

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES 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.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Treasurer - S.Gill
Planner - F.Sinclair
Fire Chief - R.Finley
Recreation Manager - D.Brandt
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., October 08, 1996

877/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting Tues., Oct.08/96 CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Nil.

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

6. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

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

878/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council
ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting Sept.10/96. CARRIED

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

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Councillor Typusiak found the Recreational Funding issue with the TNRD to be very confusing as newspaper clippings support the understanding of Council as to the TNRD representative's position. The agreement reached at the Oct.1/96 meeting is now in limbo and needs clarification. Councillor Cowan agreed this has been a very difficult process that requires a very definitive data base for funding in order to conduct meaningful negotiations. Councillor Laird stated that the TNRD representatives want fire protection costs based on population however, won't accept a similar formula for recreation.

879/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the letter to TNRD, Oct.2/96 - Response regarding Recreational Funding for information. **CARRIED**

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

880/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the M. Milligan & Associates letter of Oct.2/96 - Report on Central Park softball field expansion and DENY the request for ballfield expansion. The Ball Association is to be informed with a copy to be given to the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission along with a copy of the study. **DEFEATED**

Motion 880/96 was opposed by Councillors Laird, McCormack, McLean, Miller and Mayor Norgaard. Councillors Typusiak and Cowan supported the Motion.

Councillor McCormack spoke against the motion, expressing the desire that the matter be left open for the Ball Association to explore the costs at their expense, rather than having to accept the consultant's word that the expansion would be "costly", they should be free to discover the extent of "costly". Councillor Cowan supports the motion as the liability issue involved with any work on the Parker Drive slope is most important to her. Councillor Typusiak supports Cowan in that he feels the slope stability cannot be guaranteed if any excavation is undertaken and why mess with a potential liability, expend the money on new fields. Councillor Miller suggested the money be spend to expand and improve other fields rather than spend any more on 1 and 2.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Councillor McCormack said that the fields are regulation fastball size however with the advent of slowpitch they are now too small. Moving the backstops may be an alternative. Councillor Laird stated that in his experience there is continually water seepage along the Parker Drive slope, and to interfere with that slope could create problems.

881/96

Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the M.Milligan & Associates letter of Oct.2/96 - Report on Central Park softball field expansion and REFER the study to the Ball Association to further investigate the costs related to ball field expansion at their expense with a report to Council on their findings. **CARRIED**

Motion 881/96 was opposed by Councillors Cowan and Typusiak. Councillors Laird, McCormack, McLean, Miller and Mayor Norgaard supported the Motion.

9. REPORTS:

a) **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard proclaimed Oct.7 - 13/96 as National Family Week. The 1996 theme is "Rediscovering Family Strengths". Oct.21-26 was proclaimed Ronald McDonald House Week in celebration of McDonalds "Loonies for Love" awareness campaign. Oct.18-27 was proclaimed Science and Technology Week in Merritt. On Thursday, Oct.3/96 there was a meeting sponsored by Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture and Forest Renewal B.C. which outlined the "Forest Community Economic Development Program". Funding up to \$100,000 is available for this program.

882/96

Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RESOLVE to cover the expenses of the Community Policing office and meetings with the revenues generated by the Criminal Record Search fees at the Merritt RCMPolice Detachment. **CARRIED**

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

1) **Councillor Cowan -**

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - The latest meeting reviewed the mandate of the Commission and the commission will come forward with recommendations at a later date.

Local Access Awareness - Nil.

Affordable Housing - The housing project is proceeding well.

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9. REPORTS:

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

- 2) Councillor Laird -**
Public Works - Nil.
Community Health Council - Nil.
- 3) Councillor McCormack -**
Economic Development and Planning - The Small Business Fair will be held at the Civic Centre on October 17-19. There will be a Home Based Business Fair on the 21st of October, pre-registration is required.
NV Development Centre - There is approximately \$200,000 in funding available to the Young Entrepreneur's Program . Young people up to 25 years of age with business ventures can apply for up to \$10,000 in funding. Additional funds to support the ventures are available from the regular loan fund for any young person with ideas. The Centre has funding and encourages people to drop in for help with business plans.
- 4) Councillor McLean -**
Airport - Merritt Flying Club - The next meeting will be held tomorrow night.
Chamber of Commerce - Oct.21/96 will be the end of year luncheon at the Grasslands Hotel. The regular breakfast meeting will be held on Oct.10/96.
- 5) Councillor Miller -**
Protective Services & Public Safety - This is Fire Prevention Week, all citizens should be aware of the dangers of fire. The Staff Sergeant is not happy with the participation level by the public and invites suggestions to involve more of the community.
South Central Union Board of Health - There was a meeting on Sept.25 which was barely a quorum. The measles campaign was 93% successful. Information on the Mental Health Program has been placed in the reader file.
Healthy Communities - The next meeting will be Oct.9/96

Councillor Miller stated that he intends to run for another term as a Councillor.
- 6) Councillor Typusiak -**
Administration & Finance - All members of the general public are invited to the opening of the new City Hall Building on Nov.1/96 at 6:30 and to the reopening of the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena at 2 p.m. on Nov.3/96
Environmental Advisory - Information on recycling program progress should be available shortly.

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9. REPORTS - Cont'd.

c) Administration Reports:

1. City of Revelstoke, Sept.27/96 - Comparison of average taxes

Councillor Laird cited the comparison between the level of commercial tax rates and residential rates in that Merritt is consistently at the same level, which is evidence that the City doesn't overtax one group to the benefit of the other. Councillor Typusiak remarked that Merritt continues to move down the list although it is providing more services and the community should appreciate the level of tax rate in comparison to other centres. Councillor Cowan stated that the comparison is helpful information for potential new residents and investors.

883/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the City of Revelstoke, Sept.27/96 - Comparison of average taxes. CARRIED

2. Memo, Oct.1/96 - 1996 Budget Review Workshop

884/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.1/96 - 1996 Budget Review Workshop. CARRIED

3. Memo, Oct.2/96 - Fire Inspection Program

885/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.2/96 - Fire Inspection Program. CARRIED

The Administrator reviewed the process of the Fire Inspection Program and the wide range of tenders for the program.

Councillor McLean stated that this was an excuse for another \$25,000 to finish the program, which would bring the cost close to other proposals that had been received. He expressed the opinion that the Fire Department was becoming a huge draw on the system and if Mr. McIvor hadn't been under the guidance of the Fire Chief, the Inspection Program might have been completed by now. He felt that the Fire Department had consumed more Council time and created more headaches than any other department. If the Public Works Department had been run in the same manner, nothing would get done. The Administrator and Council should be more worried about liability from the Public Works Department than the lack of fire inspection. There have been more dollars spent in lawsuits generated by the Public Works Department than any other department.

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c) Administration Reports:

3. Memo, Oct.2/96 - Fire Inspection Program - Cont'd.

Councillor Cowan wondered what the legal implications would be of deferring a decision on the \$25,000 and whether or not Council would know these before making a final decision. The Administrator felt that legally the City would be viewed as having provided adequate inspections and that a decision could be safely deferred to the 1997 budget discussions.

Councillor Typusiak responded to Councillor McLean's comments that he has no recollections at all that the Fire Department had been excessively time consuming.

Councillor McCormack enquired as to whether or not the Fire Inspector had covered the high priority inspections. The Administrator replied that according to his information the serious risks such as schools, churches, public buildings had been done first and the more time consuming inspections such as mills and industrial sites had been given a lesser priority. Councillor McCormack wondered whether or not the remainder of the inspections could be done by City staff. The Administrator felt that they could not, given current work loads.

Councillor Miller didn't understand Councillor McLean's comments concerning the Fire Department and he could recall very little time spent on fire issues. He felt the Fire Inspector had done a very good job and that the additional \$25,000 would be money well spent.

Councillor Cowan was not a member of Council during the Fire Department problems but she has seen a genuine commitment from the department to provide service. She commends the department on their professionalism and emphasis on training and safety. She feels that the level of the department is a result of first quality administration.

Councillor Laird felt that Council would have to decide that the liability issue had been addressed before the inspections were terminated.

Mayor Norgaard stated that she had visited the Fire Department on the request of the department and had heard comments that Council should visit more often. She felt that department works very well and they had a very good group. She had attended one or two meetings with other first response providers to clarify a few issues but not many.

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c) Administration Reports:

3. Memo, Oct.2/96 - Fire Inspection Program - Cont'd.

886/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller 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 obligation to undertake fire inspections. CARRIED

Councillor McLean opposed Motion 886/96, Councillors Laird, Typusiak, Miller, McCormack, Cowan and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

4. Memo, Oct.2/96 - New services and improvements to existing systems

The Administrator reported that this memo originated out of meetings that Council held at the UBCM Convention and the desire of Council to make the best use of the City's facilities such as the civic centre and the newly renovated arena. A streamlining of the Development Services process is desired in order to provide all City requirements upfront.

Councillor Cowan liked the overview, felt it would be a very timely improvement. Councillors Laird and McLean felt the changes would provide better service to local residents and developers

887/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.2/96 - New services and improvements to existing systems. CARRIED

At 8:50 pm, the City Planner left the meeting.

5. Building Permit Summaries with TNRD comparisons

- i. July
- ii. August

888/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Building Permit Summaries with TNRD Comparisons for July and August. CARRIED

10. BYLAWS:

a) City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1557, 1996

Councillor Typusiak enquired as to whether or not the list of exempt properties was the same as 1996, which was confirmed by the Treasurer.

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10. BYLAWS:

a) City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1557, 1996 - Cont'd.

889/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1557, 1996.** CARRIED

890/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1557, 1996.** CARRIED

891/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1557, 1996.** CARRIED

b) City of Merritt Community Recreation Facilities Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1558, 1996

The Recreation Manager is currently reviewing the rental rates for the Civic Centre with a report which will be forthcoming.

892/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1558, 1996.** CARRIED

893/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1558, 1996.** CARRIED

894/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1558, 1996.** CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Potential Council Responses:**

1. Concerned Citizens in the Upper Similkameen Valley, Sept.9/96 - Predator hunting.

Councillor Miller felt this subject was not suitable for Council's consideration as it fell under Provincial Government jurisdiction.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses - Cont'd.

895/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE for information the Concerned Citizens in the Upper Similkameen Valley letter of Sept.9/96 - Predator hunting. CARRIED

2. Brian Dafoe, Sept.16/96 - City Towing Contract Services Agreement

Council discussed the options available with the towing contract and agreed that their intention had been for the RCMP to be using their towing rotation when handling calls in the City, therefore the contract should be terminated and re-advertised with the issue of RCMP calls clarified. A legal opinion should be sought before the notice is given to the contractor.

896/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Brian Dafoe letter of Sept.16/96 - City Towing Contract Services Agreement and TERMINATE the contract with 30 days notice. The contract will be re-advertised with clearer guidelines. CARRIED

3. Ministry of Attorney General, Sept.24/96 - Joint Emergency Preparedness Program.

897/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Ministry of Attorney General letter of Sept. 24/96 - Joint Emergency Preparedness Program and RESPOND with a letter of concern relating to the earthquake emphasis the program has taken. CARRIED

4. School District No. 31(Merritt), Sept.27/96 - Upgrading of Chapman Street

898/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the School District No. 31(Merritt) letter of Sept.27/96 - Upgrading of Chapman Street and REFER it to the 1997 budget discussions. CARRIED

b) Receive: Nil.

12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

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13. ADJOURNMENT:

899/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that this meeting
be TERMINATED at 9:10 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR



T.C. Day, ACTING CLERK

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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, Merritt News, Shaw Cable (2), NL Radio, Morning Mirror

2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tues., October 22, 1996

900/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tues., Oct.22/96. CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1588, 1996.

The Mayor requested that the Development Officer check the Civic Centre to ensure that no members of the public were waiting at the Civic Centre to speak at the Public

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4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1588, 1996. - Cont'd.

Hearing. There were no written submissions and no members of the public wished to make oral presentations to Council.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1588, 1996 and hearing no response, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- a) Nicola Valley Health Care Society - Terry Frizzel Administrator,
Libby Petrie
Judy Guichon - Nicola Valley Community Health Council
Dr. Brockley - Chief of Staff, NVGH
Debbie Dempster - SCHU

This delegation was cancelled, to appear at a future Council Meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

- a) Regular Council Meeting, Sept.24/96
- 901/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Sept.24/96. CARRIED
- b) Special Council Meeting, Sept.25/96
- 902/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, Sept.15/96. CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Memo, Oct.22/96 - Merritt Truck Route
- The delays in awarding the truck route contract have increased the cost of the project by \$25,000. The delays were a result of the change in ownership of the property on the south side of the Coldwater River from G.Ewalt to Active Mountain Entertainment. The added cost is due to the short time frame that river work may be done and the resultant scheduling problems.
- 903/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.22/96 - Merritt Truck Route CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Memo, Oct.22/96 - Merritt Truck Route - Cont'd.
- 904/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council PETITION the Minister of Municipal Affairs to recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the area of the City of Merritt be extended to include Parcel A of District Lot 166, except parts lying south and east of the Kettle Valley Railway Company Right-of-Way shown on Plan A215 and except Plans: A2215, 10584, K231911, 25206, 25510 and 26688, KDYD as depicted on a proposed subdivision plan, prepared by B.C. Land Surveyor John Graham, dated June 24, 1996 and as also described in the metes and bounds description as prepared by B.C. Land Surveyor, John Graham. **CARRIED**
- b) City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Truck Route Construction) Bylaw No. 1574, 1996.
- 905/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **RESCIND THIRD READING OF CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY BORROWING (TRUCK ROUTE CONSTRUCTION) BYLAW NO. 1574, 1996**
- 906/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **AMEND City of Merritt Temporary Borrowing (Truck Route Construction) Bylaw No. 1574, 1996 to reflect the \$3,250,000.00 total cost of temporary borrowing.** **CARRIED**
- 907/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY BORROWING (TRUCK ROUTE CONSTRUCTION) BYLAW NO. 1574, 1996 AS AMENDED.** **CARRIED**
- c) City of Merritt Truck Route Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 1587,1996
- 908/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRUCK ROUTE LOAN AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1587, 1996.** **CARRIED**
- 909/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRUCK ROUTE LOAN AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1587, 1996.** **CARRIED**
- 910/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRUCK ROUTE LOAN AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1587, 1996.** **CARRIED**

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9. REPORTS:

a) Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard proclaimed the week of November 3 - 11, 1996 as Veteran's Week in the City of Merritt.

b) Liaisons' and Commissions'/Committees Reports:

- 1) Councillor Cowan -**
Civic Properties and Recreation Commission - Nil.
Local Access Awareness - Recent meetings have focused on projects for the winter and spring.
Affordable Housing - Expressions of Interest close on Nov. 1/96
- 2) Councillor Laird -**
Public Works - Nil.
Community Health Council - Nil.
- 3) Councillor McCormack -**
Economic Development and Planning - The Business Fair held in the Civic Centre was very successful and the Home Based Business Workshop has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. It may be re-scheduled to take place in the evening.
NV Development Centre - A planning session will be held on Nov. 19/96 to discuss steps toward enterprise centre.
- 4) Councillor McLean -**
Airport - Merritt Flying Club - Nil.
Chamber of Commerce - The next luncheon meeting will be held at the Grasslands Hotel on the 23rd at noon.
- 5) Councillor Miller -**
Protective Services & Public Safety - Nil.
South Central Union Board of Health - Nil.
Healthy Communities - The last meeting was held on Oct. 9/96 at which establishment of a volunteer centre was discussed.
- 6) Councillor Typusiak -**
Administration & Finance - Nil.
Environmental Advisory - Three people responded to the ads for Committee participants. The meetings will be postponed until after the municipal election.

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

1. Memo, Oct.2/96 - Latecomer Agreement

911/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.2/96 - Latecomer Agreement. CARRIED

912/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council IMPOSE latecomer charges for the extension of services along Burgess Avenue (as shown on Exhibit 1) and that the owners of the benefiting lands be advised in writing of the latecomer charge to be imposed on their land. CARRIED

2. Memo, Oct.7/96 - Fire Chief's Month End Report

913/96 Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Laird that COUNCIL RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.7/96 - Fire Chief's Month End Report and SEND a letter of appreciation and congratulations on the training of their staff for chlorine gas calls. CARRIED

3. Memo, Oct.9/96 - Setbacks on Nicola River

914/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.9/96 - Setbacks on Nicola River for discussion. CARRIED

915/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council PURSUE a floodplain management initiative with the ministry of the Environment for non-flow channels of the Nicola River which would include the following:

- Reduction of required building setback from 30 meters to 10 meters in areas affected only by non-flowchannels of the Nicola River.
- That covenants be a way of ensuring the preservation of the 10 metre setback which can ensure the integrity of natural vegetation and habitat of the non-flow channels which is an important part of river stewardship.
- That the City of Merritt identify with appropriate mapping the areas of the current surveyed river boundary which the City feels need a new floodplain initiative and set up a meeting with Ministry of the Environment officials to explain the City's position. CARRIED

At 8:12 p.m., two members of the general public left the meeting.

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9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports: - Cont'd.

4. Memo, Oct.10/96 - Skate Park Proposal

Councillor Typusiak feels Council should move on this project as soon as possible to carry the enthusiasm of the kids and to encourage them to fundraise.

Councillor Cowan agreed, saying to delay in Council's support could lose the youth participation.

The Recreation Manager reported that BC21 grant funds are still available for this type of project.

916/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for discussions the Memo, Oct.10/96 - Skate Park Proposal and that Council SUPPORT in principle the Skateboard Park proposal submitted by Bill Nahirney, of Apex Engineering and that Council REFER the funding of preliminary drawings to the 1996 Fall Budget Review and the funding of the project to the 1997 Capital Budget discussions.

5. Memo, Oct.14/96 - Remembrance Day Service

917/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.14/96 - Remembrance Day Service and that Council ESTABLISH policy co-hosting the Remembrance Day Service as an annual event. **CARRIED**

6. Building Permit Statistics, September

i. City of Merritt

ii. Thompson-Nicola Regional District

918/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Building Permit Statistics, September for the City of Merritt and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. **CARRIED**

7. Memo, Oct.16/96 - Recreation Brochure

919/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Oct.16/96 - Recreation Brochure and DIRECT that
- the Merritt Recreation and Leisure Guide be published alternately by the local newspapers on an annual basis providing the same service is offered.
- the master file for the Merritt Recreation and Leisure Guide be retained by the City.

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10. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Development Cost Charge Amendment Bylaw
No. 1552, 1996.
- 920/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council
**ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE AMENDMENT
BYLAW NO. 1552, 1996. CARRIED**
- b) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw
No. 1588, 1996
- 921/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1588, 1996. CARRIED**
- c) City of Merritt Road Closure and Exchange of Lands Bylaw No. 1589, 1996
- 922/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ROAD CLOSURE AND EXCHANGE OF LANDS
BYLAW NO. 1589, 1996. CARRIED**
- d) City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1557, 1996
- 923/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council
**ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1557, 1996.
CARRIED**

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Potential Council Responses:**
1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Sept.20/96
- Request for resolutions.
- 924/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council
**RECEIVE the Federation of Canadian Municipalities letter of Sept.20/96 -
Request for resolutions. CARRIED**
2. Mr. and Mrs. H. Polmans, Oct.3/96 - Baillie House
- 925/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council
**RECEIVE the Mr. and Mrs. H. Polmans letter of Oct.3/96 - Baillie House
for information and INCLUDE it in the Baillie House Proposal package.
CARRIED**

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Council Responses: - Cont'd.

3. Paul Weston, Oct.8/96 - 1700 block Granite Avenue

926/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Paul Weston letter of Oct.8/96 - 1700 block Granite Avenue and INCLUDE the street upgrade in the 1997 Budget discussions. CARRIED

4. School District No. 31, Oct.09/96 - Request for Meeting

927/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the School District No. 31 letter of Oct.09/96. CARRIED

There is a meeting scheduled between the School District and Council for Tuesday, November 5, 1996 at 7 p.m. in the MSS Drama Room.

5. Nicola Valley Women in Action, Oct.11/96 - Dec.6 Commemorative March.

928/96 Moved by Councillor Cowan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Nicola Valley Women in Action letter of Oct.11/96 - Dec.6 Commemorative March and APPROVE the request for a silent march contingent on the approval of the RCMP. CARRIED

6. Merritt RCMP, Oct.16/96 - Community Policing Training

929/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Miller that Council RECEIVE the Merritt RCMP letter of Oct.16/96, CARRIED

The Administrator indicated that he would be attending the training session.

7. Logan Lake Chamber of Commerce, Sept.30/96

930/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Logan Lake Chamber of Commerce letter of Sept.30/96. CARRIED

8. ICBC, Oct.7/96

931/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the ICBC memo of Oct.7/96 apologizing for their misplacement of Merritt on the ICBC Provincial map. CARRIED

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11. CORRESPONDENCE:

b) Receive:

1. Office of the Official Opposition, Oct.1/96
2. Big Brothers & Sisters, Oct.10/96

932/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Cowan that Council RECEIVE the correspondence:
1. Office of the Official Opposition, Oct.1/96
2. Big Brothers & Sisters, Oct.10/96
for information and RESPOND to the Big Brothers & Sisters with a letter of welcome from Council. CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

933/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 8:46 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR



T.C. Day, ACTING CLERK