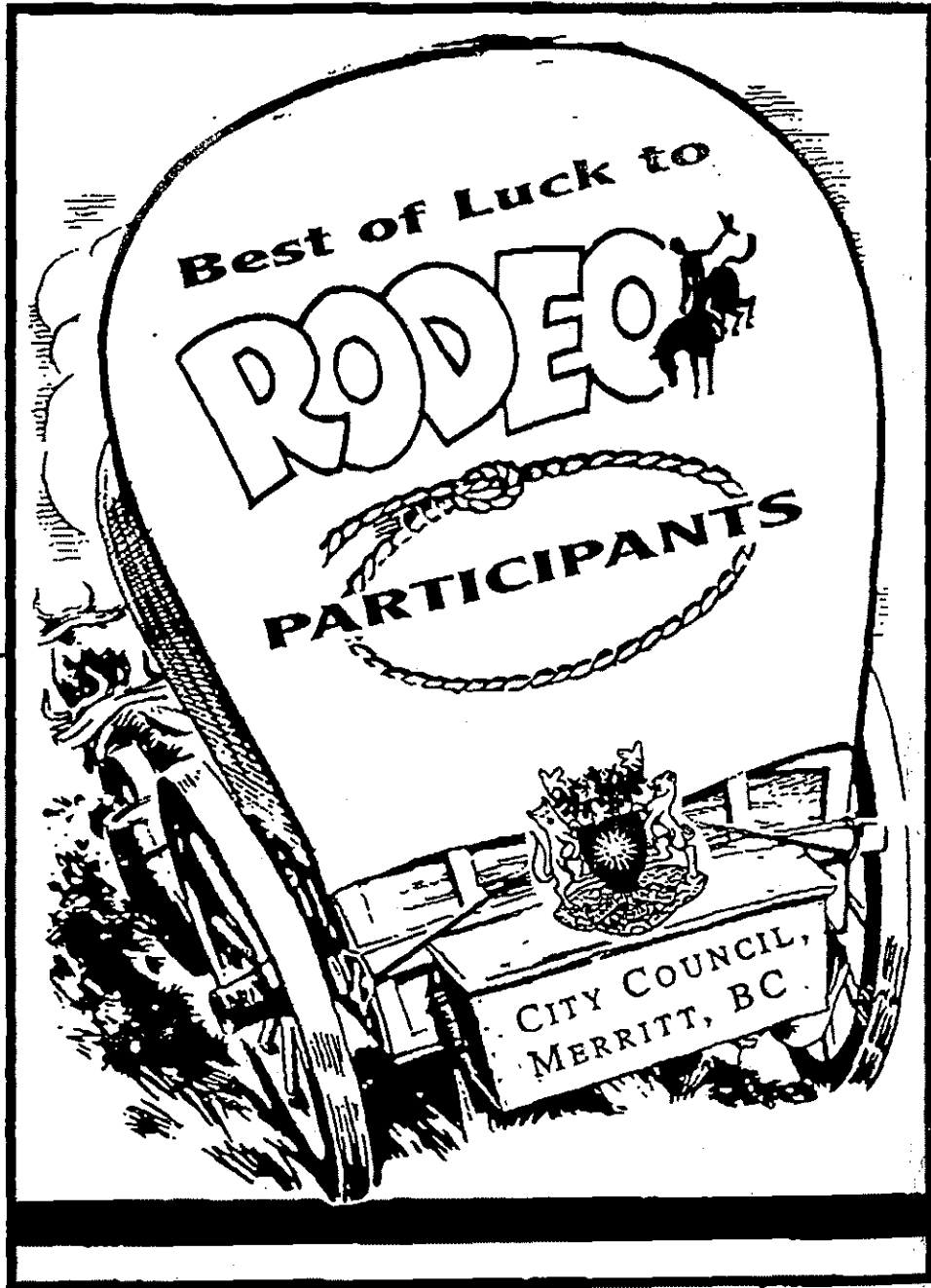
OUR LABOUR DAY WEEKEND IS COMING UP SHORTLY AND WE ARE PREPARING OUR ANNUAL RODEO & FALL FAIR SUPPLEMENT WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AUG 28 JUST PRIOR TO THE WEEKEND.

THIS IS A COPY OF THE CITY'S AD FROM LAST YEAR.

NATURALLY, WE WOULD CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE SAME PARTICIPATION FOR 1996.

COST REMAINS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AT \$155.00

PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



ANY QUESTIONS JUST GIVE ME A CALL 378-4241

Thanks, Dale. OR FAX 378-6818

**CITY OF MERRITT**  
**BYLAW NO. 1569**

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**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY PLANS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MERRITT.**

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WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to establish and maintain an emergency management program to develop and implement emergency plans,

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to provide a comprehensive management program to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as **"CITY OF MERRITT EMERGENCY PROGRAM BYLAW NO. 1569, 1996"**.
2. **DEFINITIONS:**

In this bylaw:

- "Act" means the Emergency Program Act, SBC, 1993;
- "Council" means the Council of the City of Merritt;
- "Declaration of a state of local emergency" means a declaration of Council or the Mayor that an emergency exists or is imminent in the municipality;
- "Disaster" means a calamity that:  
- is caused by accident, fire, explosion or technical failure or by the forces of nature, and;  
- has resulted in serious harm to the health, safety or welfare of people, or in widespread damage to property.

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**CITY OF MERRITT  
BYLAW NO. 1569**

**2. DEFINITIONS: - Cont'd.**

- "Emergency" means a present or imminent event that:  
- is caused by accident, fire, explosion or technical failure or by the forces of nature, and;  
- requires prompt coordination or action or special regulation of persons or property, to protect the health, safety, or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;
- "Emergency Program Coordinator" means the person appointed by the Council as head of the Merritt Emergency Program;
- "Mayor" means that member of Council who is head and chief executive officer of the municipality or her designate;
- "Municipality" means all of the area within the boundaries of the City of Merritt;
- "Emergency Program Planning Committee" means the Emergency Program Executive Committee, Emergency Coordinator and such other persons appointed and functional groups established and which are charged with emergency preparedness, response and recovery measures.

This bylaw shall be construed in accordance with the Emergency Program Act, SBC, 1993, Chapter 41 and all Regulations made thereunder.

**3. ADMINISTRATION**

- a) An Emergency Executive Committee shall be composed of:
- i) The Mayor and one or more Council Members;
  - ii) The Administrator of the City of Merritt, or his alternate;
  - iii) Emergency Program Coordinator;
  - iv) Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator;
  - v) Fire Chief;
  - vi) such other members that the Council may determine.

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**3. ADMINISTRATION - Cont'd.**

- b) The Council shall appoint a "Merritt Emergency Program Coordinator" to facilitate emergency preparedness, response and recovery measures.
- c) Subject to the approval of the Council, the Emergency Executive Committee may:
  - i) make and amend its terms of reference, policies and procedures,
  - ii) enter into agreements with regional districts or other municipalities for the purpose of emergency assistance or the formulation of coordinated emergency preparedness, response or recovery, and
  - iii) enter into agreements with individuals, bodies, corporations or other non-government agencies for the provision of goods or services.

**4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MERRITT EMERGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

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- a) The Merritt Emergency Program Coordinator shall:
  - i) Advise the Mayor and Council on all matters relating to the Emergency Programs.
  - ii) Co-ordinate the Emergency Program guides prepared by the Municipal Departments, emergency services and supporting agencies.
  - iii) Advise and assist department heads and emergency services in all matters relating to planning, organization and training.
  - iv) Prepare annual budgets and estimates of expenditures for submission to the City Treasurer for the operation and maintenance of the Emergency Program Organization.
  - v) Formulate and conduct a training program and carry out such studies and exercises as a required to keep the Emergency Program in a tested state of readiness.
  - vi) Select suitable candidates for applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal Training Courses.

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**4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MERRITT EMERGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR - Cont'd.**

- vii) Prepare and carry out a continuing program of public information so that the population comprising the City of Merritt is informed of the emergency measures that they should take or are taken on their behalf.
- viii) Advise the Executive Committee on all matters relating to the economy and effectiveness of the Emergency Program.
- ix) Develop emergency services and guides in those areas of the Emergency Program which are not normally the responsibility of existing municipal services.
- x) Provide advice to persons and private organizations on all matters relating to Emergency Programs.
- xi) Manage and maintain an Emergency Operations Center in the City of Merritt.

**5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Merritt Emergency Executive Committee shall prepare and present to the Council for review and approval:

- a) a list of hazards to which the municipality is subject and which also indicates the relative risk of occurrence,
- b) plans respecting the preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters, which include:
  - i) a periodic review and updating of plans and procedures for that review,
  - ii) a program of emergency response exercises,
  - iii) a training program,
  - iv) procedures by which physical and financial emergency resources or assistance may be obtained,
  - v) procedures by which emergency plans are to be implemented,

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5. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL**

b) - Cont'd.

- vi) warning procedures to those persons who may be harmed or suffer loss in an emergency or impending disaster,
- vii) procedures to coordinate the provision of food, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical service to victims of emergencies and disasters, whether that provision is made from within or outside of the municipality, and
- viii) procedures to establish the priorities for restoring essential services provided by the municipality, or recommend priorities to other service providers, that are interrupted during an emergency or disaster.

6. **POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

- a) The Council or the Mayor or the Emergency Program Coordinator [or other person designated in the plan] may, whether or not a state of local emergency has been declared, cause the emergency plan to be implemented.
- b) The Council by bylaw or resolution, or the Mayor by order, may declare a state of local emergency when the extraordinary power or authority enabled by Section 12 of the Act is required to effectively deal with an emergency or disaster in any part of the municipality.
- c) Upon a "declaration of a state of local emergency" being made, Council or the Mayor shall:
  - i) forward a copy of the declaration to the Attorney General, and
  - ii) cause the details of the declaration to be published by a means of communication that the Council or Mayor considers most likely to make the contents of the declaration known to the majority of the population of the affected area.
- d) After a declaration of a state of emergency is made under Section 5.2 of the Act, in respect of all or any part of the municipality and for the duration of the state of emergency, the Council or Mayor may do any or all acts considered necessary and implement procedures that the Council or Mayor considers necessary to prevent, respond or to alleviate the effects of an emergency or a disaster, including any or all of the following: ....6/

6. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

d) - Cont'd.

- i) acquire or use any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster;
- ii) authorize or require any person to render assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or that otherwise is or may be required to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster;
- iii) control or prohibit travel to or from any part of the municipality;
- iv) provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in the municipality;
- v) cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock, animals and personal property from any part of the municipality that is or may be affected by an emergency or a disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons, livestock, animals and personal property;
- vi) authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program or if otherwise considered by the Council or Mayor to be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster;
- vii) cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is considered by the Council or Mayor to be necessary or appropriate in order to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- viii) construct works considered by the Council or Mayor to be necessary or appropriate to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster;
- ix) procure, fix prices for or ration food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies and the use of any property, services, resources or equipment within any part of the municipality for the duration of the local state of emergency; and

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6. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

d) - Cont'd.

- x) authorize the Emergency Coordinator [or other selected person or persons] to exercise, in any part of the municipality affected by a declaration of a local state of emergency, those specific powers enabled in Section 5.4 of the Act and assumed by the Council or Mayor.
- e) The Council or Mayor must, when of the opinion that an emergency no longer exists in the municipality to which a declaration of a local state of emergency was made:
  - i) cancel the declaration of a state of local emergency in relation to that part;
    - by bylaw or resolution, if cancellation is effected by the Council, or
    - by order, if the cancellation is effected by the Mayor, and;
  - ii) promptly notify the Attorney General of the cancellation of the declaration of a state of local emergency.

7. LIABILITY

As enabled by the Act, no person, including, without limitation, the Council, the Mayor, members of the Merritt Emergency Program, employees of the City of Merritt, a volunteer and any other persons appointed, authorized or requested to carry out measures relating to emergencies or disasters, is liable for any loss, cost, expense, damages or injury to persons or property that result from:

- a) the person in good faith doing or omitting to do any act that the person is appointed, authorized or required to do under this bylaw, unless, in doing or omitting to do the act, the person was grossly negligent, or
- b) any acts done or omitted to be done by one or more of the persons who were, under this bylaw, appointed, authorized or required by the person to do the acts, unless in appointing, authorizing or requiring those persons to do the acts, the person was not acting in good faith.





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July 5, 1996

Her Worship Clara Norgaard  
Mayor of the City of Merritt  
Box 189  
Merritt, British Columbia  
V0K 2B0

*Agenda*

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Dear Mayor and Council:

I am very pleased to advise you that I have been selected to serve as the Official Opposition's Critic for Municipal Affairs.

I am, of course, delighted with this appointment. I have many friends in the local government realm, having served seventeen years in local government myself.

If you have problems or concerns in the Municipal Affairs area with which I might assist you, I encourage you to please bring them forward. You should also copy your MLA on such correspondence.

I have appended to this letter a copy of a recent exchange with the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs which may be of interest to you.

I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Yours very truly,

*George*

George Abbott, MLA  
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The NDP reintroduced rent control via Bill 50, while at the same time they repeatedly denied that their changes constituted rent control, preferring to use the term "rent review." There is no doubt that the price of rent is now controlled by the government. A tenant can now appeal any increase in rent, and a landlord must justify the increase to the residential tenancy branch. Rent control creates market distortions and a rental housing economy, impeding the new supply of rental housing, accelerating the deterioration of existing housing and encouraging the conversion of rental units to condominiums. In short, rent controls do the opposite of what they're intended to do.

The Residential Tenancy Act is weighted to the tenant. The ability of the landlord to protect his investment and to protect the ability to provide good housing to his tenant is deterred by this legislation. How many people are now employed by the residential tenancy branch, and how does that compare to six years ago?

Hon. D. Miller: With respect to an earlier question, it's hard to separate the questions from the philosophy; but the member talked about giant units of housing. I would like to advise the member that the average size is about 30 units, so I don't think we are doing what he said.

Perhaps I should have stood up earlier, but all those questions he asked with respect to residential tenancy fall under the Attorney General.

G. Abbott: I have the pleasure of being the Liberal critic for Municipal Affairs, and I just want to let the minister know that we're making one of those shifts in gears. I have just a few quite straightforward, I think, questions for the hon. minister. I very much respect the minister and look forward to working with him in this.

First of all, municipalities and regional districts would very much like clarification of whether conditional grants given by Municipal Affairs for sewer and water will fall under the capital freeze announcement in yesterday's budget.

Hon. D. Miller: No. I appreciate the member's remarks and do look forward to working with the new member for Shuswap. But no, the conditional grants are really quite separate. I think the broader question is the rather huge cost of infrastructure, particularly as we look at some of the large metropolitan areas, and how those, with respect to the fiscal constraints that both the federal and provincial governments face, can proceed.

G. Abbott: That response will be very much appreciated by municipalities and regional districts.

The second question, and hopefully this just follows from the first, is: will downtown revitalization projects as well be exempt from the capital tax freeze?

Hon. D. Miller: Yes. I must say — and I don't want to startle officials in Municipal Affairs — I really haven't had a chance to canvass a lot of these issues thoroughly at all. Perhaps we need to look at those kinds of programs. Sincerely, I have been a very big proponent both of what used to be heritage revitalization and of downtown revitalization. I think they've made some differences in communities — without being sure what the total expenditure is.

In times of fiscal constraint, surely those are the kinds of things you're going to have to look at. Should we continue to

provide. . . ? I think the latest grant under that program that I can recall in my own community was about \$25,000. It's fairly modest. That money is, in turn, doled out to owners of buildings who undertake restorations or façade improvements. As I said, it has had some value around British Columbia. Whether that's something that in tougher times we should continue to do, I'm not certain at this point. I'm not trying to prejudge that question. I'm certainly going to canvass it with the ministry. Maybe the Minister of Finance might have something to say; I don't know.

G. Abbott: I may have got the minister's answer confused with his philosophical discourse on downtown revitalization. Am I correct that the answer is yes, it's not affected by capital?

Hon. D. Miller: I was speculating, and in fact I think I'm half wrong in what I said there. But no, it's not affected.

G. Abbott: Again, I'm very pleased to hear that, because in my view, the downtown revitalization program has been a most valuable program to municipalities in this province. Certainly, my own — Sicamous — has benefited very much from it. Communities look forward to a continuation of that program, and I wouldn't want in any way to underestimate the value of it to communities.

Another concern that has been expressed to me in my capacity as Municipal Affairs critic is around Bill 55. I'm not sure what the act now is known as, but Bill 55 was a piece of legislation that affected railway taxation in this province. What I would like to know, hon. minister, is whether some provision has been made to put in place the remedial measures which were promised when Bill 55 was introduced and passed through this Legislature.

Hon. D. Miller: Yes, I'm advised that that work is in progress. The member correctly points out that we did take some measures to reduce taxation on railways. We thought — and still do believe — that it's very critical.

I think we have some pretty serious problems in this province. We are a trading province. We require goods to be transported by rail, and we want to make sure that we continue to have those corridors. I know that if you look at the northern corridor, for example, and some of the constraints, some of the issues that they're now faced with and the changes that have been made on the federal side — the loss of the Crow rate and how that might impact on British Columbians and on some of those small communities. . . . It was a bit of a saw-off. I wasn't the minister at the time, but obviously we were negotiating with railways for some tax relief in return for some economic benefit. The measures in the package that was designed to try to mitigate the impact of the loss of municipal taxation by railways are proceeding.

G. Abbott: Again, just a matter of clarification. Because railway taxation is so important, particularly to some electoral areas in regional districts and also some municipalities in this province, the process of consultation with municipalities and regional districts will take place, I presume, over the next few months and will be in place prior to the new tax regime coming in place for the railways.

Hon. D. Miller: Yes, the member is correct. If you look at that chart of municipalities and regional districts and at the impact, in some cases it's very small on a percentage basis; in

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some cases it's dramatically high on a percentage basis. We hope to start those consultations in July, conclude in September and be ready with a package by 1997.

**G. Abbott:** My last question for the minister. I do look forward to discussing this in more detail with him during estimates. I understand that the safety and standards portion of the ministry's operation has been reduced in expenditure by about \$450,000 for 1996-97 from the previous year. I wonder if the minister could advise me, please, of where those savings have been effected.

**Hon. D. Miller:** I am advised, hon. Chair, that those savings are internal; they have no impact at all on the safety side of it. It's administrative in nature and internal.

**G. Abbott:** A final issue related to safety and standards. On the grants and contribution side, we're seeing a reduction from last year of approximately \$75,000. Again, I would ask the minister: were those grants fully subscribed in the previous year? If so, how much beyond that were requests over grants?

**Hon. D. Miller:** Again, hon. Chair, I am advised that 100 percent of that goes to the Justice Institute to fund the Fire Academy for the training of firefighters.

**G. Abbott:** Professional and volunteers?

**Hon. D. Miller:** Just volunteer firefighters.

**G. Abbott:** Hon. Chair, it is a very important program. Certainly a lot of very good things have been done with that. I would just like assurance that the reduction in that grant is not going to impinge in any way on that program.

**Hon. D. Miller:** Hon. Chair, I am advised that it will not.

On schedule 2 — Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

**I. Chong:** Firstly, I would like to ask the hon. minister to put on his new hat for Small Business, Tourism and Culture. While I can appreciate this is a new opportunity for you, Mr. Minister, so you too must recognize that many of us recently elected have just had a limited time as well to familiarize ourselves.

I was glad to hear in the budget speech the other day that the government was prepared to assist small businesses by cutting taxes. However, I am concerned that this government has failed to recognize what the definition of a small business entity really is. Businesses with fewer than five employees make up 73 percent of Canada's total number of businesses. There are over 140,000 home-based businesses in B.C., which account for more than 90 percent of all businesses, and each day 8,000 Canadians start a new home-based business. Twenty-three percent of Canadian households are currently involved in some form of business at home.

The two-year income tax holiday recently introduced in the budget only makes reference to eligible new small businesses incorporated on or after May 1, 1996. My question to you, then, Mr. Minister, is: will you or are you prepared to look at those unincorporated small businesses that would otherwise have the same qualifications, except they have chosen not to incorporate?

**Hon. D. Miller:** Hon. Chair, I'm not trying to do anything, but I do believe the issue falls under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Finance. It's a taxation measure.

I just want to add briefly that I think we need to be careful about the sort of conventional language that's used sometimes around the issue of small business. And I'm not saying that we should attack small business, but rather to distinguish between businesses that are essentially service in nature — in other words, businesses that are there because there is another level of economic activity — and businesses that in fact are goods-producing or wealth-producing. I think that is quite an important distinction, and I think the two are quite separate.

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I'm primarily interested in businesses — not that I have no interest in ordinary small businesses or the retail sector. . . . But I am interested in looking at this economy in terms of how we can expand and create new opportunities to expand the pie, so to speak, which was used. . . . I saw some pictures on television during the campaign. It's those parvenu businesses that are wealth-producing and goods-producing that I think we should really foster and encourage.

**I. Chong:** I appreciate what the minister is saying. However, small businesses being defined as incorporated versus unincorporated still needs some review either by the Minister of Small Business or by the Minister of Finance. I would hope that both would share in that discussion to ensure that businesses are considered eligible regardless of incorporated and regardless of entity.

I would now like to focus on the B.C. 21 community projects, which I believe fall under Small Business, Tourism and Culture. The B.C. 21 community projects provide a unique opportunity for a variety of groups and organizations that would otherwise not be able to proceed. I would like to ask the minister if he is able to provide a breakdown of the distribution of these grants. In particular, I would like to know — including the dollar amounts — how many projects were provided for some of the local government initiatives — those which were provided for the not-for-profit groups as those in culture, recreation, heritage and sports. I am asking because I find that in the spending estimates, which we get into at a later time, the allocated \$8.9 million to community grants has been decreased to \$3.3 million, and I am wondering whether this substantial decrease in funding the community grants will create a hardship and, in fact, downloading to local governments. Furthermore, I would like to know whether the not-for-profit groups are the ones that are going to be disadvantaged.

**Hon. D. Miller:** Well, certainly we don't discriminate and we'll try to be fair with respect to the distribution of funds. The detailed question the member asked — in other words, what has been the disbursement relative to the sector, the non-profit versus, say, the municipal. . . . I'll get that information to her.

**I. Chong:** Another topic I wish to touch on in this debate is to do with the film industry. Again, the film industry is an excellent source of job creation. In addition, it brings a substantial economic benefit to all our communities. Victoria, indeed Vancouver Island, with its abundance of scenic locations and sets, suggests that it is the only logical place for the film industry would be desirous of expanding. A few months ago Victoria lost its local film commissioner, probably read in the local papers. His job and mandate

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Her Worship Clara Norgaard  
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Dear Mayor Norgaard and Members of Council:

We will soon have the pleasure of joining you at the annual UBCM Convention this September in Penticton. Our annual reception is being held on Thursday, September 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Ballroom at the Penticton Inn. We invite all of you to join us.

With our expanded Caucus, there are many new individuals occupying various critic portfolios. We want all our MLAs to be informed about issues of local concern. Attached you will find a listing of our Caucus Members with their contact numbers and critic areas noted.

As in the past, we are available for meetings with you over the course of the convention to discuss issues of concern. If you are interested in meeting with any of our Critics during the convention, please contact George Abbott at 387-2549, and he will direct your request to the specific Critic(s) so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

We have also attached, for your review, a copy of our revised Community Charter. This revision incorporates many of the suggestions made by UBCM members during our meetings at last year's convention. We would again welcome your suggestions pertaining to this revised document.

All of our Caucus is looking forward to seeing you in Penticton.

Sincerely,

GORDON CAMPBELL, M.L.A.      GEORGE ABBOTT, M.L.A.      RICH COLEMAN, M.L.A.  
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Dear Mayor Norgaard:

**Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Proposal  
"The 20% Solution"**

At the Monday, July 8, 1996 Regular Council meeting, Surrey Council passed a motion supporting the 20% Club and expressing an interest in participating in the Club.

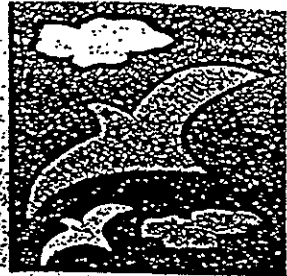
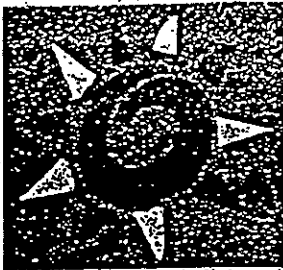
I would urge that your Council also pass a motion to participate in the Club. For your information, I have enclosed information concerning the activities and operation of the Club.

Yours truly,

Robert J. Bose, Ph.D.  
Mayor

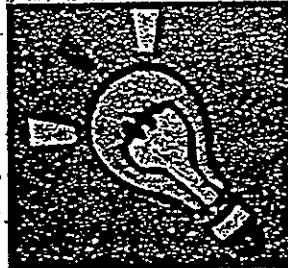
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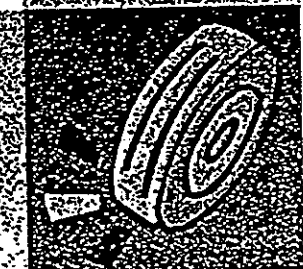
Congratulations! By picking up this copy of *The 20% Solution* you have taken an important first step in helping to reduce your municipality's impact on the Earth's atmosphere. Please take the time to read about global warming, greenhouse gas emissions and the actions Canadian municipalities are taking to deal with the serious issue of climate change.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities recognizes that while much has been done at the international, federal, provincial and territorial levels, local initiatives addressing climate change are crucial to successfully and effectively dealing with this problem. By creating the 20% Club, we have endeavoured to provide an infrastructure where cooperation, sharing and recognition of efforts can encourage and inspire every Canadian municipality to make a difference. A framework has been created to provide direction, a knowledge base amassed to lend expertise and avoid duplication of effort, and a public commitment stressed to enlighten others and show leadership within the community. The target for FCM's 20% Club members is a 20% reduction of 1990 greenhouse gas emission levels by the year 2005. We encourage all Club members and municipal governments to work continuously at reducing these levels within their own communities:



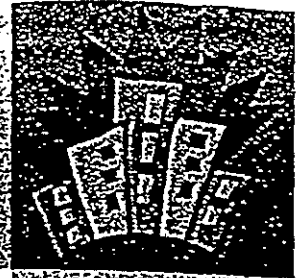
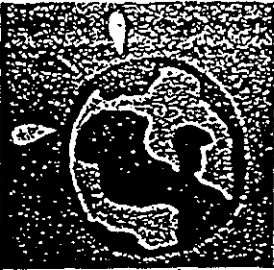
The federal government has been a tremendous 20% Club supporter, as have many environmental organizations. With their help, our Club members have already made tremendous inroads into reducing greenhouse gas emissions while improving local air quality, lowering energy use, increasing greenspace and saving money. *The 20% Solution* highlights some of these success stories, and will hopefully inspire you to join the Club and make climate change a priority within your own community.

John Les, President  
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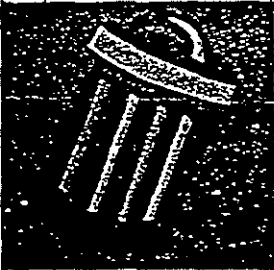
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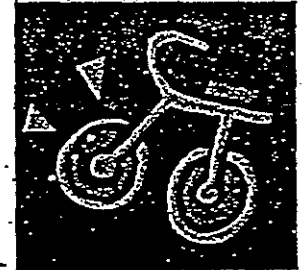


As Canadians, we are fortunate to enjoy the comforts of a modern industrial society. We have access to products and services that enhance our health and quality of life. However, in order to maintain these conditions for our children, we have to make changes in the way we live. We must find the means to keep all of the good things that we now value without causing environmental damage and being wasteful. The issue of climate change presents a challenge that touches each and every one of us. Past and current practices have resulted in a buildup of gases in our atmosphere that are changing the Earth's climate.

Fortunately, this problem is one that can be overcome and municipal leaders around the world are showing the way. Over 130 municipalities have pledged to take action on climate change and six of Canada's largest cities have committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent from 1990 levels. In partnership with the federal government and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Ottawa, Toronto, and the Region of Metropolitan Toronto have created the 20% Club.



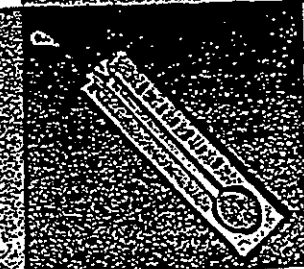
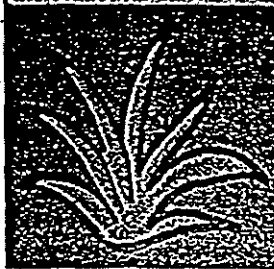
Local governments are actively involved in this global issue because they recognize that addressing it offers economic opportunities. Municipalities are saving money on their energy bills by improving energy efficiency. In addition, such projects often result in the employment of local workers. More compact urban design may also result in lower servicing costs today and in the future. It is a win-win solution for forward looking municipalities.



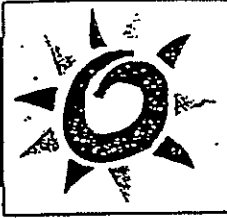
National governments have made international commitments to stabilize greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000. Environment Canada is proud to be working with the 20% Club. Together, we can face the challenge of climate change head-on and ensure a high quality of life for our children and generations to come.

*Sergio Marchi*

Hon. Sergio Marchi  
Minister of the Environment

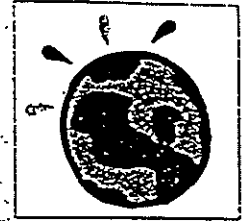


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# CLIMATE CHANGE

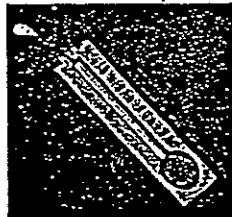
Many Canadians have heard that the earth's climate is changing, and temperatures are rising. Most, however, do not understand why this is happening or how it will affect them.



The Earth's atmosphere is a blanket of air which keeps the temperature of our planet at just the right level. This blanket is made up of small quantities of greenhouse gases (GHGs) which help hold some of the sun's heat here on Earth. Without it, the Earth's average temperature would be a chilly -18 degrees Celsius — too cold to maintain life.

## What's the problem?

Some greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxides, occur naturally. Others, like chlorofluorocarbons, are manmade. Human activities like driving our cars, heating our homes and putting garbage into landfill sites have produced too much of these gases. Scientists agree that an increase in greenhouse gases due to human activity and manmade chemicals are the major cause of climate change.



With more of these gases being released into the atmosphere, the blanket which keeps the Earth warm has become too thick. The atmosphere now holds in more of the Sun's heat than it should, causing temperatures to rise.

Most Canadians think a warmer climate would be great but guess what? Increased temperatures can affect some plants and wildlife which, over time, may not survive. Ocean and lake levels may also rise, causing coastal flooding. And weather systems can change causing unusually heavy rainfall in some regions and drought in others. This may affect our water supply, plant and animal life, and agriculture. It can also mean more severe storms which may cause property damage and endanger our citizens. Further, rising temperatures promote increased incidences of smog and acid rain.

## What can be done?

Taking action toward climate change is important at every level. On a global scale, over 150 countries including Canada have signed the Framework Convention on Climate Change presented at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in June 1992. Participating countries have agreed to take steps to address climate change, and help increase public awareness and scientific understanding of the issue, and work cooperatively in all of these areas. Since then, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) has worked with cities from all over the world in developing local action plans for greenhouse gas emission reductions through its international Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. Since 1995, local governments, through ICLEI, have gained non-governmental organization status at the Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

In Canada, our national goal is to stabilize net GHG emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000. Federal, provincial and territorial governments, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), ICLEI, individual municipalities and numerous not-for-profit organizations concerned with the

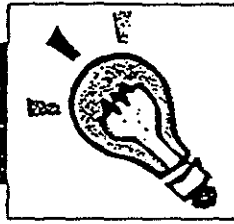
environment have developed initiatives to help achieve this goal. For example, a National Action Program on Climate Change (NAPCC) was created to outline the principles, strategic directions and areas of opportunity which Canada can pursue to achieve our reduction target. A key component of the NAPCC, the Voluntary Challenge and Registry Program, invites Canadian organizations to express their intention to participate and develop action plans to limit or reduce net GHG emissions.

How much of an impact can these measures make? That depends on the level of commitment to action from Canadian municipalities. Excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is directly linked to the combustion of fossil fuels for energy. Canadians are big energy consumers and most — 76% — are urban dwellers. That makes municipalities a crucial part of the global strategy to combat climate change.

Some municipalities have taken steps in a number of areas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions — from drafting new building codes, retrofitting municipal buildings and re-thinking waste management plans, to the design and operation of improved mass transit systems. Besides reducing greenhouse gas emissions, these measures can bring all kinds of extra benefits to the community like financial savings, job creation, local economic development, improved air quality and increased greenspace.

## Want to hear more?

There's a lot that municipal governments can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Considering all the additional benefits, it makes good sense. There are many programs and initiatives currently underway which have proven successful at the community level and help protect the environment locally and globally. Here's a look at what some municipalities are doing.



## Saving energy and money

Fuels and electricity are in demand because they help to provide essentials like heat, power and light. But energy produced from fossil fuels creates carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions that have a negative impact on our climate and the quality of the air we breath. As governments face increasing pressure to reduce operating expenses, programs which save both energy and money are fast-becoming an attractive option. Whether incorporating a community-wide program for retrofitting houses or designing new energy-efficient buildings, local activities will positively impact both the environment and the economy.

The latest energy-efficient technologies in areas like lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and window glazing mean that municipalities can save money, reduce

## THE BEST SOLUTION TO REDUCING POLLUTION



Can you really reduce energy use and GHG emissions while saving money? Just ask the city of Sarnia, Ontario (population 50,000). An energy service company (ESCO) carried out a retrofit of 12 municipal buildings including City Hall, a nursing home complex, a police station, a transit building, a public library, two arenas and a greenhouse. The ESCO also arranged financing for the project, which cost \$1.7 million, guaranteeing that it would pay for itself within 6.8 years. Savings due to reduced energy costs currently total \$205,000 per year with a corresponding reduction of almost 2,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

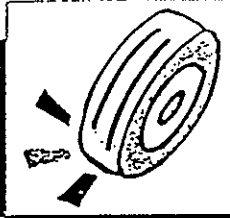
harmful emissions and create local jobs. So can implementing district energy — an emerging trend in municipal planning. District energy involves municipalities becoming small energy suppliers (in partnership with heating companies), usually through steam and water systems that provide both heating, cooling and electricity generation. Municipalities can supply whole districts with energy using these systems, and reduce overall energy consumption by between five and ten percent.

Once a municipality has taken the lead, others in the community will be more likely to adopt some of the same measures. The City of Ottawa, for example, is working with the region's Homebuilders Association to certify contractors who can perform energy retrofits. Homeowners and building managers are then encouraged to hire these certified contractors.

For municipalities concerned with financing, investment in energy efficiency retrofits consistently provides competitive returns on investment. This means that a number of resources exist to help municipalities tap into the pool of capital currently available for energy saving projects. Some, like energy service companies (ESCOs), even include guaranteed savings.

## ? Did you know...

that carbon dioxide accounts for approximately 65% of all contributions to climate change? Reducing our energy requirements is the most effective measure we can take to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere.

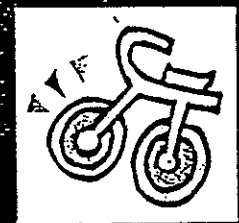


## Planning for sustainable transportation

Transportation issues are a concern at all levels of government, and much is being done to improve the environmental impact of moving people and supplies across our cities, towns and country. Transportation currently accounts for close to one third of Canada's carbon dioxide emissions. At the municipal level, a range of options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions due to vehicle use exists. For example:

- the promotion of ride-sharing programs in neighbourhoods and at the workplace;

## IF IT MOVES, CLEAN IT!



The City of Vancouver boasts an impressive list of initiatives to ensure sustainable transportation is a top priority. To encourage cycling, for example, the City's Engineering and Planning Departments are jointly developing new requirements for existing and future buildings. Changes include amendments to parking by-laws to increase bicycle parking spaces, and adapting building by-laws to ensure shower and change room facilities are available to cyclists. To promote car pooling, the City coordinates its own employees by matching workers who commute from the same area, and provides incentives by designating "car pool only" parking spaces at City Hall. In addition, high occupancy vehicle lanes are being designated on City roads and initiatives for pedestrians have been adopted. Now there's a city that can "walk the talk".

- encouraging the use of public transportation;
- awareness building on issues like alternative fuels, cleaner vehicles, and improving fuel efficiency through vehicle maintenance and proper driving techniques; and
- incorporating plans for reducing car and truck use when re-developing cities and managing urban growth.

In many communities, the incorporation of mixed-use zoning is helping to make residents less vehicle dependent. It allows people to live close to shopping, work and service providers, which reduces the need for car travel, and encourages exercise and fitness. Many programs, like Health Canada's *Active Living - Go for Green*, support these efforts which are beneficial to people's health as well as to the environment. In addition, fewer cars on the road mean safer streets.

## ? Did you know...

that each litre of gasoline a vehicle uses produces 2.64 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub>? In fact, the average car pours almost 5 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere each year — three times its own weight!



## Tackling waste management

Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas produced by landfills. In Canada, there are currently 14 installations converting these harmful emissions into energy in the form of electricity or fuel. Not only does this help reduce the amount of methane released into the atmosphere, it also generates much needed revenues for participating regions.

Recycling and composting programs also contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the amount of garbage destined for landfills and, in the case of recycling, decreasing the amount of energy consumed in the production of new materials. Most municipalities in Canada are either actively involved in recycling and composting, or have future plans for such programs well underway. The City of Edmonton, for example, has partnered with TransAlta Utilities to construct a Co-Composting Facility which can process a minimum of 180,000 tonnes of municipal solid waste and 22,000 tonnes of sewage sludge. The waste is converted (methane free) into compost.

## TURNING GAS INTO CASH



The City of Metropolitan Toronto is making \$2.5 million per year in royalties for selling gas produced from its landfill sites. The gas is retrieved and sold to three "landfill gas-to-energy" installations where it is turned into electricity. That electricity is then sold to Ontario Hydro. The volume of greenhouse gases diverted from the atmosphere per year due to the Metro Toronto landfill project is equal to removing 500,000 cars from the road. Wow!

The Facility will divert more than 65% of residential waste from landfills.

Methane is also produced naturally when vegetation is digested or decomposes in the absence of oxygen. While landfills account for much of the Earth's methane production, it is also created and released by rice paddies, grazing cattle and fossil fuels.



## Planting a cleaner future

Trees, shrubs and plants of all kinds beautify the surrounding environment, provide habitat for wildlife and increase recreational activities for citizens. They also clean up the air around themselves by absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> and filtering out dust and other pollutants. In summer, trees provide shade to homes and offices which can mean lower air conditioning costs. In winter, they shelter us from cold winds which can result in lower heating costs.

Municipalities interested in improving air quality by increasing local vegetation can access a number of programs, like Tree Plan Canada's *Green Streets* initiative. The program helps communities of all sizes to improve their urban forests and provides an appreciation of how trees contribute to both the environment and the economy.

### CLEANER AIR HAS LOCAL RESIDENTS SEEING GREEN



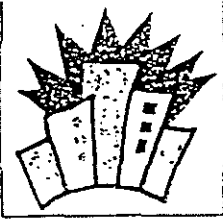
The City of Edmonton's "Parks, Naturally" program helps reduce the City's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and a whole lot more. The program restores selected developed and undeveloped park land, trails, road right-of-ways and boulevards back to natural conditions by ensuring and enhancing the continuance of native and endangered tree and plant species. By doing this, long-term maintenance costs are reduced, less CO<sub>2</sub> is released into the atmosphere and the people of Edmonton can actively participate in making their city a nicer place to live. Over the past three years, city residents have planted more than 150,000 trees and shrubs. Now that's what you call a green thumb!

### Did you know...

that the agricultural sector accounts for about 7% of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions, roughly half of that being methane from ruminant animals and livestock manure? Another 10% comes from nitrous oxides found in fertilizers. Studies are currently underway to determine the most effective measures for reducing GHG emissions from agricultural activities.

### Did you know...

that the City of Regina estimates that the 21,000 trees planted in the community since 1989 have reduced the City's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2,400 tonnes per year?



# TAKING ACTION

## The FCM 20% Club

### Why wait?

Much can be done to reduce GHG emissions. Some municipalities have already started and don't even know it — simply by promoting things like public transportation, or recycling and composting programs. However, the number of municipal governments to date that have actually committed to taking action against climate change is still relatively small. Many do not realize the tremendous support that exists for such initiatives, which can make reduction plans a much simpler and cost-effective undertaking than expected. As pointed out, progressive municipalities have recognized and built upon the multiple benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions — benefits like lower energy costs, local economic development and a healthier physical environment. Some, like the City of Ottawa, have even challenged others in the community to jump on board and help reduce area GHG emissions. With the help of local utilities and other levels of government, the City created a *Corporate Challenge* — aimed at corporations and institutions. To date, 9 organizations have joined up!

### There's strength in numbers

Reducing GHG emissions must become a greater priority at the local level if Canada wants to make a difference toward curbing climate change. Municipal participation is crucial to our success in this area. That's why the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Environment Canada and the City of Ottawa co-sponsored a workshop on *Integrating Municipal Initiatives with the National Action Program on Climate Change* in January 1995. Each of the participating cities — Ottawa, Edmonton, Toronto, Regina, Vancouver and the regional government of Metropolitan Toronto — had already made a commitment and developed plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with most adopting a 20% reduction target. During the workshop, it was agreed that a 20% Club should be established to help with these efforts.

### A brief history

Beyond the agreement reached at the *Integrating Municipal Initiatives with the National Action Program on Climate Change* workshop, the concept for the 20% Club also evolved from a partnership between the FCM and ICLEI known as the Canadian Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. The campaign is part of ICLEI's larger international effort encouraging municipal governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 20% Club complements these efforts, and helps municipalities sort through the various initiatives that exist at both the municipal, provincial and federal levels. 20% Club activities are overseen by the FCM National Board of Directors and a Steering Committee made up of municipal representatives and experts on the issue of GHG emission reductions.

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### Why a Club?

No one municipality, city or region has all the information, finances, marketing or technical skill to tackle the issue of climate change. The strength and mutual support gained by a collaboration with others with similar objectives and policies is invaluable — like information sharing, exchanging technical assistance, monitoring progress and celebrating

achievements. Through partnerships, municipalities can save time, money and other resources. And by making a public commitment to reduce GHG emissions, municipal governments can become leaders in responding to global environmental concerns within their own backyards.

## How can I join?

In order to become a 20% Club member, a municipality must make a public commitment to reduce its 1990 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 20%. The commitment must be in the form of a resolution that includes:

- acknowledgement of the milestones to be met;
- an intention to establish reduction targets;
- a pledge to create a plan for achieving those targets; and
- a commitment to demonstrate progress in order to maintain membership.

A draft resolution can be found in the Appendix.

To help Club members track their ongoing progress in reducing GHG emissions both internally and within the community, milestones have been established as follows:

**Milestone 1:** In the first year of membership, a municipality must determine its current level of GHG emissions and those for 1990. In addition, a plan must be created which indicates how the municipality plans to meet reduction targets within its own operations.

**Milestone 2:** After two years, members must demonstrate that a reduction of GHG emissions has begun. A plan to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions within the community-at-large must also be submitted.

**Milestone 3:** By the end of the third year of membership, continued progress in reducing GHG emissions must be shown within a municipality, and the plan for the community-at-large implemented.

In joining together, members agree to share information, expertise, monitor progress, celebrate results and assist Canadian efforts to meet our international climate change commitments while encouraging other municipal governments to actively participate.

A sample progress report from one of our members can be found in the Appendix.

## How does the Club operate?

The 20% Club is supported by a Secretariat and Steering Committee. The Committee is made up of elected officials and technical experts who lend their expertise and experience to the Secretariat during the planning, development and implementation of Club activities.

Specifically, members of the Steering Committee:

- advise the Secretariat of the validity and applicability of Club activities to the interests of municipal governments;
- provide a link between federal programs and activities, and the needs of municipal governments;
- determine the process for recognition of achievement; and
- provide guidance on policy development to FCM's Standing Committee on Environmental Issues.

Additional information on the Steering Committee can be found in the Appendix.

## The next step

Climate change is a serious problem, but with your help, something can be done. The 20% Club has been established to make GHG emissions reductions as easy as possible and as effective as possible for every Canadian municipality. Small steps can be as simple as planting more trees, turning your computers, improving incandescent bulbs, and switching to energy efficient street lighting. It is so much easier as retooling all municipal buildings and homes to save energy. The 20% Club and its members are all ready to support, encourage and help you make climate change a priority in your municipality. For more information on the 20% Club, please contact:

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# APPENDIX

## Acronyms

CEN	Canadian Environmental Network
CFC	Chlorofluorocarbon
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
ESCO	Energy Service Company
FCM	Federation of Canadian Municipalities
GHG	Greenhouse gas
ICLEI	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
NAPCC	National Action Program on Climate Change

## Steering Committee Membership

The Steering Committee for the 20% Club includes:

- three elected municipal government representatives drawn from the FCM Standing Committee on Environmental Issues, representing a variety of municipal interests from across the country;
- three municipal officials from 20% Club cities;
- one representative from Environment Canada's Climate Change Program;
- one representative from Natural Resources Canada's Energy Efficiency Branch;
- one representative from ICLEI; and
- two representatives from environmental non-governmental organizations with specific expertise in reducing GHG emissions. These representatives will be designated by the Canadian Environmental Network (CEN) Caucus on Climate Change.

## List of 20% Club Partners

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has partnered with:

- The Federal Government of Canada
- The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
- The Sierra Club of Canada
- The City of Ottawa
- The Pembina Institute
- The Canadian Environmental Network

## Glossary of Terms

**Carbon dioxide:** Carbon dioxide or CO<sub>2</sub> comes from both natural and manmade sources. Plants and animals release CO<sub>2</sub> when they breathe but activities like deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas — are the largest sources of CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Chlorofluorocarbons:** Also known as CFCs, these manmade chemicals have been used globally by many industries. Air conditioning, refrigeration units and cleaning solvents, for example, have been made with CFCs. Canada no longer produces or imports CFCs but those already in the atmosphere have lifespans of up to 50 years. In addition, some of the main substitutes currently being used in place of CFCs are still significant greenhouse gases.

**Energy Service Company (ESCO):** A company which provides energy retrofits for buildings. ESCOs take responsibility for analysis, financing, design, installation, commissioning, training and post-construction services. ESCOs receive payments for all costs through actual energy cost savings.

**Guaranteed Savings:** An agreement or contract clause provided by a financing firm which guarantees that a piece of equipment, or package of energy conservation measures, will provide a certain level of savings over a set period of time. If this does not happen, the firm will refund the difference between the actual and guaranteed savings.

**Methane:** While methane is produced naturally, vast amounts of the gas are being released due to human activities. Material rotting underground in garbage dumps and landfills, the burning of fossil fuels, and even rice paddies and cattle grazing activities are to blame.

**Nitrous oxide:** Nitrous oxide occurs naturally but has increased in volume due to human activities like the burning of fossil fuels and the use of chemical fertilizers.

## A Progress Report from the City of Regina - Municipal Operations

CATEGORY	DETAILS	CO. REDUCTION (TONNES)	% OF 89-94 REDUCTION
Street Lights	Due to a conversion from mercury vapour to high pressure sodium vapour lamps	5,141	33.6%
Traffic Lights	City expansion has meant more intersections and more traffic lights	(354)	2.3%
Water Supply Systems	Due to pipeline twinning, variable speed pumps, operational efficiencies and a water conservation program	3,731	24.4%
Sewer and Water Systems	Due to water conservation, operational efficiencies and sewage treatment efficiencies	2,779	18.3%
Building Electrical Systems	Due to lighting efficiency and controls, operational efficiencies and HVAC improvements	1,656	10.8%
Natural Gas Heating	The heating of new facilities	(519)	3.4%
Transportation Fuels	An increase in the service area for waste collection, snow removal and street sweeping, as well as the use of bigger equipment	(87)	-0.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,280</b>	<b>100%</b>
1989 CO <sub>2</sub> Production	122,000 tonnes		
1994 CO <sub>2</sub> Production	106,000 tonnes		
Estimated CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction	15,280 tonnes (12.5%)		

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

**PARTICIPATION IN THE 20% CLUB**

WHEREAS a global reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) is necessary to protect against climate change and possible adverse effects on human health, the physical environment, economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS industrialized countries gathered at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 ratified a Convention on Climate Change committing countries to stabilize greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000;

WHEREAS current forecasts predict that Canada's GHGs could be in the order of 13% above 1990 emissions by the year 2000 if no action is taken thus falling short of its commitment;

WHEREAS since 1991 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has encouraged municipal governments to adopt a reduction target of 20% by the year 2005 for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and has actively encouraged municipal governments to adopt policies and measures to reduce GHG emissions within their municipalities;

WHEREAS FCM has established a 20% Club to provide a forum for municipal governments to demonstrate their leadership on climate change issues and undertake to share their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments;

WHEREAS Club members commit to working towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20% of 1990 levels, first within their operations and then throughout their municipal area.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ communicate to FCM its support for the 20% Club and its expression of interest in participating in the Club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

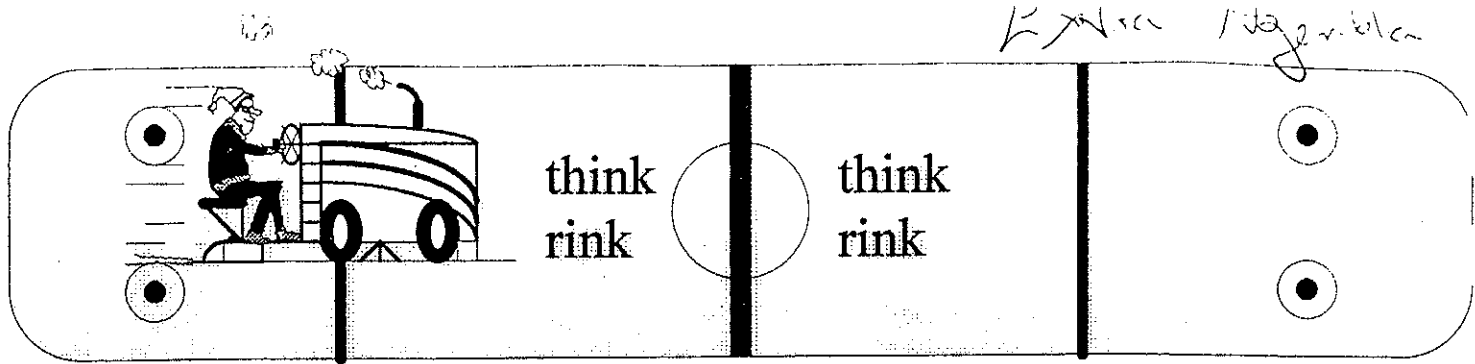
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**ARENA RETROFIT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Mayor Clara R. Norgaard  
City of Merritt  
Box 189, Merritt, B.C.  
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Date: July 29, 1996

Re: Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Upgrade

Dear Mayor Norgaard;

With regard to the Arena upgrade, our committee, along with the ice users, have a couple of concerns we would like to discuss;

Based on the schedule discussed at the meeting between Council and our committee on June 17th, it is apparent the project has fallen behind schedule, and we are becoming concerned with the date all the ice users will have access to the facility. There has not been much activity evident recently, anywhere around the site, certainly it looks doubtful the facility will be ready by mid September as we have been told. Most users need to comply with external schedules as well as internal, and will encounter severe difficulties if unable to begin their seasons by mid-September. What are all the various groups to do about their schedules?

The slab removal has now been delayed several weeks beyond the original demolition plan, and as you are aware, we have had significant donations scheduled for this part of the project. The equipment owners involved are unsure of the schedule now, and may not be able to help out as they originally had planned. All the equipment required for this project has now been committed to other projects. This could end up costing a lot more, because of the delays.

In the Council meeting jointly attended by our committee, City Council, and Stanley & Associates, it was agreed to spend about \$18000.00 for additional engineering plans, and at that meeting, Mr. Weins described the benefits afforded by a dual slab, and the costs associated with this type of system, acknowledged as the best method of achieving our objective of a longer season.

We understand the dual-slab reheat system has been altered, and in fact it will be only a single slab, with a sand base for the reheat pipes. Does this lower the cost accordingly, and does it change our ability to have ice on a 12 month basis?

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We have been made aware there is no additional heating planned for that part of the rink that is currently unheated. The heating was originally very high on our priority list, however once we were assured it would be included in the contract, we removed it from our list altogether. We asked about this item on numerous occasions, and were assured us it was in the plans, on numerous occasions. Now it is evident it has not been included, and we feel we have been misled. This is unacceptable, and it is *incomprehensible* that this item was missed, particularly after we made a point of asking so many times. How could this have happened? Certainly funding was never mentioned as a reason for the exclusion of this item. What is the reason for this gross oversight?

We will now have a rebuilt arena, the most-used facility in the entire city for seven months of the year, with heat in only one third of the seating area. The people in the community deserve better, and have been told on many occasions that they are going to be in a facility with "Heat, Seats, and Sound".

We need to know where contingency spending is at. At the June 17th meeting, we were told that we would know the amount available by mid-July. What amount can be released? We were also assured we would be kept current with contingency approvals, but this is not happening.

Certainly the City of Merritt is a busy place these days, with the addition of Colletville, the Truck Route, a new City Hall, and the various developments underway within our boundaries. However these projects cannot be used as an excuse to ignore the completion of the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena on a timely basis, in the fashion desired by the people who will be using it for the next forty years.

We would appreciate a response to these concerns. It is very late in the program to be making major changes to the design, and to the schedule. What are the city's plans to expedite the completion of the arena? We would appreciate a meeting with Council to discuss these concerns. When can we get together?

Yours truly,



Arena Retrofit Fundraising Committee

c.c. all City of Merritt Councillors  
Jeff Norburn, Recreation Committee  
Eric Weins, P.Eng., Stanley & Associates

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July 30, 1996

Mr. Tom Day  
P.O. Box 189  
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Dear Tom:

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*Reminder.....*

Co-op students in our WATER QUALITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM are available for their second work term placement this fall, Sept. 3 - Dec. 31, 1996.

We recommend that you consider posting your position/s *as soon as possible*. You may e-mail or fax your job description directly, or phone for more details:

Contact: Betsy Buchanan  
e-mail: bbuchanan@okanagan.bc.ca  
fax: 604-862-5600  
tel: 604-862-5412

Thank you for considering our students. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Betsy Buchanan  
Acting Co-op Co-ordinator  
Water Quality Technology

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*August 1, 1996*

*Your presence is requested to witness the  
Grand Opening  
of the  
Community Access and Learning Centre  
(corner of Quilchena Avenue and Charters Street)  
Thursday September 5, 1996*

*12:00 to 2:30 pm*

*(Buffet Lunch served)*

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*The Community Access and Learning Centre is a community-based initiative funded by the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training. The Centre's staff will deliver programs and services designed to improve access and support to existing training and employment opportunities.*

*Please join us for this very special occasion when we will officially open the doors of the Community Access and Learning Centre. On behalf of everyone who has played a role in the development of this initiative, I welcome you to come, celebrate and become a part of the vision.*

*Respectfully*

*[Signature]*  
*Satti Dempster*

*Manager, Student Support Services*

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To City Council,

My name is Casey and I work for Youth Service Canada in the Youth 4 Youth Project. As you may be aware, our group, along with Helen Oliphant of Merritt and District Youth Resources, are trying to get a skateboard park in Merritt. We have already started fundraising and I would like to make donation cans to put in stores that will permit it. I am, however, not aware if a license is needed for this or if asking the city and businesses for permission to do this would be sufficient. Please let me know if there is anything futhur I need to do for this type of fundraising.

Thank-you,

Casey Neville, YSC



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# COMMUNIQUÉ

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July 10, 1996

## MINISTER PROPOSES NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION AGENCY - BUT NOT FOR PROPERTY TAXES

**Ottawa** - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) said today that officials representing **Revenue Minister Jane Stewart** have confirmed that there is no intention at this time to collect municipal taxes through the Minister's proposed national tax collection agency. Federal officials have indicated that upcoming discussions with the provinces will deal with the collection of federal and provincial taxes and that FCM would be consulted if and when municipal taxes are considered.

FCM issued the statement in response to a Canadian Press story dated July 5, 1996 in which Minister Stewart commented that the new tax collection agency could collect property taxes for municipalities. Some member municipalities assumed that FCM approved including municipal taxes in the proposed scheme. The idea of a federal-provincial tax collection agency was raised in the 1996 Throne Speech. Though the possibility of collecting municipal taxes was referenced in Minister Stewart's address to the 1996 FCM Annual Conference held last June in Calgary, FCM has neither been consulted nor advised of any details.

Said **Bryon Wilfert, President of FCM**, "we remind the federal government of the importance of consulting FCM before considering initiatives which impact on municipal governments".

For more information, please contact **Daniel McGregor, Senior Policy Analyst**, at the FCM Secretariat: tel. (613) 241-5221; fax (613) 241-7440.