

CITY OF MERRITT

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., WEST AUDITORIUM, CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

AGENDA

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1. PRESENT:

2. CALL TO ORDER:

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., October 08, 1996 1-3

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

a) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting Sept.10/96 4-16

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Letter to TNRD, Oct.2/96 - Response regarding Recreational Funding. 17-23

b) M.Milligan & Associates, Oct.2/96 - Report on Central Park softball field expansion. 24-29

9. REPORTS:

a) Mayor's Reports:

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

- 1) Councillor Cowan -
 - Civic Properties and Recreation Commission -
 - Local Access Awareness -
 - Affordable Housing -

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9. REPORTS:

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

- 2) **Councillor Laird -**
Public Works -
Community Health Council -
- 3) **Councillor McCormack -**
Economic Development and Planning -
NV Development Centre -
- 4) **Councillor McLean -**
Airport - Merritt Flying Club -
Chamber of Commerce -
- 5) **Councillor Miller -**
Protective Services & Public Safety -
South Central Union Board of Health -
Healthy Communities -
- 6) **Councillor Typusiak -**
Administration & Finance -
Environmental Advisory -

c) Administration Reports:

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10. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1557, 1996 - **Submitted for first, second and third reading.** 50-52

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10. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

- b) City of Merritt Community Recreation Facilities Rates Amendment 53-54
Bylaw No. 1558, 1996 - **Submitted for first, second and third
reading.**

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses:

1. Concerned Citizens in the Upper Similkameen Valley, 55
Sept.9/96 - Predator hunting.
2. Brian Dafoe, Sept.16/96 - City Towing Contract Services 56-65
Agreement (Copy of Agreement attached for information)
3. Ministry of Attorney General, Sept.24/96 - Joint Emergency 66
Preparedness Program.
4. School District No. 31 (Merritt), Sept.27/96 - Upgrading of 67
Chapman Street

b) Receive:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

13. ADJOURNMENT:

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CIVIC CENTRE CITY HALL, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Treasurer - S.Gill
Planner - F.Sinclair
Fire Chief - R.Finlay
Aquatic Centre Manager - J.Norburn
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison
Development Officer - J.Johnson
Temporary Clerk - T.Penny

MEDIA: Shaw Cable (2), NL Radio, Merritt News.
Ten (10) Members of the General Public.
Urban Systems representative, John Dumbrell

2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, September 10, 1996

799/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, September 10, 1996 including the Extra Agenda items:

9. REPORTS:

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

- 1) **Councillor Cowan -**
Civic Properties and Recreation Commission -
 - i) Memo, Sept.10/96

10. BYLAWS:

c) City of Merritt Sign Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1586, 1996 -
Submitted for Adoption.

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3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: - Motion 799/96 Cont'd.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Responses:

11. Merritt RCMP Police Detachment, Sept. 9/96 - Request for support
CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:34 p.m., and read out the statement regarding presentations.

- and a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 1583, 1996
b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 1584, 1996 (including application to the Agricultural Land Commission for block exclusions)

The Development Officer informed Council that no written submissions were received by the Planning Department and reviewed the zoning process to date. There have been two public meetings, and meetings with the Collettsville Advisory Committee to address the shortage of Light Industrial land and the development of a Special Development Permit Area in Collettsville.

1. Ginny Prowal, 2071 Aspen Street - Has concerns regarding the land south of Lindley Creek Road and felt her concerns were not adequately addressed at the May 1st public meeting. Feels there has not been opportunities to speak regarding the industrial land designation. She presented a petition with 131 signatures which was dated June 1, 1996, calling for a public meeting to discuss the industrial zoning designations. She pointed out that the previous TNRD OSP could not have proceeded without sewer and water services.
2. Steven Hardy, 1680 Main Street - Opposed to the light industrial zoning. Has been out of town on business, therefore missed all previous meetings and feels that although he lives a significant distance from Tolko's mill, the industrial area and resultant truck traffic will negatively impact on Collettsville. Mr. Hardy felt that there should be a public meeting to address the concerns of the Collettsville residents. Councillor Typusiak enquired as to the nature of Mr. Hardy's objections and the response was that the undeveloped land is currently vacant and therefore has no impact upon the Collettsville residents, however, with this OCP, the opportunity for negative impact has been created. Councillor McCormack stated that he felt the meetings with the Collettsville Advisory Committee and the two public meetings has given the public ample opportunity for input. Mr. Hardy feels that the undeveloped land would be more suited to residential use and that the airport lands should be the preferred location for light and heavy industrial designations. He was unaware of the truck route.

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4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 1583, 1996
and b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 1584, 1996(including application to the Agricultural Land Commission for block exclusions) - Cont'd.

3. Ginny Prowal wished to commend the three Colletville Advisory Committee Members for their work.
4. Kim LeClair, 1680 Main Street wished to have her support for the petition recorded.

Councillor Laird stated that he struggled with land use issues. Council must try to be farsighted enough to forecast growth and provide a proper mix of zoning to satisfy future requirements. The need for industrial land and employment basis has to be balanced with residential land in order for the community to grow.

5. Iris Rogalski, 2079 Aspen Street - is opposed to the industrial designation and feels it will create a situation comparable to Aspen Planners in the middle of town.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1583, 1996 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1584, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:57 p.m.

The Development Officer spoke on the Agricultural Land Commission Block Exclusions as shown on the map display. The Block Exclusions were remnants left from various parcels previously rezoned and are basically a housekeeping issue

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the Agricultural Land Commission Block Exclusions and hearing no response, called the Public Hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Regular Council Meeting, August 27, 1996
- 800/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, August 27, 1996. CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.

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9. **REPORTS:**

a) **Mayor's Reports:** Nil.

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

- 1) **Councillor Cowan - absent**
Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - Nil.
Local Access Awareness - Nil.
Affordable Housing - Nil.

At 8:00 p.m. six (6) Members of the General Public and Urban Systems Representative John Dumbrell left the meeting, leaving four (4) Members of the General Public.

- 2) **Councillor Laird -**
Public Works - Nil.
Community Health Council - Council expects to be updated on the Regional Health Board situation at the UBCM Convention.
Special Events - The Labor Day Parade was very successful and Councillor Laird wished to extend a thank you to the Committee for their efforts. A book compiling the July 1st and Labour Day celebrations preparation and execution will be forthcoming to use for future reference.

801/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council SEND thank you letters to the volunteers that worked on the Labour Day and July 1st celebrations. **CARRIED**

802/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council THANK Councillor Laird for the exemplary effort he displayed with the Labour Day and July 1st celebrations as Council's representative. **CARRIED**

- 3) **Councillor McCormack -**
Economic Development and Planning - There is a report included in the Agenda package.
NV Development Centre - Nil.

Councillor McCormack informed Council that he had been approached by the Ball Association for approval to investigate increasing the size of fields #1 and #2 at Central Park in order to provide regulation size fields for tournament play and better utilize the park. Geotechnical studies must be undertaken to determine the slope stability above the Central Park fields. This study will cost approximately \$1,500.00.

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9. REPORTS:

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

3) **Councillor McCormack - Cont'd.**

803/96

Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE the Ball Association's proposal of the possibility of extending Central Park ball fields #1 and #2 by 35 feet and that the City ENGAGE a Geotechnical Engineer to provide an opinion re: slope stabilization and that the project come with the recommendation of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission. **CARRIED**

Councillor McCormack advised that he intends to run for another term of office as Councillor in the 1996 Local Elections.

4) **Councillor McLean -**
Airport - Merritt Flying Club - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11/96
Chamber of Commerce - Nil.

5) **Councillor Miller -**
Protective Services & Public Safety - Nil.
South Central Union Board of Health - Nil.
Healthy Communities - Nil.

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

Councillor Typusiak informed Council that he will not be running for Council or any other office in the November elections.

c) **Administration Reports:**

1. **Memo, Aug.29/96 - Civic Centre Retrofit**

The retrofit of the Civic Centre was discussed in a memo from the Aquatic Centre Manager along with the suggestions that have been received from the Arts Council as to renovations after City Hall offices move into the new building.

804/96

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, Aug.29/96 - Civic Centre Retrofit for discussion.

CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

1. Memo, Aug.29/96 - Civic Centre Retrofit - Cont'd.

805/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
AUTHORIZE:

- a) A Civic Centre Retrofit Committee be formed, made up of two representatives of the Arts Council, one representative from the BIA, one from NVDC, two members of the Council, two members of the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission and the Recreation Manager.
- b) This Committee develop, for Council consideration and approval, a functional program for the Civic Centre indicating the space requirements for each area of the building. CARRIED

At 8:15 p.m., the four (4) remaining members of the General Public left the meeting.

2. Memo, Sept.04/96 - Month End Report for Aug/96

806/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
RECEIVE for discussion, Memo, Sept.04/96 - Month End Report for Aug/96.
CARRIED

3. Civic Properties and Recreation Commission
- i. Memo, Sept.05/96
- ii. Memo, Sept.10/96

The Members of the Recreation Commission have recently discussed that they need a re-defined mandate and more communication with Council and Administrative Staff to be effective and have requested that Council review their role and the establishment bylaw. Council requested a meeting with the Recreation Commission on Oct.2/96

807/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council
RECEIVE the Memos, Sept.05 and 10/96 - Civic Properties and Recreation
Commission for information. CARRIED

At 8:17 p.m., Fire Chief Finley left the meeting.

4. Bylaw Services Statistics, Aug/96

808/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
RECEIVE Bylaw Services Statistics, Aug/96 for information. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports: - Cont'd.

5. Memo, Sept.05/96 - Lauder Avenue - Douglas Street Specified Area.

809/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE for information the Memo, Sept.05/96 - Lauder Avenue - Douglas Street Specified Area and DIRECT Administration not to proceed with the specified area and AUTHORIZE Administration to negotiate installation of services on a late comers basis. CARRIED

6. Memo, Sept.05/96 - Street Names in Merritt

810/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE for information the Memo, Sept.05/96 - Street Names in Merritt. CARRIED

A result of the boundary extension to include Colletville within the City was the duplication of some street names. Suggestions were made by the Planning Department which would re-name River Street in Colletville to Williams Street and Birch Road in Merritt to Slater Street. In keeping with the practice of using retired Council Members surnames for City Street names, The Airport Road which has been duplicated in several locations was proposed to be changed to :

Airport Road by Forestry - Airport Road
Airport Road fronting McDonalds - Winch Street
Airport Road north of Petro Canada - Belshaw Street

811/96

Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council AUTHORIZE the following street renaming, which follows the procedure of naming the streets after deceased Council Members:
Colletville River Street - Williams Street
Merritt - Birch Road - Slater Street
Airport Road by Forestry - Airport Road
Airport Road fronting McDonalds - Winch Street
Airport Road north of Petro Canada - Belshaw Street CARRIED

7. Memo, Sept.05/96 - Small Business Week 1996

812/96

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE for information the Memo, Sept.05/96 - Small Business Week 1996. CARRIED

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

7. Memo, Sept.05/96 - Small Business Week 1996 - Cont'd.
- 813/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council CO-SPONSOR the SMALL BUSINESS WEEK use of the Auditorium for one day. CARRIED
8. DVP1996-08, 1790 Houston Street
- 814/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE and REFUSE Development Variance Application 1996-08. CARRIED
9. Memo, Sept.05/96 - Business Improvement Area Initiative
- 815/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE Memo, Sept.05/96 - Business Improvement Area Initiative. CARRIED
- 816/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE:
- i. an application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing for a BIA start up grant of \$5,000.00 on behalf of the Merritt BIA Committee.
 - ii. the Economic Development Committee provide a contribution of \$2,500.00 from the Economic Development Budget and \$2,500.00 of inkind services.
 - iii. the Economic Development Committee place the Ministry of Municipal Affairs grant and the City's contribution (\$7,500.00) into a separate account to be drawn upon by the BIA Steering Committee with valid accounting procedures.
 - iv. the Council Initiative process to work with the BIA steering committee to have this in place by the 1997 property tax year. CARRIED
10. Memo, Sept.03/96 - Development Permit Amendments
- 817/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE:
- i. a policy for Development Permit Amendments that enables staff to make the following decisions without an application to Council for a Development Permit amendment:
 - Minor sign alterations
 - Fence location and construction
 - Garbage bin locations
 - Minor landscaping amendments (less than 15% of the letter of credit established)

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports: - Motion 817/96 Cont'd.

- ii. the preparation of an amendment to the Official Community Plan in order that safety and Building Code Improvements that do not effect the form and character of the building would not require development permits. CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 1583, 1996 -
818/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW, NO.1583, 1996.** CARRIED
- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 1584, 1996
819/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1584, 1996.** CARRIED
- c) City of Merritt Sign Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1586, 1996
820/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT SIGN CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1586, 1996.** CARRIED

At 9:06 p.m., the Planner and the Development Officer left the meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Potential Responses:
1. Brenda Chamberlain, MP, Aug.20/96 - Private Members Bill, C-302
821/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council **RECEIVE** the Brenda Chamberlain letter of Aug.20/96 - Private Members Bill, C-302. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

2. Nicola Watershed Community Round Table, Aug.20/96 - Riparian Zone Management Forum Invitation

822/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table letter of Aug.20/96 - Riparian Zone Management Forum Invitation and DIRECT staff to respond that Mayor Norgaard and Councillor McLean plan on attending. CARRIED

3. UBCM, Aug.20/96 - Assessment of New Directions in Health

823/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the UBCM letter of Aug.20/96 - Assessment of New Directions in Health for information. CARRIED

4. Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Aug.22/96 - Merritt Hospitality

824/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Minister of Small Business, Tourism , and Culture letter of Aug.22/96 - Merritt Hospitality and DIRECT staff to send a copy to the Merritt residents listed along with a congratulatory letter from the City. CARRIED

5. Office of the Official Opposition, Aug.26/96 - Provincial Ambulance Service

825/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Office of the Official Opposition letter of Aug.26/96 - Provincial Ambulance Service. CARRIED

6. Merritt and District Youth Resources Society, Aug.28/96 - Invitation

826/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Merritt and District Youth Resources Society Invitation of Aug.28/96 and SEND their regrets for being unable to attend, however Council wishes to emphasize their support for the Society. CARRIED

CITY OF MERRITT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUES., SEPT.10/96

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

7. School District No. 31 (Merritt), Aug.29/96 - Temporary Occupancy in Merritt Secondary School

827/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the School District No. 31(Merritt) letter of Aug.29/96 and WAIVE the required \$5,000.00 security deposit required for the temporary occupancy of Merritt Secondary School. CARRIED

8. The Arts Council, Sept.2/96 - 1996-97 Concert Series

The Arts Council requested that the City waive the rental of the Civic Centre for their Nov.13/96, Jan.31/97, Mar.14/97 and Apr.18/97 concerts. Council felt that they could approve waiving the fee for the Nov.13/96 concert, however the 1997 dates must be considered at the 1997 Budget Meetings.

828/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Arts Council letter of Sept.2/96 - 1996-97 Concert Series and CO-SPONSOR the Arts Council Concert on November 13/96 CARRIED

9. UBCM Bulletin# 4 - Convention Clinics and Workshops

829/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the UBCM Bulletin #4 - Convention Clinics and Workshops for discussions and consideration. CARRIED

10. Arena Retrofit Fundraising Committee, Sept.5/96 - Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Upgrade

The Fundraising Committee has requested that Council approve the use of fundraising money to relocate and renovate the referees room in one of the old dressing rooms under the bleachers. The cost of \$12,000.00 would be covered by the fundraising donations.

830/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Arena Retrofit Fundraising Committee letter of Sept.5/96 - and APPROVE their request to relocate and renovate the referees room with the funds to come from the fundraising donations. CARRIED

CITY OF MERRITT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUES., SEPT.10/96

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

11. Merritt RCMP Police Detachment, Sept. 9/96 - Request for support

831/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Merritt RCMP Police Detachment's letter of Sept.9/96 - Request for support and SEND a letter to the RCMP "E" Division HQ identifying the addition of a regular member to the municipal strength for planning purposes only. CARRIED

b) Receive:

1. UBCM,
 - i. July 15/96 - Provincial Responses to 1995 UBCM Resolutions
 - ii. July 31/96 - UBC's Fire Protection Engineering Program
 - iii. July 31/96 - Flood Hazard Management
 - iv. July 25/96 - Animal Control and Recreation Fees and Charges Survey
2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Aug.20/96 - Update 106-107
3. Nicola Lakeshore Estates Inc. Aug.29/96 - Environmental Impact Assessment.

832/96

Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE for information the following correspondence:

1. UBCM,
 - i. July 15/96 - Provincial Responses to 1995 UBCM Resolutions
 - ii. July 31/96 - UBC's Fire Protection Engineering Program
 - iii. July 31/96 - Flood Hazard Management
 - iv. July 25/96 - Animal Control and Recreation Fees and Charges Survey
2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Aug.20/96 - Update
3. Nicola Lakeshore Estates Inc. Aug.29/96 - Environmental Impact Assessment. CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

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13. ADJOURNMENT:

833/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council
TERMINATE this meeting at 9:34 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK



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CITY OF MERRITT

October 02, 1996

Thompson Nicola Regional District
Board of Directors
2079 Falcon Road
Kamloops, B.C.
V2C 4J2

Attention: Eric Shishido, Administrator

Dear Eric:

RE: 1997 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

Further to Mr. John Smith's letter of September 6, 1996 the City of Merritt requests the following funding for 1997:

Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre

In accordance with our negotiated agreement which is based on actual operating costs and population figures, the City of Merritt requests funding in the amount of \$116,165 for 1997. (This represents a 1997 request of \$116,165 and an adjustment of \$ 0 based on 1995 audited financial statements).

Recreation - Areas M and N

The City of Merritt remains confused over the negotiated settlement for recreation funding. Previous correspondence and the press conference that Directors for Electoral Areas M and N held in our Mayor's office in May of this year clearly show there was a commitment to fund \$75,000 per year. This figure was based on actual operating costs and population figures and was arrived at following prolonged discussion and a public information meeting.

At the more recent meeting with TNRD representatives the City was advised that the \$75,000 was not agreed to (contrary to the attached press clippings) and a new

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Thompson Nicola Regional District

1997 Provisional Budget

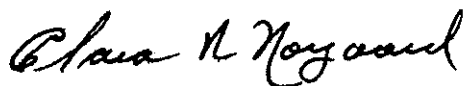
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settlement was reached wherein the TNRD would pay the City the maximum possible without going to referendum, which according to TNRD representatives was in the \$57,000 to \$62,000 per annum range depending on 1997 assessed values. These figures were, however, put into question when subsequent discussions with TNRD staff indicated differing assessment bases may provide significantly different results.

In view of this confusion, the City of Merritt requests that:

1. The TNRD provide the \$75,000 grant based on actual costs and population.
2. Failing that, the TNRD provide the maximum available without going to referendum provided that the sum is not significantly less than \$57,000 per year.
3. Failing that, the TNRD proceed to referendum to secure the \$75,000 original figure.

Yours truly,



Clara R. Norgaard,
MAYOR

Attachments (5)



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May 08, 1996

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Thompson Nicola Regional District
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Attention: Eric Shishido, Administrator

Dear Mr. Shishido:

Further to the meeting on May 07, 1996 between Council for the City of Merritt and the Directors for Areas M and N of the Thompson Nicola Regional District, the City of Merritt is prepared to accept \$75,000 per annum from the rural residents as their recreational contribution. Should this figure be accepted by the residents, there would be no user fees imposed for recreational facilities within the City of Merritt other than the regular fees for admission charged all users.

Yours truly,

T.C. Day, Administrator

MERRITT

▼ TNRD

Tax increases garner insignificant interest

☐ Only nine people could be bothered to turn up at a meeting to determine the fate of a tax increase for TNRD residents.

By SHANNON MILLER
MERRITT NEWS REPORTER

If attendance counts, then residents in the outlying areas around Merritt aren't too concerned about a small increase to their taxes.

Only nine people attended the public information meeting last Thursday to discuss a proposed increase in the recreational grant-in-aid from Thompson Nicola Regional District residents.

Directors from the TNRD as well as city officials were on hand at the Lower Nicola Community Hall to present the city's proposal and to answer questions, but the evening was cut short when so few turned up.

A quick presentation was made on the costs of operating the arena and the contribution the city would like from TNRD residents.

City administrator Tom Day said the cost of the arena, including servicing the loan for renovations, runs at \$365,000 a year.

The city is asking TNRD residents to pay for 20 per cent of the costs which equates to \$75,000 - \$47,000 more than is currently paid through taxes.

The increase is based on an informal survey conducted by the city which estimates that 23 per cent of arena users are from outside the city boundaries.

The increase in contributions from residents of Areas M and N of the TNRD would be accounted for through taxes on assessed home values.

The current contribution of \$28,000 is based on six cents per thousand dollars: To garner \$75,000 taxes would be increased to 10 cents per \$1,000. For a \$150,000 home the recreation tax would go from \$9 to \$15.

The alternative to a tax increase is a two tier system where residents outside of the city would be asked to pay a user fee. TNRD resident Bonnie Abels said user fees would be too expensive for her family.

"With two boys in hockey and as a figure skating coach I prefer a tax increase," Abels said.

Her preference for a tax increase was backed by the majority of residents at the meeting.

Only one person, voiced opposition to the tax increase. Area M director Bruce McMahon said there was too few in attendance to make a decision, however, he would take the low attendance as a positive sign and proceed with a decision at the next board meeting.

"Sometimes a lack of interest is a sign of support," McMahon said.

Originally it was announced that any tax decision would be brought to a referendum in conjunction with November's municipal elections, however, TNRD officials now say a referendum is unnecessary.



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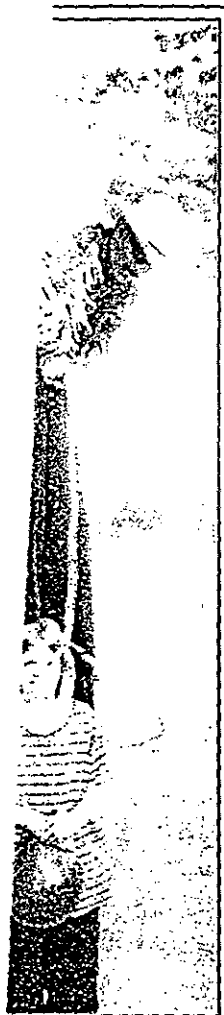
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▼ ARENA RETROFIT

Rural residents asked to cough up cash

□ *TNRD residents will be asked to approve a tax increase that would equal about \$13 a year for a \$150,000 home.*

BY SHANNON MILLER
MERRITT NEWS REPORTER

The City of Merritt is asking its rural neighbors to contribute close to \$50,000 in taxes to fund renovations to the arena.

The city is proposing that Thompson Nicola Regional District residents increase their contributions to the city's recreation budget from \$28,000 to \$75,000.

The tax increase would equate to approximately nine cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, the equivalent of about \$13 a year for a \$150,000 home.

Recreation services in the city consistently cost more than the revenues generated, and the deficit has increased with the current renovations to the arena.

part of the city's recreational services.

The recreational grant-in-aid from the TNRD residents would offset the deficit and assist in ongoing operating costs of the arena, Coun. Rick Typusiak said.

Acting mayor Daryll McLean said the other alternative is a two-tier system that would have the city charge their residents one fee and rural residents another.

McLean said the cost could be as much as an extra \$400 a year for a family whose children were involved in hockey.

Pat Lutzmann, TNRD director for Area N, said she is willing to take the proposal to the people in her area.

However, she said she expects some reservations from seniors who don't use the arena facility and from residents who live too far out from the city to come in regularly.

"People without children may not be willing to pay for it."

Bruce McMahon, director for Area M, said he hopes they can be

part of the city's recreational services.

"Times have changed and it's not a lot of money," McMahon said.

Coun. Typusiak noted that it's unique in the regional district to give this amount of money to the city.

He said council is appreciative of the two director's willingness to sit down and work it out.

TNRD residents will be presented with all the pros and cons at a public meeting in the Lower Nicola Community Hall on May 16 at 7 p.m.

The public forum will be a chance to voice concerns or questions regarding funding for recreational facilities.

Before a change can be made to regional taxation rates the city is required to hold a public referendum. The referendum would be held in conjunction with November's municipal elections, and any rate change would be reflected in next year's tax levys.

Cool spring could mean hot summer

If you can bear with the unsettled spring weather for a few more weeks, there's a better than average chance that summer will be hotter than normal.

A cold winter and cool spring is usually followed by an unusually hot summer said Allan Nourse, meteorologist with Environment Canada.

Nourse said this year's weather pattern is all part of La Nina, and if the trend continues June, July and August have a 60 per cent chance or better of being very hot. La Nina is the opposite of last year's weather trend El Nino, which provided for a warmer winter.

The trends reflect the ocean's surface temperature: if it's warmer on the ocean's surface it's an El Nino year, cooler temperatures mean La Nina.

Nourse said our seasonably lower than average tem-

peratures this month are attributed to La Nina.

"We should be seeing 19, 20 and 21 degrees Celsius at this time of year," he said of the Nicola Valley, rather than the highs of 15 degrees we've been recording.

As the sun gets higher in the sky and we get closer to the longest day of the year on June 21, the sun should be getting stronger, Nourse said.

As for snow, the few flurries that fell early in the week are nothing compared to May 3, 1978 when Merritt received six centimetres of the white stuff.

"It doesn't happen very often," Nourse said at snow in May, "about once in every 10 to 15 years."

The good news is since weather records began in 1968 there has never been a recorded instance of snow in June.



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Merritt Herald
May 15/96



City seeks more recreation funds from TNRD

By COLIN BRANDT

Representatives from the Thompson Nicola Regional District will be meeting with constituents to discuss whether or not a referendum should be held to raise tax rates that will help pay for Merritt recreational facilities.

Taxpayers living in the TNRD have traditionally been paying \$28,000 to the city to help pay for the upkeep of facilities used by the entire Nicola Valley community.

"What we said we are willing to do on our end is increase it to \$75,000 which is our share basically based on population," said area M director Bruce McMahon.

That increase can not come without a referendum.

McMahon said a public meeting will be held on May 16 in the Lower Nicola Community Hall (7

p.m.) to decide if a referendum is warranted.

"Is there enough support to take this to referendum?"

City councillor Rick Typusiak said approximately 25 per cent of the users of Nicola Valley Memorial

Arena are from the TNRD. That percentage increases for minor hockey.

Typusiak said it's not a question of fairness for residents in the TNRD to pay a share of facilities through taxation.

"We want it to be seen as for the community and not just the citizens of Merritt."

Based on an assessed property value of \$100,000, the increase would represent approximately \$8.

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Few attend meeting to discuss raising TNRD taxes for recreation

by STEPH TROUGHTON

Thompson-Nicola regional District members may be paying a marginal tax increase for use of the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena.

The option was raised at a TNRD meeting Thursday evening scheduled for Areas M and N residents.

Held in the Lower Nicola Community Hall, the meeting was orga-

nized by the City of Merritt and TNRD directors Pat Lunzmann and Bruce McMahon.

They told the eight residents in attendance they had a choice between paying a tax increase that would work out to about \$15 on every \$100,000 of property assessed value or a user fee.

For businesses, the tax increase would go from \$14 on every \$100,00 of property assessed value to \$36.

The user fee, city administrator Tom Day said, would probably not be a popular choice as it would amount to approximately \$250 a year for each user.

Describing it as a "very unfortunate" option, Day said the user fee was a costly choice.

"We really wouldn't want to get into that," he said.

Holding a referendum for what residents would want to do about the mat-

ter is a possibility.

If one were held, it would probably be during the municipal elections to be held in the fall.

That plan, TNRD staff said, would save on referendum costs, making the bill anywhere from \$2,000 - \$3,000 rather than \$5,000 if it were held independently.

As there were so few at the meeting, McMahon decided it would not be appropriate to make a decision at that time.

He suggested the issue would be raised again at a TNRD board meeting.

Anyone wishing more information or to express concerns about the matter can contact McMahon or Lunzmann.

A survey done shows rural residents from Areas M and N make up approximately 25 per cent of the population in the Nicola Valley area.

Capital costs for the arena project that the city and region must absorb

amounts to approximately \$1 million.

The operating deficit for the arena was estimated at approximately \$365,000 when the interest and debt servicing costs were calculated. Of that cost, the city estimated TNRD residents should pay \$72,900 which is an increase of about \$47,000 from what they currently pay.

Leadership and love don't mix in American President



Steph Troughton VIDEO VIEW

by Richard Dreyfuss, is telling them to do exactly that.

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in the polls, he starts to lose ground as his relationship with Wade develops.

He comes to the obvious question - which is more

important, his job or his love life?

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Mr. Tom Day
City Administrator
City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
MERRITT, B.C.
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Dear Mr. Day:

It is understood that the City of Merritt is considering an expansion in length to the softball fields located at the south side of Parker Drive in Merritt. The playing fields comprise of a semi-circular configuration of ball facilities with a radius of about 80 metres. The proposed expansion of these fields would extend the fence line to the north by about 35 feet (10.6 metres) beyond the existing location.

These ball facilities are located immediately south of the toe of the slope from Parker Drive. The toe of the slope in this area varies in location around the outside fence of the ball facilities. The toe is closest to the most northern edge of these facilities as indicated on Sketch No. 1.

From our evaluation of the proposed field extension, the following observations were noted:

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- around the northeastern and northwestern edges of the ball facilities, the extension will not impinge significantly on the toe of the slope. This would be represented by Sectors A and C on Sketch No. 1.
- around the centre Sector B of the ball facilities, the proposed field extension will impinge significantly on the toe of the slope.

With regards to the portion of the field extension at Sector B, increasing the size of the field by 10.6 metres will necessitate excavation at the toe of the slope. As indicated on Sketch No. 2, a maximum height of material of between three to four metres will require removal from this area. As the field trends to the east and west, this height of material will gradually be reduced to zero in these directions.

As indicated on this sketch, following the completion of this vertical excavation, it will be necessary to backslope the new toe of the slope to an appropriate angle. Since the existing ground surface is at a 3(H) to 1(V) slope, the backslope will have to be steeper so that the existing ground surface is intersected. A slope of 2(H) to 1(V) is shown on the sketch to accommodate this requirement.

Stability Analysis and Evaluation

The south slope of Parker Drive has experienced previous slope movements. These slope movements are due to a large extent in the elevation of the groundwater table at the top of the slope. As the groundwater elevation increases, the instability characteristics of the slope also increase. These movements are well documented and various remedial designs have been suggested to stabilize this slope area.

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From our stability analysis and evaluation of the resulting affect on the slope with an extension to the length of ball field facilities, we have some serious concerns. This proposed extension will remove material from the toe of the slope over the centre portion of the fields by about 40 m²/m of length. In total, we are estimating that about 3,000 m³ of material will be required to be removed from this area of the slope. As a result, unloading of the toe of the slope will occur.

Our stability calculations indicate that toe unloading will significantly reduce the factor of safety of the slope. Since the slope has a marginal factor of safety dictated by groundwater conditions, we feel that this toe excavation could be sufficient to reduce the factor of safety below unity and cause a slope failure to occur.

Also, we consider that the stability of the backslope portion of the new slope at 2(H) to 1(V) could not be guaranteed and would likely fail with time. This cut slope would eventually slump until a 3(H) to 1(V) slope is achieved. These movements would detrimentally affect the stability of the houses at the crest of the slope.

We do not consider that it is practical or economical to construct a retaining wall structure at the toe of the excavated slope. The slope forces that a wall would have to support are extensive. This wall construction would have to comprise of a massive gravity concrete structure or reinforced earth structure. For a concrete structure, the weight of the wall would have to be in excess of the weight of the material excavated from the toe of the slope to provide a sufficient factor of safety against movement. A reinforced earth structure would necessitate additional earthworks and controlled soil compaction techniques. As a result, the cost to undertake this work would be expensive.

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Conclusions and Recommendations

For the extension of the existing softball fields, excavations along a portion of the toe of the Parker Drive slope will be required. These excavations will cause unloading to the toe of the slope. Since this slope has experienced previous slope movement, it is concluded that it is in a marginal state of equilibrium. The stability of this slope is governed by the elevation of the groundwater table at the crest of the slope. Excavations at the toe of the slope will tend to decrease this equilibrium and the overall stability of this slope.

As a result, we do not recommend excavations in this area of the slope and consequently, we do not recommend the extensions to the ball fields. The cost to provide the required retaining structures at the toe of the slope, in the event that field extensions and slope excavations were undertaken, would be very expensive.

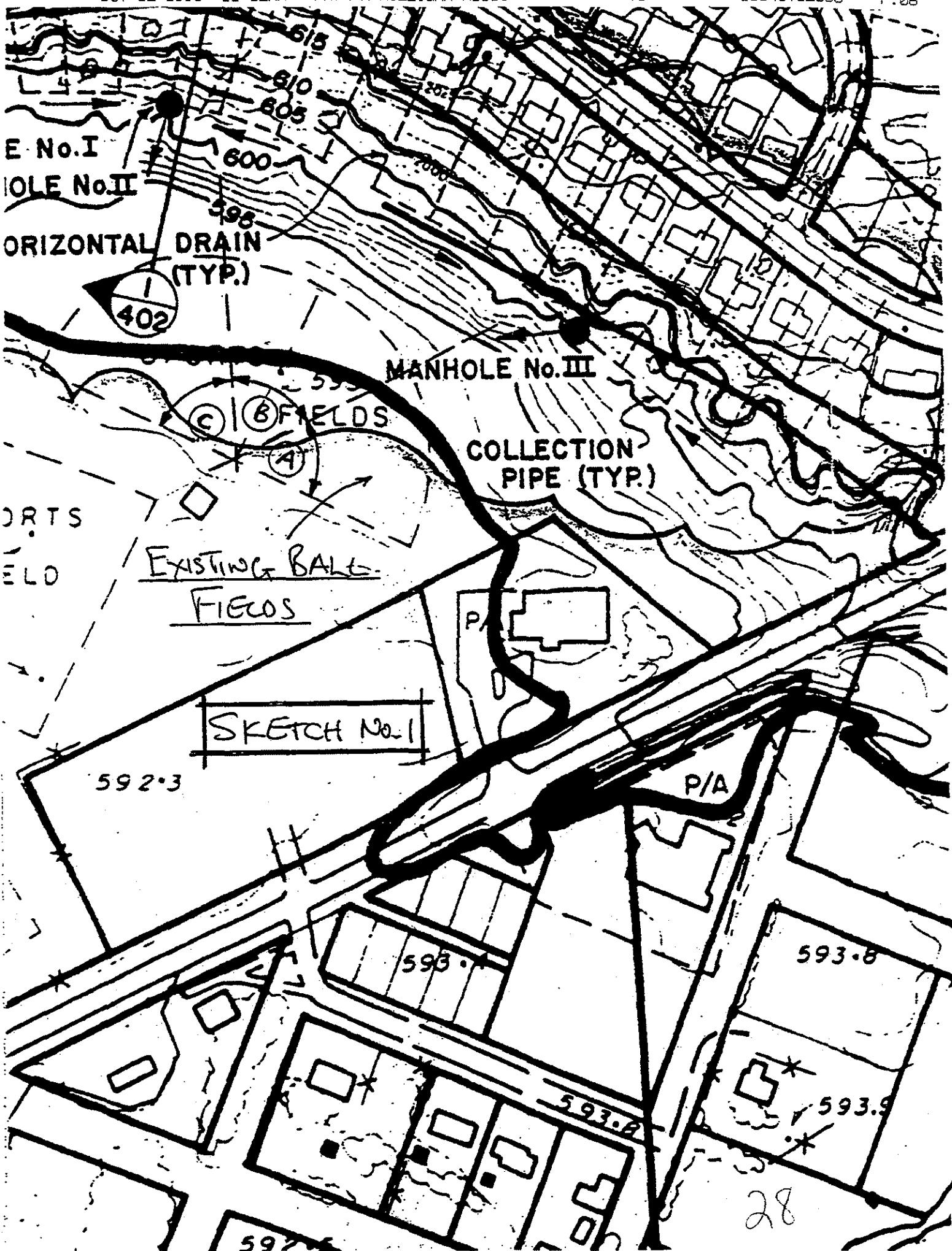
Please contact us if you have any questions on the above.

Yours truly,



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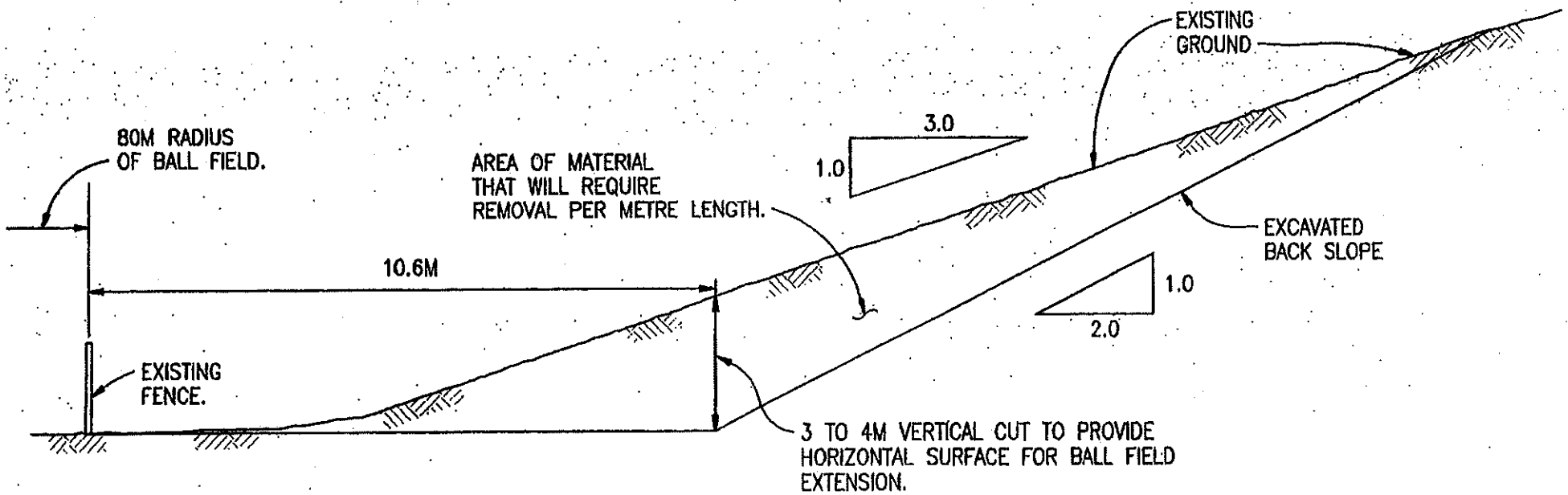
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CITY OF MERRITT
PROPOSED BALL FIELD EXTENSION



SECTION THROUGH SECTOR B AT
TOE OF PARKER DRIVE SLOPE

SKETCH NO.2

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Agenda

**CITY OF REVELSTOKE
COMPARISON OF AVERAGE TAXES**

RESIDENTIAL 1996

MUNICIPALITY	OCCURENCES	TAX RATE	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE	AVERAGE CITY TAXES	1991 CENSUS POP.
1 White Rock	7,140	5.49996	1,677,719,100	234,975	1,292	471,844
2 New Westminster	14,379	5.0141	3,441,213,490	239,322	1,200	43,585
3 Victoria	20,115	4.8275	4,779,844,077	237,626	1,147	71,228
4 Vancouver	128,673	2.661	51,687,536,447	401,697	1,069	471,844
5 Kelowna	28,657	5.8305	5,148,918,200	179,674	1,048	75,950
6 Kamloops	26,717	8.02	3,383,899,105	126,657	1,016	67,057
7 Port Coquitlam	14,502	4.5265	3,004,699,400	207,192	938	36,773
8 Nanaimo	26,692	6.5229	3,753,697,393	140,630	917	60,129
9 Port Moody	6,752	3.9537	1,565,857,681	231,910	917	17,712
10 Burnaby	51,215	2.9954	15,544,561,128	303,516	909	158,858
11 Nelson	3,629	7.6891	405,413,460	111,715	859	8,760
12 Langley	6,968	4.76	1,256,887,300	180,380	859	19,765
13 North Vancouver	11,442	3.0483	3,160,933,002	276,257	842	38,436
14 Terrace	3,945	7.1006	455,107,494	115,363	819	11,423
15 Richmond	48,163	2.82196	13,782,350,745	286,161	808	126,624
16 Surrey	91,899	3.56984	20,409,034,832	222,081	793	9,775
17 Prince George	28,200	7.67895	2,826,488,319	100,230	770	69,653
18 Coquitlam	32,210	3.0941	7,956,290,111	247,013	764	84,021
19 Cranbrook	6,521	7.3168	660,346,800	101,265	741	16,447
20 Penticton	11,791	5.384	1,594,753,450	135,252	728	27,258
21 Parksville	4,442	4.913136	647,508,616	145,770	716	7,306
22 Salmon Arm	6,562	6.2145	732,678,540	111,655	694	12,554
23 Williams Lake	3,092	5.9969	350,591,542	113,387	680	10,385
24 Fernie	2,012	8.45	155,868,450	77,469	655	5,012
25 Vernon	12,216	4.4925	1,675,037,944	137,118	616	23,514
26 Port Alberni	7,819	6.4773	742,603,500	94,974	615	18,403
27 Fort St. John	4,986	8.212	357,107,983	71,622	588	14,157
28 Prince Rupert	6,827	7.486	527,521,250	77,270	578	16,62
29 Summerland	5,061	4.5486	622,431,300	122,986	559	9,775
X30 Merritt	2,590	4.6789	292,953,500	113,109	529	6,253 X
31 Courtenay	7,346	4.1545	919,542,800	125,176	520	11,652
32 Golden	1,452	6.297	117,150,300	80,682	508	3,733
33 Dawson Creek	3,886	7.68	252,977,973	65,100	500	10,981
34 Castlegar	2,706	4.0411	300,416,300	111,019	449	6,579
35 Duncan	1,661	3.2954	224,868,200	135,381	446	4,301
36 Armstrong	1,675	4.0233	181,339,900	108,263	436	3,200
37 Colwood	4,049	2.3031	761,036,900	187,957	433	13,468
38 North Saanich	4,549	1.4089	1,293,716,200	284,396	401	
39 Revelstoke	3,645	4.9042	271,195,600	74,340	365	7,729
40 Enderby	1,213	3.42	118,286,600	97,516	334	2,128
41 Quesnel	2,874	3.6615	246,852,001	85,891	314	8,179
42 Trail	3,456	3.3782	262,144,600	75,852	256	7,919
43 Rossland	2,072	3.1366	147,105,500	70,997	223	126,624
44 Grand Forks	2,774	3.0982	175,769,132	63,363	196	3,610
45 Greenwood	678	5.5	22,868,170	33,729	186	3,610
46 Kimberly	3,388	2.48593	237,023,700	69,960	174	6,531

CITY OF REVELSTOKE
COMPARISON OF AVERAGE TAXES

BUSINESS 1996

			TOTAL	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	1991
MUNICIPALITY	OCCURENCIES	TAX RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	ASSESSED VALUE	CITY TAXES	CENSUS POP.
1 Vancouver	10,116	14.55811	12,089,185,407	1,195,056	17,398	471,844
2 Kelowna	776	11.728	1,029,848,010	1,327,124	15,565	75,950
3 Coquitlam	1,039	15.2576	995,090,300	957,738	14,613	84,021
4 Burnaby	3,013	11.9875	3,127,433,762	1,037,980	12,443	158,858
5 Victoria	2,447	13.2082	1,853,958,870	757,646	10,007	71,228
6 New Westminste	904	16.604	528,947,084	585,118	9,715	43,585
7 North Vancouver	853	9.67327	729,476,500	855,189	8,272	38,436
8 Kamloops	1,497	19.65	585,112,223	390,857	7,680	67,057
9 Nanaimo	1,440	18.5281	595,785,950	413,740	7,666	60,129
10 Richmond	4,000	8.98624	3,334,442,881	833,611	7,491	126,624
11 Terrace	437	25.7585	106,549,200	243,820	6,280	11,423
12 Port Coquitlam	715	13.0579	336,635,400	470,819	6,148	36,773
13 Langley	632	9.62	371,953,850	588,535	5,662	19,765
14 Surrey	4433	9.95673	2,456,335,389	554,102	5,517	9,775
15 Port Moody	271	12.2022	115,914,000	427,727	5,219	17,712
16 Prince Rupert	583	24.551	120,267,050	206,290	5,065	16,620
17 White Rock	233	12.90192	90,355,450	387,792	5,003	471,844
18 Port Alberni	537	25.2615	101,674,800	189,339	4,783	18,403
19 Prince George	1,809	11.63618	708,455,800	391,628	4,557	69,653
20 Cranbrook	758	23.6398	145,726,050	192,251	4,545	16,447
21 Courtenay	776	13.7098	247,670,602	319,163	4,376	11,652
22 Parksville	321	9.18819	115,574,907	360,046	3,308	7,306
23 Nelson	420	15.9933	84,185,664	200,442	3,206	8,760
24 Vernon	1,144	10.3112	346,792,350	303,140	3,126	23,514
25 Colwood	138	8.3673	51,130,500	370,511	3,100	13,468
26 Salmon Arm	519	13.7013	116,028,000	223,561	3,063	12,554
27 Williams Lake	514	12.2963	124,213,250	241,660	2,972	10,385
28 Duncan	273	12.0281	65,797,800	241,018	2,899	4,301
29 Penticton	1,032	8.076	327,603,690	317,446	2,564	27,258
30 Castlegar	338	14.2627	57,882,600	171,250	2,442	6,579
31 Fort St. John	1,360	39.1813	84,049,800	61,801	2,421	14,156
X 32 Merritt	352	13.8287	59,686,250	169,563	2,345	6,253 X
33 North Saanich	145	8.3237	36,532,400	251,948	2,097	
34 Quesnel	498	10.44	96,181,650	193,915	2,024	8,179
35 Dawson Greek	996	33.63	59,360,900	59,589	2,004	10,981
36 Golden	391	16.562	44,348,300	113,423	1,879	3,733
37 Revelstoke	529	15.2741	54,206,522	102,374	1,862	7,729
38 Armstrong	137	12.0046	18,020,900	120,493	1,446	3,200
39 Kimberly	296	23.53531	17,752,351	59,974	1,412	6,531
40 Trail	319	7.2631	54,013,450	169,321	1,230	7,919
41 Summerland	278	7.885	40,528,050	145,784	1,150	9,775
42 Fernie	402	20.7025	21,182,300	52,692	1,091	5,012
43 Enderby	133	10.35	12,960,550	97,448	1,009	2,128
44 Rossland	124	9.5878	9,838,250	79,341	761	126,624
45 Grand Forks	414	8.965	33,585,000	81,123	727	3,610
46 Greenwood	107	13.475	2,314,450	21,630	291	3,610

**CITY OF REVELSTOKE
COMPARISON OF AVERAGE TAXES**

LIGHT INDUSTRY 1996

MUNICIPALITY	OCCURENCES	TAX RATE	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE	AVERAGE CITY TAXES	1991 CENSUS POP.
1 Vancouver	123	25.9979	118,887,500	966,565	25,129	471,844
2 Kelowna	30	11.728	54,691,000	1,823,033	21,381	75,950
3 New Westminster	60	30.1147	33,114,700	551,912	16,621	43,585
4 Enderby	21	15.32	19,652,700	935,843	14,337	2,128
5 Richmond	197	13.47942	183,408,600	931,008	12,549	126,624
6 Terrace	15	32.662	5,625,800	375,053	12,250	11,423
7 Kamloops	53	27.1	22,769,300	429,609	11,842	67,057
8 Burnaby	205	15.116	137,593,700	671,189	10,146	158,858
9 Port Coquitlam	163	17.6892	86,646,900	531,576	9,403	36,773
10 Victoria	29	13.2082	20,509,400	707,221	9,341	71,228
11 Coquitlam	130	18.5141	62,014,500	477,035	8,832	84,021
12 Langley	52	9.62	44,583,400	857,373	8,248	19,765
13 Colwood	25	23.3862	8,695,400	347,816	8,134	13,468
14 Fort St. John	22	41.0601	4,332,012	196,910	8,085	14,156
15 Quesnel	13	26.6893	3,675,900	282,762	7,547	8,179
16 Salmon Arm	29	20.977	10,066,500	347,121	7,282	12,554
17 Dawson Creek	10	33.63	2,037,100	203,710	6,851	10,981
18 Port Moody	28	20.2549	9,431,700	336,846	6,823	17,712
19 Port Alberni	11	38.1513	1,817,300	165,209	6,303	18,403
20 Courtenay	5	16.618	1,756,500	351,300	5,838	11,652
21 Surrey	586	9.95673	320,304,500	546,595	5,442	9,775
22 Penticton	51	8.076	30,369,000	595,471	4,809	27,258
23 Williams Lake	15	25.7666	2,600,300	173,353	4,467	10,385
24 North Vancouver	35	20.06089	7,779,500	222,271	4,459	38,436
25 Prince George	52	11.63618	19,657,200	378,023	4,399	69,653
26 Trail	27	16.9923	6,948,800	257,363	4,373	7,91
27 Prince Rupert	57	24.551	10,132,100	177,756	4,364	16,620
28 Nelson	7	15.9933	1,902,100	271,729	4,346	8,760
29 Nanaimo	39	17.7285	7,878,100	202,003	3,581	60,129
30 Vernon	30	9.1528	10,781,500	359,383	3,289	23,614
31 Cranbrook	23	31.007	2,321,800	100,948	3,130	16,447
X 32 Merritt	6	17.2562	909,200	151,533	2,615	6,253 X
33 Fernie	1	28.73	62,900	62,900	1,807	5,012
34 Castlegar	4	25.936	270,900	67,725	1,757	6,579
35 Armstrong	5	15.876	524,400	104,880	1,665	3,200
36 Parksville	17	4.36251	6,399,063	376,415	1,642	7,306
37 Summerland	34	7.885	6,223,900	183,056	1,443	9,775
38 Revelstoke	18	23.959	7,055,400	392,522	1,443	7,725
39 Duncan	2	12.0281	207,300	103,650	1,247	4,301
40 Golden	15	18.892	826,100	55,073	1,040	3,733
41 North Saanich	3	5.4885	541,700	180,567	991	
42 Kimberly	70	39.44769	1,203,850	17,198	678	6,531
43 Grand Forks	16	9.3104	1,095,300	68,456	637	3,610
44 Rossland	1	9.5878	2,700	2,700	26	126,624

**CITY OF REVELSTOKE
COMPARISON OF AVERAGE TAXES**

MAJOR INDUSTRY 1996

MUNICIPALITY	OCCURENCES	TAX RATE	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE	AVERAGE CITY TAXES	1991 CENSUS POP.
1 Prince Rupert	7	27.785	188,979,000	26,997,000	750,112	16,620
2 Trail	5	13.8506	175,023,500	35,004,700	484,836	7,919
3 Port Alberni	19	62.9594	110,952,300	5,839,595	367,657	18,403
4 Coquitlam	4	32.9875	42,559,700	10,639,925	350,985	84,021
5 North Vancouver	14	30.42755	127,792,000	9,128,000	277,743	38,436
6 Kamloops	16	47.9	83,924,900	5,245,306	251,250	67,057
7 New Westminster	9	28.0992	76,038,600	8,448,733	237,403	43,585
8 Port Moody	19	33.4588	104,918,600	5,522,032	184,761	17,712
9 Burnaby	28	30.7675	150,705,500	5,382,339	165,601	158,858
10 Prince George	48	26.99426	289,804,600	6,037,596	162,980	69,653
11 Nanaimo	29	46.8783	96,330,800	3,321,752	155,718	60,129
12 Castlegar	22	27.1072	105,107,200	4,777,600	129,507	6,579
13 Vancouver	50	30.81391	192,897,200	3,857,944	118,878	471,844
14 Quesnel	38	32.2193	124,509,900	3,276,576	105,569	8,179
15 Terrace	11	51.662	17,296,600	1,572,418	81,234	11,423
16 Williams Lake	17	47.3769	27,692,700	1,628,982	77,176	10,385
17 Cranbrook	2	51.4586	2,935,000	1,467,500	75,515	16,447
18 Kelowna	4	18.1502	11,661,600	2,915,400	52,915	75,950
19 Kimberly	61	93.95317	28,146,300	461,415	43,351	6,531
20 Courtenay	2	16.618	5,045,900	2,522,950	41,926	11,652
21 Grand Forks	7	23.2164	11,978,100	1,711,157	39,727	3,610
22 Richmond	20	19.02464	40,138,100	2,006,905	38,181	126,624
23 Salmon Arm	7	33.0875	7,258,700	1,036,957	34,310	12,554
24 Golden	2	18.892	2,931,500	1,465,750	27,691	3,733
25 Merritt	18	33.6505	12,498,600	694,367	23,366	6,253
26 Surrey	61	14.53254	39,444,300	646,628	9,397	9,775
27 Summerland	2	11.7148	1,253,400	626,700	7,342	9,775
28 Revelstoke	25	28.7186	441,400	17,656	8,102	7,729


MEMORANDUM

Agenda

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Administration
DATE: October 01, 1996
SUBJECT: 1996 Budget Review Workshop

The 1996 Budget Review Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 1996 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



T.C. Day, Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Administration
DATE: October 02, 1996
SUBJECT: Fire Inspection Program

As Council requested, the following is an update of the City's contract Fire Inspection Program.

When budgeted funding is exhausted at the end of October, it is anticipated that the contract Fire Inspector will have completed in the range of 60% of the fire inspections necessary to complete the entire city. This is slower than originally anticipated by the contractor and hoped for by city staff, but is more along the time frame anticipated by the city's Fire Chief and other firms that bid the project. The principal reason for not meeting the contractor's time line is the inordinate number of repeat visits the Inspector must make to some buildings to ensure compliance with the Fire Code requirements.

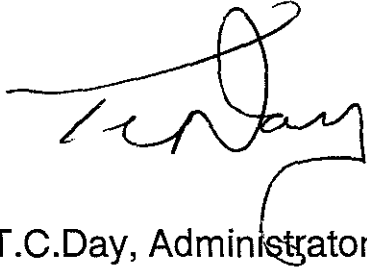
At this point the City will have to budget an additional \$25,000 in 1997 in order to have the contractor complete the inspection program. This does not jeopardize Ken McIvor as the city's best choice as our contract Inspector as all the other bidders were significantly more expensive and included additional costs for a prolonged program due to repeat inspections.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council direct staff to include an expense of \$25,000 in the draft 1997 Provisional Budget to complete the Fire Inspection Program together with a copy of the legal opinion outlining Council's obligations to undertake fire inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

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T.C.Day, Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Administrator

DATE: October 02, 1996

SUBJECT: New Services and Improvements to Existing Systems

This memo confirms the steps taken following Council's directions to pursue some new services and improve the delivery of some existing services.

CONVENTION CENTRE

Council's wish was to develop the Civic Centre as a Convention Centre in order to bring additional revenues to existing City businesses, particularly, the hospitality and food industry. Council's Recreation Manager, Dalyce Brandt, has been given the task of accomplishing this goal with the aid of Council's Economic Development Committee which will assist in steering this new project.

At this early point in time it is envisioned that a promotional package and a specific marketing strategy will be developed to attract small conventions and business education programs to Merritt. The City will work with those members of the hospitality and food industry who wish to improve their sales particularly in the non-peak months.

Dalyce and/or the Economic Development Committee will be reporting further to Council on this project as it proceeds.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

The City Hall project was initiated in large part because of Council's belief that the Civic Centre should be returned to the Citizens of Merritt for their recreational and cultural use. With the forthcoming freeing of space previously used by City Hall, the City will be in the position to undertake additional recreational programming in the Civic Centre.

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Dalyce Brandt will work with private contractors to provide new recreational programming for citizens of all ages and interests. The intention is to produce programming on a break even, user pay basis. The City will arrange for a contract instructor and the program will only run if there are enough registrants to pay the instructor's expenses and any associated program supplies.

Programming is tentatively scheduled to be in place for early in the new year.

ARENA MANAGEMENT

Jeff Norburn, Council's Aquatic Centre Manager will be working closely with the arena operations contractor, Brian Barrett, to ensure the City's brand new 40 year old arena is fully used and retains its new look. Jeff and Brian will monitor revenue and expense levels in the new arena to ensure a fair deal for all involved including the users, the operator and the tax payer.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Council's goal has been to ensure that new development in the City of Merritt is in a suitable location for the intended use, is aesthetically pleasing, is safe and does not result in future costs to the taxpayer for servicing, maintenance, or protection. In order to accomplish this and ensure quality developments the City enforces a quantity of legislation including:

- Official Community Plan
- Zoning Bylaw
- Development Services Bylaw
- Building Bylaw
- Fire Services Act

This myriad of legislation is often confusing for the uninitiated developer so Council directed staff to look at ways to make the development services process more "user friendly".

To accomplish this goal all City Staff involved in development approvals (Building Inspector, Fire Chief, Public Works Superintendent, Planner and Development Officer) will for each significant development, sit down and list the information required from the developer and the steps and approvals necessary for the developer to finalize his/her project. This project specific list will be compiled in letter form by the Development Officer who will also sit down with the developer and go over the list step by step. In addition, the Development Officer will be available as a client advocate if the developer is uncertain where the project is in the process or what the developer must do next to ensure a smooth process.

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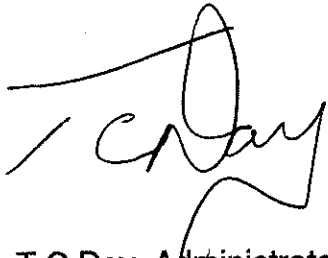
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The above programs will be undertaken without the addition of any new staff. It is expected that technological improvements in the New City Hall and a shuffling of duties of all inside staff will free up sufficient time to complete these new directions to Council's and the public's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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T.C.Day, Administrator

THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

JULY 1996

CITY OF MERRITT

AUG 16 1996

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RECAP:

Location	Permits Issued In Month				Permits Issued For Seven Months			
	July 1996		July 1995		To July 31, 1996		To July 31, 1995	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
Ashcroft	2	86,000	2	3,000	15	694,440	18	2,055,596
Barriere	3	90,000	0	0	52	3,036,790	0	0
Chase	5	339,000	5	218,000	34	2,415,120	37	1,943,660
Clearwater	4	130,000	2	157,500	51	6,020,920	36	2,451,740
Clinton	2	106,000	5	29,500	10	265,200	19	315,790
Logan Lake	5	376,000	4	402,000	31	2,089,882	26	1,432,740
Lytton	0	0	1	213,000	3	54,200	10	695,107
Sun Peaks	4	545,660	0	0	30	15,250,520	0	0
A	3	99,000	6	119,500	26	1,145,740	41	2,071,263
B	3	924,000	1	40,500	8	2,362,000	11	595,080
E	8	358,605	6	355,720	46	2,222,495	41	1,898,200
I	2	127,880	1	8,000	26	1,884,755	25	1,400,980
J	2	159,000	13	589,820	14	881,860	48	2,331,727
L	10	454,560	3	262,540	42	2,522,448	39	2,094,220
M	4	192,760	4	270,300	40	2,206,625	29	1,800,860
N	2	352,000	2	93,500	13	929,640	19	1,234,150
O	4	267,465	13	531,880	47	2,187,174	80	3,346,060
P	12	643,880	13	555,977	69	3,971,124	85	19,414,252
Total	75	5,251,810	81	3,850,737	557	50,140,933	564	45,081,425

Discontinued in 1995:

Merritt	0	0	10	7,062,716	0	0	57	13,011,951
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Only Electoral Area Directors are entitled to vote on this matter.

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THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT
BUILDING STATISTICS FOR JULY 1996

Location	Single Family Dwelling		Single Wide Mobile		Multiple Family Dwelling		Commercial		Gov't/Institutional		Industrial		Miscellaneous		Renovation		Additions		Wood Heaters		Renewal		Totals		
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	
CARIBOO AREA:																									
Ashcroft	1	83,000	0	0	0	0	1	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	88,000
Clinton	1	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	106,000
Lytton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E	2	269,245	0	0	0	0	1	15,000	0	0	0	0	4	54,380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	358,605
I	1	93,000	1	34,880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	127,880	
Total	5	565,245	1	34,880	0	0	2	18,000	0	0	0	0	5	60,380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	678,485
KAMLOOPS AREA:																									
Chase	1	110,000	0	0	0	0	2	224,000	0	0	0	1	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	339,000
Logan Lake	1	110,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	240,000	0	0	2	6,000	0	0	1	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	5	376,000
Sun Peaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	132,000	0	0	0	3	413,860	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	545,860
J	1	149,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	159,000	
L	3	310,560	3	136,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	454,560	
P	6	547,660	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	54,000	0	0	2	37,000	1	5,000	1	0	1	12	643,880	
Total	12	1,227,440	3	136,000	0	0	3	356,000	1	240,000	0	0	11	496,660	0	0	3	57,000	1	5,000	6	0	38	2,518,100	
NICOLA VALLEY:																									
M	2	164,760	0	0	0	0	1	20,000	0	0	0	1	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	192,760
N	2	352,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	352,000	
Total	4	516,760	0	0	0	0	1	20,000	0	0	0	1	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	544,760	
NORTH THOMPSON:																									
Barriere	1	43,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7,000	0	0	1	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	90,000
Clearwater	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	117,000	0	0	0	2	8,000	0	0	0	0	1	5,000	0	0	0	4	130,000	
A	1	56,000	1	38,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5,000	0	0	0	3	99,000	
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	908,000	0	0	0	1	8,000	0	0	1	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	3	924,000	
O	3	256,465	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	267,465	
Total	5	355,465	1	38,000	0	0	2	1,025,000	0	0	0	5	34,000	0	0	2	48,000	2	10,000	0	0	0	17	1,510,465	
GRAND TOTAL	26	2,664,910	5	208,880	0	0	6	1,419,000	1	240,000	0	0	19	203,100	0	0	5	105,000	3	15,000	7	0	75	5,251,810	
PREVIOUS YEAR:	27	2,807,400	2	82,500	0	0	1	80,000	0	0	1	40,957	20	604,220	4	31,200	11	178,980	5	12,500	10	13,000	81	3,850,737	
Change %	(1)	(142,490)	3	126,380	0	0	7	1,339,000	1	240,000	(1)	(40,957)	(1)	(401,120)	(4)	(31,200)	(6)	(73,980)	(2)	2,500	(3)	(13,000)	(6)	1,401,073	
		-5%		153%			ERR	1674%		ERR		-100%		-66%		-100%		-41%		20%		-100%		36%	
Merritt	2	131,440	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6,790,536	0	0	2	73,000	1	3,500	2	20,240	0	0	1	44,000	10	7,062,716	

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**THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT
BUILDING STATISTICS FOR SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 1996**

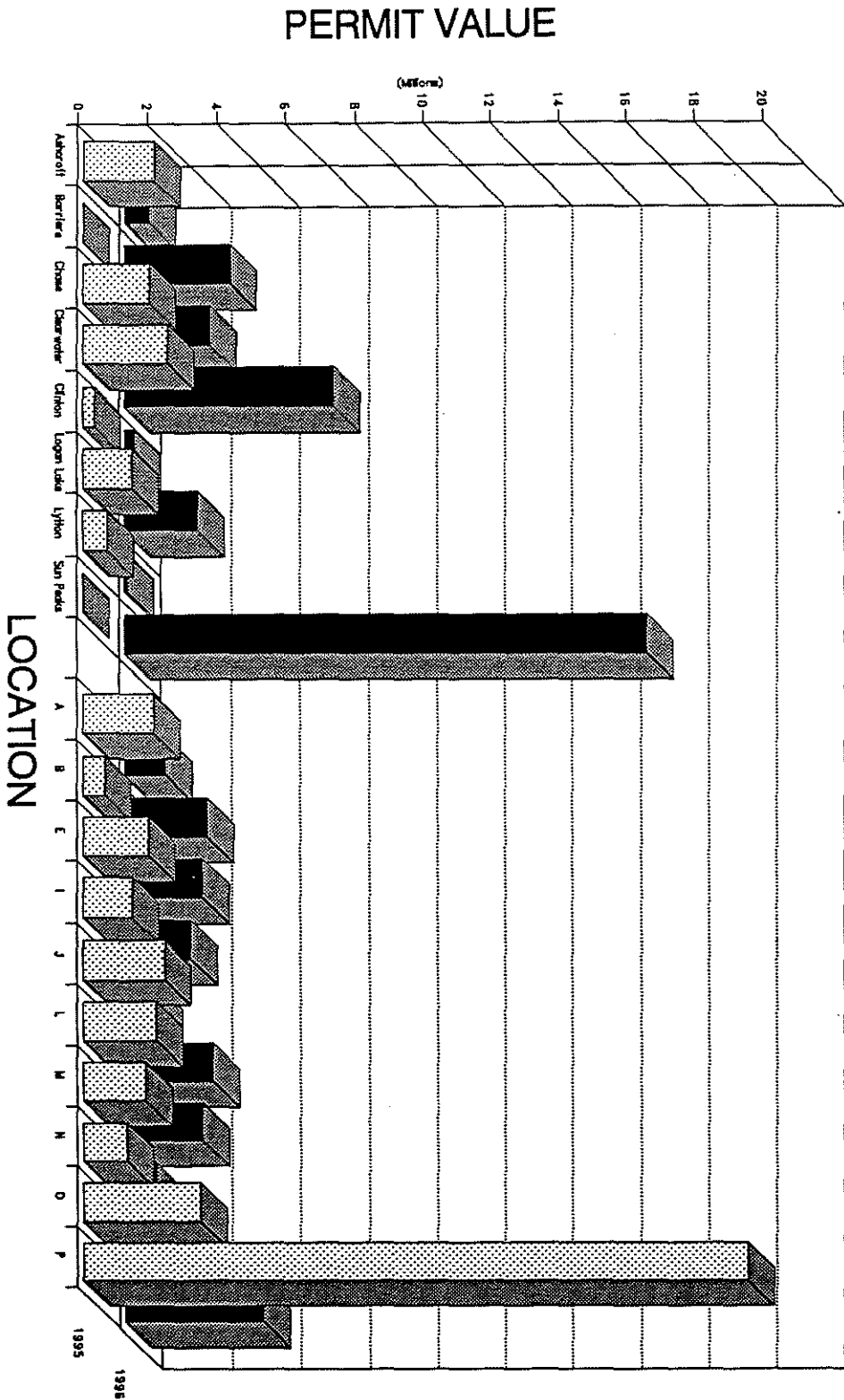
Location	Single Family Dwel		Single Wide Mobile		Multiple Family D		Commercial		Gov't/Institutional		Industrial		Miscellaneous		Renovation		Additions		Wood Heaters		Renewal		Totals		
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	
CARIBOO AREA:																									
Ashcroft	1	83,000	0	0	1	645,040	2	28,000	0	0	1	0	7	38,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	15	894,440
Clinton	1	100,000	0	0	0	0	5	158,200	0	0	0	0	2	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	265,200
Lytton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	43,200	0	0	1	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	1	5,000	0	0	3	54,200
E	12	1,663,385	2	37,600	0	0	1	15,000	0	0	0	0	17	325,810	0	0	9	281,000	0	0	5	0	0	46	2,222,495
I	6	595,755	1	34,880	2	944,220	3	184,000	0	0	0	0	8	98,100	0	0	2	27,800	0	0	4	0	0	26	1,884,755
Total	20	2,342,140	3	72,380	3	1,489,260	11	385,200	1	43,200	1	0	35	475,110	0	0	11	308,800	1	5,000	14	0	0	100	5,121,090
KAMLOOPS AREA:																									
Chase	6	968,120	2	100,000	1	530,000	6	608,000	0	0	2	72,000	10	96,000	0	0	1	36,000	1	4,000	3	0	0	34	2,415,120
Logan Lake	11	1,090,570	0	0	0	0	2	8,000	3	687,000	3	251,000	9	41,000	0	0	2	42,312	0	0	1	0	0	31	2,089,892
Sun Peaks	7	1,408,400	0	0	3	5,324,110	6	6,167,000	0	0	0	0	14	2,353,010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	15,250,520
J	8	753,900	2	102,900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	881,860
L	15	2,006,590	7	268,000	0	0	1	20,000	0	0	0	0	10	86,856	0	0	4	121,000	0	0	5	0	0	42	2,522,448
P	31	3,308,504	7	235,840	0	0	1	20,000	0	0	0	0	12	268,080	0	0	4	103,700	3	15,000	11	0	0	69	3,971,124
Total	80	9,504,144	18	729,740	4	5,854,110	16	6,824,000	3	687,000	5	323,000	56	2,696,948	0	0	11	303,012	4	19,000	20	0	0	220	27,130,954
NICOLA VALLEY:																									
M	16	1,813,790	5	215,500	0	0	1	20,000	0	0	0	0	7	37,000	0	0	8	105,365	3	15,000	2	0	0	40	2,206,825
N	7	811,840	1	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	43,000	0	0	0	0	3	25,000	0	0	0	13	929,640
Total	23	2,625,400	6	265,500	0	0	1	20,000	0	0	0	0	9	80,000	0	0	8	105,365	6	40,000	2	0	0	53	3,136,265
NORTH THOMPSON:																									
Barriere	19	2,300,290	1	12,500	0	0	1	28,000	0	0	2	349,800	19	293,200	1	2,000	2	61,000	4	20,000	3	0	0	52	3,034,790
Clearwater	25	3,276,930	2	48,000	0	0	5	2,543,000	0	0	0	0	10	81,000	0	0	4	75,990	3	15,000	2	0	0	51	6,020,920
A	7	773,440	2	61,500	0	0	1	88,000	0	0	1	100,800	7	48,000	1	8,000	3	51,000	3	15,000	1	0	0	26	1,145,740
B	0	0	1	49,000	1	579,000	2	1,706,000	0	0	0	0	2	18,000	0	0	1	6,000	0	0	1	0	0	6	2,362,000
O	18	1,941,830	7	232,200	0	0	1	4,000	0	0	0	0	11	186,094	0	0	5	110,550	3	12,500	2	0	0	47	2,187,174
Total	69	7,992,490	13	404,200	1	579,000	10	4,371,000	0	0	3	450,800	49	576,294	2	10,000	15	306,540	13	62,500	9	0	0	184	14,752,624
GRAND TOTAL																									
GRAND TOTAL	192	22,464,174	40	1,468,820	8	7,922,370	38	11,800,200	4	730,200	9	773,800	152	4,021,352	2	10,000	43	1,023,717	24	128,500	45	0	0	557	50,140,933
PREVIOUS YEAR:	188	19,915,008	40	1,308,487	5	6,730,790	21	12,580,900	0	0	6	493,557	118	2,990,325	19	335,950	66	1,652,438	33	83,000	68	21,000	0	564	45,081,425
Change	4	2,549,166	0	160,333	3	2,191,610	17	(980,700)	4	730,200	3	280,243	34	1,031,027	(17)	(325,950)	(23)	(628,721)	(9)	43,500	(23)	(21,000)	(7)	5,059,508	
%		13%		12%		38%		-8%		ERR		57%		36%		-97%		-38%		52%		-100%		11%	
Meritt	11	1,676,870	1	18,000	4	1,195,320	4	2,135,000	2	6,790,536	2	525,000	14	381,790	1	20,000	12	195,895	0	0	1	0	0	52	12,935,411

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SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 1996



CITY OF MERRITT - PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1996.

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PERMIT NO.	DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	LEGAL	TYPE	VALUE	FEE
96056	96/08/08	Shell Canada	2190 Douglas	Lot 31/B12413 Lot 30/595	Off/Ware-house	\$ 400,000	\$ 2,206
96087	96/08/01	R. Robichaud	1564 Canford	Lot 5/1219	SFD Add.	12,000	116
96088	96/08/07	Frank Larre	1-1098 Douglas	#122/PI 20710	Mob. Add.	1,200	55
96089	96/08/08	Colin Gage	1949 Quilchena	Lot A/18431	Reno.	11,000	110
96090	96/08/09	David Laird	2798 Granite Place	Lot 15/14631	SFD Add.	16,000	140
96091	96/08/08	Merritt Motor Inn	3561 Voght St.	Lot 1/KAP47644	Sign	7,000	86
96092	96/08/13	W. Wickens	#22, 2776 Clapperton	Lot 1/21448	Mob.Deck	3,000	62
96093	96/08/16	George Armstrong	2025 Quilchena	Lot 17/1	Reno.	25,000	194
96095	96/08/21	G. Lalli	1561 Bann	Lot 16/KAP54066	SFD	131,280	1,099
96096	96/08/26	K. Krambeck	2007 Aspen	Lot 21/173	SFD	140,000	844
96097	96/08/26	Kitt Contracting	2102 Quilchena	Lot 1/1	Alter. Groc.	5,000	74
96098	96/08/27	Kulwant Sekhon	3571 Voght Street	Lot 1/38115	Pool	50,000	344
				1996 AUGUST	TOTAL	\$ 801,480	\$ 5,330
					YR TO DATE	\$ 8,383,280	\$55,483
				1995 AUGUST	TOTAL	\$ 1,227,600	
					YR TO DATE	\$14,239,551	

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THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

AUGUST 1996

Agenda with City Staff

CITY OF MERRITT
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RECAP:

Location	Permits Issued In Month				Permits Issued For Eight Months			
	August 1996		August 1995		To August 31, 1996		To August 31, 1995	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
Ashcroft	4	117,800	4	210,680	19	812,240	22	2,266,276
Barriere	10	479,760	0	0	62	3,516,550	0	0
Chase	5	80,063	10	341,280	39	2,495,183	47	2,284,940
Clearwater	9	738,290	4	301,585	60	6,759,210	40	2,753,325
Clinton	1	0	2	140,130	11	265,200	21	455,920
Logan Lake	7	370,020	9	156,200	38	2,459,902	35	1,588,940
Lytton	1	0	0	0	4	54,200	10	695,107
Sun Peaks	4	4,021,000	0	0	34	19,271,520	0	0
A	4	200,000	10	543,820	30	1,345,740	51	2,615,083
B	0	0	0	0	8	2,362,000	11	595,080
E	4	191,000	15	201,440	50	2,413,495	56	2,099,640
I	2	131,000	0	0	28	2,015,755	25	1,400,980
J	6	509,205	7	229,780	20	1,391,065	55	2,561,507
L	3	140,360	8	790,940	45	2,662,808	47	2,885,160
M	2	185,000	3	442,945	42	2,391,625	32	2,243,805
N	2	152,000	9	461,880	15	1,081,640	28	1,696,030
O	5	145,085	13	259,420	52	2,332,259	93	3,605,480
P	5	136,000	17	1,723,290	74	4,107,124	102	21,137,542
Total	74	7,596,583	111	5,803,390	631	57,737,516	675	50,884,815

Discontinued in 1995:

Merritt 0 0 | 10 1,227,600 0 0 67 | 14,239,551

Only Electoral Area Directors are entitled to vote on this matter.

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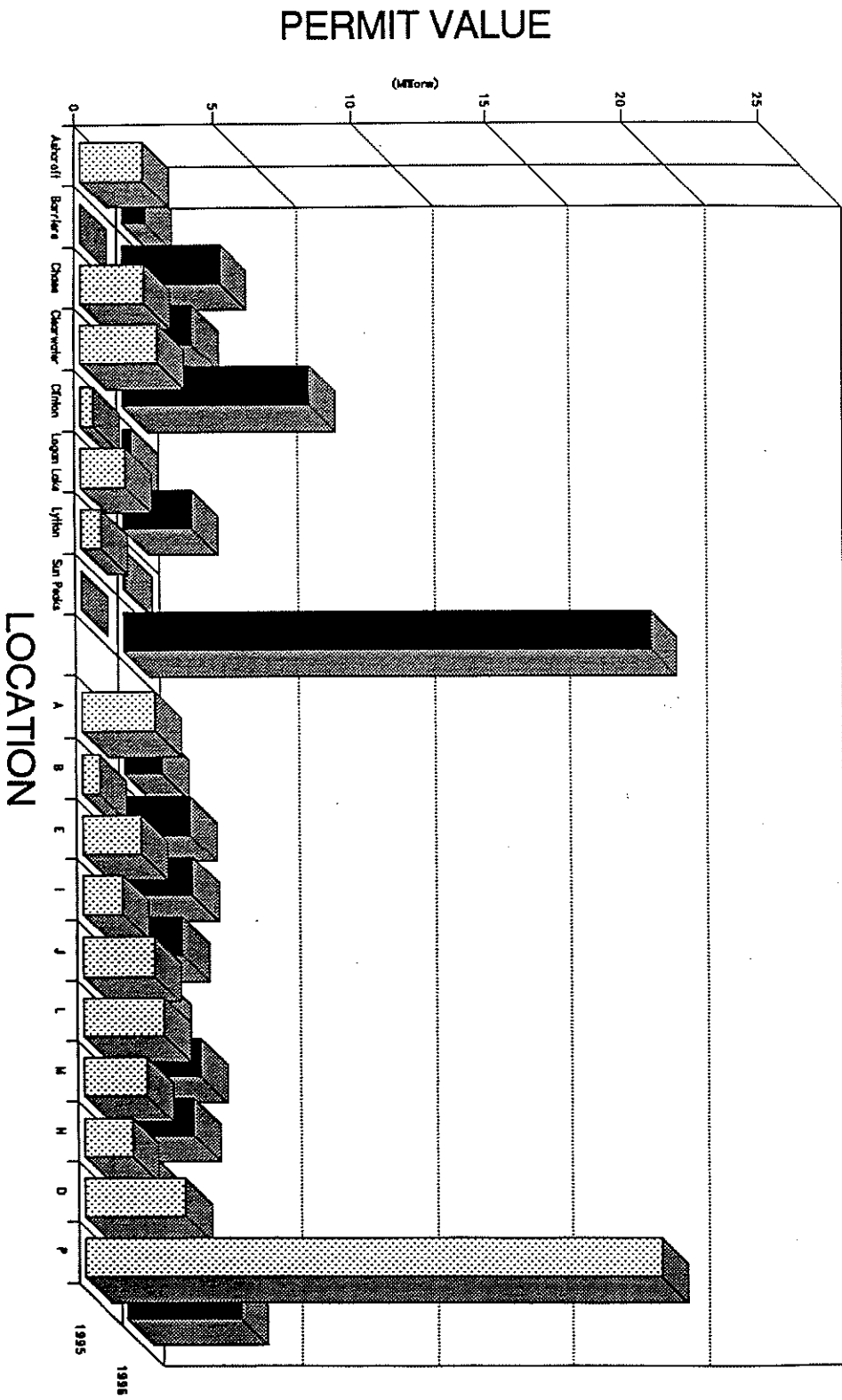
THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT
BUILDING STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1996

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Location	Single Family Dwelling		Single Wide Mobile		Multiple Family Dwelling		Commercial		Gov't/Institutional		Industrial		Miscellaneous		Renovation		Additions		Wood Heaters		Renewal		Totals			
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value		
CARIBOO AREA:																										
Ashcroft	1	103,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	117,800
Clinton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Lytton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	
E	1	170,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15,000	0	0	1	6,000	0	0	1	0	0	4	191,000	
I	1	104,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27,000	0	0	0	0	0	2	131,000	
Total	3	377,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	29,000	0	0	2	33,000	0	0	3	0	0	12	439,800	
KAMLOOPS AREA:																										
Chase	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3,000	0	0	0	0	4	77,063	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	80,063	
Logan Lake	3	331,520	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25,000	0	0	3	13,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	370,020	
Sun Peaks	0	0	0	0	1	340,000	1	3,500,000	0	0	0	0	2	181,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4,021,000	
J	3	364,205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	145,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	509,205	
L	1	66,000	1	24,380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	140,380	
P	2	125,000	1	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	136,000	
Total	9	886,725	2	34,380	1	340,000	2	3,503,000	1	25,000	0	0	14	467,563	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	30	5,256,648	
NICOLA VALLEY:																										
M	1	182,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	185,000	
N	2	152,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	152,000	
Total	3	334,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	337,000	
NORTH THOMPSON:																										
Barriere	4	421,760	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	36,000	0	0	2	16,000	0	0	1	6,000	0	0	2	0	0	10	479,760	
Clearwater	3	494,290	2	90,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	20,000	0	0	1	134,000	0	0	0	0	0	9	738,290	
A	1	146,000	1	39,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	4	200,000	
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
O	1	106,085	1	26,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8,000	0	0	0	0	1	5,000	0	0	0	5	145,085	
Total	9	1,168,135	4	155,000	0	0	0	0	1	36,000	0	0	7	44,000	0	0	4	155,000	1	5,000	2	0	0	28	1,563,135	
GRAND TOTAL	24	2,766,660	6	189,360	1	340,000	2	3,503,000	2	61,000	0	0	23	213,563	0	0	6	188,000	1	5,000	6	0	0	74	7,566,563	
PREVIOUS YEAR:	34	3,656,930	11	394,760	1	756,000	4	272,000	0	0	2	170,750	25	225,930	2	22,500	8	262,520	10	25,000	14	17,000	111	6,803,390		
Change %	(10)	(890,270) -24%	(5)	(205,400) -52%	0	(416,000) -55%	(2)	3,231,000 1188%	2	61,000 ERR	(2)	(170,750) -100%	(2)	(12,367) -5%	(2)	(22,500) -100%	(2)	(74,520) -28%	(9)	(20,000) -80%	(8)	(17,000) -100%	(37)	1,793,193 31%		
Merritt	2	235,000	0	0	1	360,000	2	318,000	0	0	0	0	4	196,600	0	0	1	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,227,600	

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EIGHT MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1996



CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1557

**A BYLAW TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM TAXATION FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 1997.**

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

1. That this bylaw may be cited as **"CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1557, 1996"**.
2. That pursuant to Section 398.(1)(h) of the *Municipal Act (RSBC 1979, Chp. 290)* the following properties are exempt from taxation for the calendar year 1997, properly described as:
 - a) **Lot 35, Plan 747, D.L. 124, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Nicola Valley Evangelical Church);
 - b) **Lot 1, Plan 18665, D.L. 124, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Merritt Sikh Society);
 - c) **Lot A, Plan 33171, D.L. 124, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D.**, except Plan M16802, and the buildings and structures thereon (Merritt Gospel Tabernacle Society);
 - d) **Lot 1 and 2, Plan 1, Block 16, D.L. 125, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Anglican Synod of Cariboo);
 - e) **Lot 13, Plan 448, Block 28, D.L. 125, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (United Church of Canada);
 - f) **Lot 10, Plan 717, Block 30, D.L. 123, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D.**, and **East 25 feet of Lot 11**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Merritt Baptist Church);
 - g) **Lot A, Plan 34228, D.L. 123, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Roman Catholic Church); and
 - h) **Lot 10, Plan 1, Block 14, D.L. 123, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (B.C. Seventh Day Adventist).

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**CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1557
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3. That pursuant to Section 400.(1)(b), (c), (g) and (i) of the *Municipal Act (RSBC 1979, Chp. 290)* the following properties are exempt from taxation for the calendar year 1997, land described as:
- a) **Parcel A, Plan X98236, Block 1, D.L. 125, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D., of Lots 4 and 5, Plan 838**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Nicola Valley Association for Community Living - Ska-Lu-La Workshop);
 - b) **Lot 2, Plan 22544, D.L. 124, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Merritt Curling Club);
 - c) **Lot 1, Plan 33186, D.L. 123, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Coquihalla Community Care Society);
 - d) **Parcel A, Plan J53850F, D.L. 124, L.D. 25, K.D.Y.D., except Plan 33125 of Plan E11377**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Merritt Golf and Country Club); and
 - e) **Lot 2, Plan 29664, K.D.Y.D.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Merritt Golf Clubhouse).
 - f) **Lot A, Plan 34260, DL 176, KDYD, and Block A, DL393, KDYD, Lease 332513.**, and the buildings and structures thereon (Nicola Valley Rodeo Association Property and Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association - Rodeo Grounds)

READ A FIRST TIME this day of , 1996

READ A SECOND TIME this day of , 1996

READ A THIRD TIME this day of , 1996

ADOPTED this day of , 1996

C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK

**CITY OF MERRITT
EXEMPT PROPERTY ANALYSIS
1996**

ROLL #	NAME	ASSESSED VALUE	CLASS	TAXES EXEMPTED	TOTAL
CHURCHES					
963000	NICOLA VALLEY EVANGELICAL	601100	8	\$7,391.37	\$7,391.37
830010	MERRITT SIKH SOCIETY	304000	8	\$3,738.11	\$3,738.11
912005	MERRITT GOSPEL TABERNACLE	971000	8	\$11,939.80	\$11,939.80
1094000	ANGLICAN SYNOD OF CARIBOO	128600	8	\$1,581.32	\$1,581.32
1241000	UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA	83500	8	\$1,026.75	\$1,026.75
276000	MERRITT BAPTIST CHURCH	153800	8	\$1,891.19	\$1,891.19
416005	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	541300	8	\$6,656.04	\$6,656.04
138000	B.C. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST	81800	8	\$1,005.85	\$1,005.85
TOTAL CHURCH TAXES EXEMPTED					\$35,230.42
OTHER ENTITIES					
1342000	SKA-LU-LA WORKSHOP	119200	1	\$1,328.97	\$1,328.97
744100	MERRITT CURLING CLUB	366400	6	\$10,016.35	\$10,016.35
399030	COQUIHALLA COM. CARE SOCIETY	2099200	1	\$23,404.19	\$23,404.19
976000	MERRITT GOLF COUNTRY CLUB	151000	8	\$1,856.76	\$1,856.76
1553070	MERRITT GOLF CLUBHOUSE	111300	6 & 8	\$2,281.57	\$2,281.57
6355100	RODEO & FALL FAIR ASSOCIATION	369000	6 & 8	\$7,771.14	\$7,771.14
TOTAL OTHER ENTITIES TAX EXEMPTED					\$46,658.98
TOTAL TAXES EXEMPTED					\$81,889.40

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CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1558

**A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATION
FACILITIES RENTAL RATES BYLAW NO. 1387. 1993**

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 COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1558, 1996**".
2. That City of Merritt Community Recreation Facilities Rental Rates Bylaw No. 1387 is hereby **AMDENDED**, as follows:
 - a) That Schedule "G" be added to Bylaw No. 1387 and to read as follows:

FEES AND CHARGES - MERRITT CITY HALL

A. DEFINITIONS

- "Commercial" means commercial events, sales and promotions, private sponsored stage shows and concerts.
- "Non-Profit" means weddings, religious events, union meetings, local community and service club benefit concerts, civic funtions, bingo and political rallies.

MEETING ROOM

	Hourly	Daily
Commercial	\$17.00	\$100.00
Non-Profit	\$11.00	\$ 65.00

**CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1558
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS

	Hourly	Daily
Commercial	\$34.00	\$200.00
Non-Profit	\$25.00	\$150.00

READ A FIRST TIME THIS day of October, 1996.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS day of October, 1996.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS day of October, 1996.

**RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS day of
1996.**

C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

T.C. Day, ACTING CLERK

Ms. S. Gabor
P.O. Box 1422
Princeton, B.C.
VOX 1W0

September 9, 1996

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Mayor C. Norgaard
City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189,
Merritt, B.C.
VOK 2B0

Dear Mayor Norgaard:

A committee has recently been formed representing the Princeton, Coalmont, Tulameen area to pressure the Government to enact legislation due to the increase in the number of cougar sightings.

Our objective is the revision of current government policy to:

1. allow Predator Hunters, once a Conservation Officer has been notified, to immediately start tracking a problem animal that could be a potential threat to area residents and livestock.
2. the hunting season for cougars be open from November 1st until March 1st of the following year, with a bag limit.
3. the re-establishment of provincially funded Predator Hunters.
4. trappers to be allowed to take 1 - 2 cougars per season.

A Conservation Officer, who attended a town meeting in Tulameen on August 30, 1996, stated that, due to numerous factors, the number of cougar sightings provincially has significantly increased. In the last 3 weeks, there has been one tragic death from a cougar attack and numerous separate sightings throughout the Province.

As the cougar problem is not unique to our area alone, we are writing to you in the hope that you will support our objectives to ensure improvements in Government hunting policies. Supporting the above objectives to our elected representatives in Victoria will help aid and assist future safety for all citizens of our Province.

Yours truly,

Sandy Gabor

SANDY GABOR, Representative
Concerned Citizens in the Upper Similkameen Valley

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LES PAROLIN, Representative

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September 16, 1996

City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
Merritt, B.C.
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Attention: City Council

Dear Council Members:

Re: City Towing Contract Services Agreement

In Merritt, the R.C.M.P. Towing Rotation Contract held by Tom's Towing, Trig's Motors and Dafoe Towing, stipulates that the towing company on call for that week is responsible for all accidents, in town and highway, called in by the R.C.M.P.

In April 15, 1996, the City of Merritt went to tender for proposals for a towing company to patrol handicapped areas and tow abandoned vehicles, etc. within the City limits. The City tender did not mention anything about accidents, but in Section 2.(3) there is reference made to "respond to R.C.M.P. requests for service within City limits". I understood this to indicate that it was responding to R.C.M.P. calls regarding handicapped parking, abandoned vehicles, etc.

Soon after the City Contract was awarded, Dafoe Towing noticed that they were not receiving their usual R.C.M.P. accident calls within the City limits. In fact, it seemed that any R.C.M.P. call close to the City limits was immediately given to the holder of the City Contract.

I recently approached Mayor Clara Norgaard with this concern which we discussed during a meeting on September 6, 1996. I was advised by her that it was not the City's intent in their Towing Contract to include R.C.M.P. accident calls within the City limits. After our discussion, Mayor Norgaard sent a memo to Tom's Towing who has the City Contract (see copy enclosed) making reference to the contract and the term "I.C.B.C." in the memo was only as a reference to rates, and not accidents.

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P.O. Box 189
Merritt, B.C.
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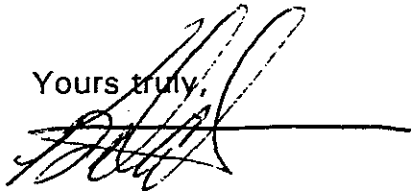
Since then, I have had a meeting with Sgt. Les Povarchook of the R.C.M.P. who is responsible for this area. He advised me that it was the City Bylaw Enforcement Officer who had approached him and requested that all towing within City limits as well as on the highway, be given to the successful bidder for the City contract. Sgt. Povarchook advised me at that time that he told the Bylaw Officer that he could not give the highway towing to the successful bidder, but that it would remain as is. He would, however, consider the request for all in-town towing, henceforth, this was granted to the successful bidder.

I would like City Council to revisit the method in which this Contract was released, as there was a definite difference in the information provided in the Invitation to Tender compared with the final Contract as signed. I would also like to point out that a very important part of our towing business has been taken away from us through this Contract without our knowledge or consent, nor as per Mayor Norgaard's statement to me, her knowledge either. Dafoe Towing is not the only towing company in town who feels this way. I have enclosed a copy of a memo from Trig's Motors, the other towing company who has also been denied in-town R.C.M.P. accident calls, without prior knowledge or advice.

In closing, I feel the City of Merritt should immediately give notice to Tom's Towing, per Section IV.(3) of the Contract, and grant the bidder only the towing which the Contract was originally intended to include - that being towing of non-authorized vehicles in handicapped areas, abandoned vehicles, etc. within Merritt.

Thank you for your reconsideration of the City Towing Contract. I look forward to hearing from you in this regard and will be available for an in-camera meeting to discuss this should you so desire.

Yours truly,

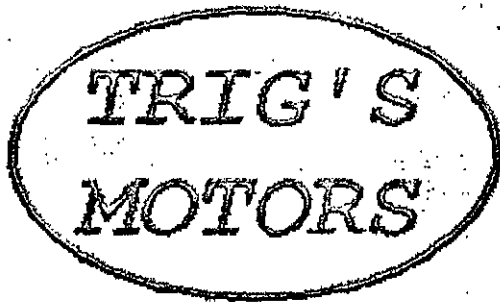


Brian Dafoe

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pc: Mayor C. Norgaard

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Today's Date SEPT 13, 1996

To (Name) BRIAN DAPHOE

Company Name _____

From GERALD ELLINGSEN

COMMENTS: IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL I.C.B.C. TOWING GENERATED BY THE R.C.M.P. WILL GO TO THE ON-CALL TOWING COMPANY, UNLESS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE REQUESTS OTHERWISE. NEVER DID I CONSIDER I.C.B.C. ACCIDENTS WOULD GO TO THE CITY TOWING CONTRACTOR. AFTER HAVING THE CITY TOWING CONTRACT FOR THREE YEARS, IT WAS ASSUMED BY ME THAT THE AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE RCMP REQUESTS WITHIN CITY LIMITS WOULD INVOLVE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT "TYPE" TOWING AND NOT MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, ESPECIALLY INVOLVING I.C.B.C.

March 11, 1996

«Company»
«Address1»
«Cityprovince»
«PostalCode»

Attention: «Attentionline»

Dear «salutation»:

The Towing Contract Services Agreement for the City of Merritt will expire shortly. The City is currently entertaining expressions of interest amongst towing companies that are licenced to operate within the City.

A copy of the towing contract guidelines are attached for your information. Should you wish to make a proposal and require any information, please contact Marcel Bedard, the Bylaw Services Officer for the City of Merritt at 378-2202.

The deadline for the submission of proposals will be April 15, 1996.

Yours truly,

Roberta M. Harrison,
Confidential Secretary

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TOWING CONTRACT TENDER GUIDELINES

(3 YEAR CONTRACT)

1. Contractor will:

- Post all Handicapped Parking Zones; with the following signage:

<p style="text-align: center;">THIS LOT SPACE IS PATROLLED BY:</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">24 HOURS A DAY. VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT OWNERS EXPENSE. VEHICLE MAY BE RECLAIMED BY CALLING _____</p>

(Signage and installation subject to City of Merritt approval)

Handicapped Parking Zones

- City Hall
Arena
Curling Rink
Seniors/ Museum Building
In front of Post Office (on mail box)
Aquatic Centre
Medical Clinics } removed from list
Hospital }
Information Centre
Youth Centre (Coldwater Avenue)

2. Contractor Will:

- Provide well maintained trucks, must be able to do all jobs, big or small; ie: motor bikes to loaded logging trucks. Must also have secured yard and on duty personnel or contact person. Drivers must also be identified by uniform, in neat appearance, along with good demeanor.
- Respond to R.C.M.P. requests for service within City limits.
- Tow all violators in the signed areas on a patrolled basis.

3. The City will:

Contact the Contractor for all other parking infractions and will advise of all vehicles to be towed.

It is understood that once a vehicle is towed, it is the sole responsibility of the Towing Company to save the City harmless for any damage done to a vehicle in the process.

Bids accepted up to and including the 15th of April, 1996 at 3:00 p.m.

TOWING CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made as of 1st day of May, 1996

BETWEEN:

CITY OF MERRITT, a body corporate under the Municipal Act
R.S.B.C. c. 290 (1979) and having its office at 2185 Voght Street,
P.O.Box 189, Merritt, B.C. VOK 2B0

(hereinafter called the "CITY")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

TOM'S AUTO TOWING,
P.O.Box 3134
Merritt, B.C.
VOK 2B0

(hereinafter called the "CONTRACTOR")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS:

The Contractor shall provide towing services on a routine basis and at the request of the City for a period specified herein and in compliance with the following terms.

NOW THEREFORE this Agreement witnesses that in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants hereinafter exchanged, the parties agree as follows:

I. DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement:

"Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means, any City of Merritt Employee engaged in enforcing any Municipal Bylaw.

"Disabled Parking Zone" means, any designated parking spot that is signed, marked or otherwise indicated on Public Property.

**TOWING CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT
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I. DEFINITIONS - Cont'd.

"Traffic Violation" means, those infractions as referred to in the "City of Merritt Traffic Bylaw No. 1264, 1989" and "City of Merritt Disabled Persons Parking Bylaw No. 1368, 1992" and all amendments thereto.

II. TOWING SERVICES

1. The Contractor will post all Disabled Parking Zones with City approved signage.

Disabled Parking Zones

- City Hall
Civic Centre
Arena
Curling Rink
Seniors/ Museum Building
Aquatic Centre
Youth Centre (Coldwater Avenue)

as well as the City parking lots:

- across from the Post Office (corner of Granite and Voght)
 - on the northeast corner of Garcia and Granite
2. The Contractor will do a minimum of two (2) regular patrols of the parking zones referred to in Section I above each day, except Saturday and Sunday.
 3. The Contractor will tow vehicles on a twenty-four (24) hour basis at the request of the City or the R.C.M.P. This will include emergency call outs at anytime, on any day.
 4. The Contractor will provide well maintained trucks, be able to do all jobs, provide secured yard within City limits, on duty personnel and contact person. Drivers will be identified by uniform, in neat appearance along with good demeanor.

**TOWING CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT
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II. TOWING SERVICES - Cont'd.

5. Fees for towing:

a) Passenger cars and Pickup trucks	\$ 35.00 maximum
b) Motorcycles	\$ 35.00 maximum
c) Deck truck requirements	\$ 45.00 per hour
d) Motorhomes and Medium Duty trucks	\$ 75.00 per hour
e) Logging trucks and all Heavy Duty Equipment	\$103.15 per hour
f) If dollies required	\$ 16.00 per hour
g) I.C.B.C. accidents	I.C.B.C.rates
h) Storage Yard - Outside (calendar day)	\$ 5.20 per day
i) Storage - Inside (calendar day)	\$ 25.00 per day
j) Drop charge	\$ 20.00
- no charge if vehicle gone upon arrival.	

All rates are subject to 7% GST.

Rates to be subject to review annually (January 1st) in conjunction with I.C.B.C.

III. INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor releases, indemnifies and saves harmless the City, its officers and employees for any and all claims, actions for loss, injury, damages or compensation, by any person or corporation whatsoever, by reason of or in any way attributable to the towing services pursuant to this Agreement, or any failure to provide such services.

IV. TERM, RENEWAL AND CANCELLATION

1. The term of this Agreement is from 01 May, 1996 to 30 April, 1999.
2. Either party wishing to renew this Agreement will advise the other before 01 January, 1999.
3. Either party may terminate this Agreement in writing. Such termination is to take effect thirty (30) days from receipt of written notification respectively.
4. Either party may terminate this Agreement immediately for just cause.

**TOWING CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT
PAGE 4**

IN WITNESS THEREOF the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

ON BEHALF OF CITY OF MERRITT ◆
THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY ◆
OF MERRITT hereunto affixed in ◆
the presence of: ◆

Clara R. Norgaard ◆
Clara R. Norgaard, MAYOR ◆

Tom C. Day ◆
Tom C. Day, ACTING CLERK ◆

ON BEHALF OF TOM'S AUTO TOWING ◆
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED ◆
BY: ◆

Jack Thomas Lutz ◆
Jack Thomas Lutz, CONTRACTOR ◆

In the presence of: ◆

Audrey Campbell ◆
Name of Witness ◆

2001 Parker Dr Merritt ◆
Address ◆

Clerk-Typist ◆
Occupation ◆



Refer to:

Our File No.

Your File No.

Agenda

September 24, 1996

All Mayors
Regional District Chairpersons
Emergency Program Coordinators

CITY OF MERRITT

OCT 11 1996

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Re: Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) – Shift in Emphasis

Due to the continuing trend towards diminishing JEPP budgets, it has become necessary to be more selective in approving JEPP projects to ensure meaningful application of focused funds against the most significant threats to BC, rather than an "across the board" approach which tends to dilute resources and minimize impact. Accordingly, with the commencement of the 1997/98 Fiscal Year (FY), increased priority will be afforded earthquake-related JEPP projects such as Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) as one example. This is also in keeping with Emergency Preparedness Canada national priorities.

Implementation of this revised application of JEPP funds will involve a 75/25% split of BC's earmarked allocation (total of \$352,000 in 1997/98) in favour of earthquake preparedness/response submissions versus others. Additional regular funds assigned to BC (\$150,000 in FY 1996/97) may be distributed more liberally on the basis of project merit and scoring.

Notwithstanding, all eligible projects defined in the JEPP Guidelines (1995 version) will continue to be considered for JEPP funding. Expectations, however, need to be tempered by the forgoing rationale.

Yours truly,

A. J. (Tony) Heemskerk
Director

GRH:rg

cc: Mr. Roberto Gonzalez
Regional Director, BC and Yukon
Emergency Preparedness Canada

PEP Regional Managers

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (MERRITT)

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MICHAEL E. HENDERSON
PHONE (604) 378-2022

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
P.O. BAG 4100 - MERRITT, B.C. - VOK 2B0

SECRETARY-TREASURER
H. BRUCE TISDALE, C.G.A.
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— LEARNING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW —

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Agenda

Mayor and Council
City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
Merritt, B.C.
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CITY OF MERRITT

OCT 03 1996

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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The School District is nearing completion of a 7.5 million dollar renovation to Merritt Secondary School. The renovation to the school including grounds and parking areas have greatly enhanced the neighbourhood around the school. The street in front of the school, however, is in a state of disrepair and does not add to the enhanced look provided by the school.

Therefore, the Board has requested that a letter be sent to you requesting that in conjunction with the District's major renovations to Merritt Secondary School, the City undertake the upgrading of Chapman Street from Coldwater Avenue to the student parking area. It is the Board's hope that as this request is being made early enough so that it can be considered for inclusion in the City's 1997 budget.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Yours truly,

L. F. Barr

Linda F. Barr,
Chairman

LFB/sd