

CITY OF MERRITT

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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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 RCMP Police 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

**CITY OF MERRITT
CIVIC PROPERTIES AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC PROPERTIES AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1996 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL
MEETING ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

PRESENT: Denise Tomlin, Nonie Miyazaki, Robert Hack, Dan Long, Councillor
Herb McCormack, Councillor Bonnie Cowan, Terry Scheitel and
Recreation Manager, Dalyce Brandt.

REGRETS: JoAnne Portman, Don Jones

GUESTS: City Council

CALL TO ORDER:

Councillor Bonnie Cowan chaired the meeting with Council. Meeting was called
to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Council to the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission
Meeting. The topic of discussion was the role and responsibility of the Civic
Properties and Recreation Commission. The following outlines the specific areas
of discussion and some conclusions:

- a) It was agreed that the role of the Commission members needs to be
clarified. There was not consensus amongst the Commission members on
which facilities should be classified as "Civic Properties" for the purposes
of this Commission. For example, the sewage treatment plant is a civic
property, however does the Commission want to be involved in the
operation of the plant. It may wish to be involved if the expansion of the
plant affects Main St. Park.
- b) The title of the Commission was reviewed. It has been suggested that the
inclusion of "Civic Properties" into the title has been misleading to the
public. However, it was decided that the Commission should first agree on
what it see its role/responsibility being before considering a name
change. The Municipal Act was reviewed to determine the parameters for
the different options for Commission titles and the respective duties and
powers.
- c) Council and the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission should have
a meeting after the budget has been approved.
- d) The make-up of the Commission should include two youths.

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- e) The Commission members suggested that it would assist them, when considering the Recreation annual budget, to have a look at the whole city budget.
- f) Council questioned the Commission as to their interest in being involved in "New Developments". It was pointed out that there is a very tight timeframe for new developments to be accepted and if the Commission was interested it would require a larger time commitment, as decisions regarding developments could not be delayed until the next meeting of the Commission.
- g) It was agreed by the group that Council and the Commission should meet more regularly. It was suggested that a quarterly should be held.
- h) Council and the Commission reviewed and discussed excerpts from the Summerland Recreation Commission Bylaw. Commissions members were requested to comment on the Summerland example prior to the next meeting so that the Recreation Manager could prepare a sample bylaw outlining the changes to the existing Merritt Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Bylaw.

The joint meeting with City Council was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING: Called to order by Vice-Chair Denise Tomlin

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA for WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 1996

Moved by: Nonie Miyazaki
Seconded by: Robert Hack

"That the agenda for Wednesday October 2, 1996 be adopted.
Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM Wednesday July 3, 1996

Moved by: Herb McCormack
Seconded by: Dan Long

"That the minutes from the July 3, 1996 Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Meeting be adopted.

Carried

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Resignations:

Moved by: Bonnie Cowan
Seconded by: Nonie Miyazaki

"That thank you letters be sent to all retired members and, where appropriate, for long term retired members a gift be presented.

Carried

b) School District #31 and City of Merritt Joint Use Agreement

The joint use agreement between the School District and the City of Merritt has been expired and under review for 2 years. It was suggested that a joint meeting with the newly elected City Council and School Board Trustees be arranged early in the new year to discuss the agreement.

REPORTS

a) Council: Councillor Cowan

1. Central Park diamond 1 & 2 study has been completed by final report is not in. Initial feedback indicated that the work would be **very expensive** if it were indeed feasible.

2. T.N.R.D. Funds to help support recreation in Merritt may be tentatively settled. Discussions with the T.N.R.D. have been on going since November of 1995. The City requested that the T.N.R.D. increase their contribution to assist in the operating cost of the newly retrofitted Nicola Valley Memorial Arena.

3. Council has extended their decision regarding the future of the Ballie Property until more information has been researched.

b) Pool Report:

The Commission discussed the continuous problems with the two hot tubs in the pool. It was suggested that the long term maintenance on the two small residential size hot tubs may be greater that the cost to install one large commercial hot tub. Members expressed their interest in having a closer look at maintenance costs.

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Moved by: Terry Scheitel
Seconded: Robert Hack

"That the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission compare the long term maintenance costs of operating the existing hot tubs with a commercial hot tub and request that the Aquatic Centre Manager prepare a breakdown of all repairs to the two small hot tubs from the date of facility opening and to provide the cost of a commercial size hot tub."

Carried

- c) Arena Report:
Official Opening - November 3, 1996

- d) Skate (board) Park:

A proposal has been submitted by the Engineering firm in Kelowna who designed their facility. The proposal outlined the total cost of the project. The Youth involved in spearheading the park are keen and excited about fundraising for the project. The proposal will be presented to Council, with a recommendation that the project be considered in the 1997 capital budget discussions.

- e) Civic Centre Retrofit:

A Civic Centre Retrofit meeting will be held October 10, 1996. The two representatives from the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission (Dan Long and Don Jones) are encouraged to attend. The Retrofit Committee is comprised of two Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Members, two Arts Council Members, two Economic Development Committee Members, one representative from the Business Improvement Area (BIA) and one representative from the Nicola Valley Development Centre and the City of Merritt Recreation Manager.

The immediate task of the committee is to develop a budget for the total cost of the retrofit that can be included in the 1997 capital budget discussions. The deadline to complete the budget is November 30, 1996.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Green Streets Canada Grant:


Dalyce will be working on a grant application for funding to plant trees in the City. The grant application is due October 18, 1996. A small committee will be formed including one Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Member (JoAnne Portman), B.C. Forest Service representative, Environmental Advisory Committee Member (Shelley Cressy-Hassel) and local expert in tree planting (Gail Bloom).

b) Central Park Signage:

It was suggested that we continue to review the options of signage at Central Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Councillor
Bonnie Cowan



Recreation Manager
Dalyce Brandt

Nicola Valley Healthy Communities Group

Minutes of October 9, 1996 Meeting
Location - South Central Health Unit

PRESENT: Iris Hodson Les Miller Dalyce Brandt
 Maureen Lisle Leone Jensen Deb Dempster
 Helen Oliphant Deanna Senio Terry Frizzell
 Carolynne Rowland Sara Williams Bob Ruttenberg
 Jennifer Lilse Synneva Taylor Elizabeth Salomon-de-Friedberg

1. Call to Order

The meeting was chaired by Iris Hodson who began by reviewing the agenda for the meeting.

2. Update on Projects Supported by NVHCG

- a) Public Service Directory - additional copies of the 1996 directory are available from the NV Development Centre (2076 Granite Avenue).
- question was asked in regards to whether it was time to begin updating the directory. Suggested that perhaps Section 25 could be accessed again. (*Dalyce followed up and learned that the Section 25 program is still operating and funds are available.*)
- b) Transportation Study - an extension has been granted by **Healthy Communities** but study must begin no later than December 15, 1996. BC Transit has agreed to start study by then.
- changes in transportation situation
- Helen Oliphant reported that the Variety Club has provided a van for the use of the Youth Centre and the Nicola Valley Affordable Housing Society. The community has to raise \$4,000 as its contribution to the cost of the van. At the moment, the van is being used by the Youth Centre exclusively but once the Affordable Housing Project is built, the Youth Centre will only be able to use the van evenings and weekends.
- the new van recently acquired by Coquihalla-Gillis House is also available for hire to the community and organizations when not needed by the Nicola Valley Health Care Society.
- c) Letter sent by NVHCG in regards to the Youth Centre

In response to the letter, the Child and Youth Committee (CYC) met and agreement was reached to implement several changes and initiatives

- better access to the gym (NVJS)
- seen an increase in support for the Youth Centre in recent months

- assistance from Youth Services Canada Program
 - working with youth on the skateboard park
 - working on youth centre

Helen also reported that the Merritt & District Youth Resources Society has put in a proposal in regards to the Bailee house and property and is waiting for a response from the City.

d) New Item

Bob Ruttenberg advised the group about an initiative of the Intercultural Committee to bring Headlines Theatre to Merritt to work with students to take a look at racism in all of its aspects.

e) Reduction in Government Services

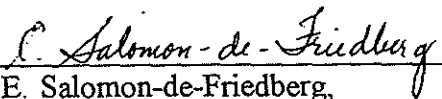
This topic was raised at the last meeting because of signs that certain government agencies would have less of a presence in the community. The closure of the Canada Employment Centre (CEC) and re-opening of an alternative service site has meant that residents have fewer services now and must now deal with the Kamloops office on many matters. Discussion followed and it was suggested and agreed to invite knowledgeable government representatives to provide information about what program dollars (\$) are currently available. Elizabeth to talk to Human Resources Development Canada and Terry Frizzel to talk to Cheryl McDonald.

3. Volunteer Centre

Iris introduced the topic by briefly going over what had been accomplished to date. The sub-committee overseeing the project had several questions for the larger group (NVHCG) and felt that their input was needed before proceeding further. Discussion followed and several questions were raised. As time was running out, it was proposed and accepted that the topic be further discussed at a subsequent meeting before any decisions are made.

The next meeting will take place on October 23, 1996 beginning at 8:30am at the South Central Health Unit. It was also proposed that other interested parties such as Monty Gilchrist (Career Prep Program) be invited.

The recording secretary left at 10am.


E. Salomon-de-Friedberg,
recording secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: TOM DAY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: JEFF NORBURN, AQUATIC CENTRE MANAGER

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 1996

RE: CHRISTMAS HOURS

Agenda

BACKGROUND:

We have, in each of the past three years, reduced hours during the month of December, particularly those dates closest to Christmas. Attendance tracking shows a considerable decline in facility users during the month of December. This can be attributed to the fact that many people begin shopping, have social engagements, family commitments, and vacations planned during this time of year. It is therefore appropriate for us to consider a reduction in hours.

Whenever reducing hours it is important to consider the impact these changes will have on both our customers and facility staff. Consideration must also be given to ensure that reductions in hours are selected to be as cost effective as possible with only a minimal impact on our regular customers.

The reductions proposed occur primarily on the weekends and during Christmas week, to minimize the impact on regular swimmers.

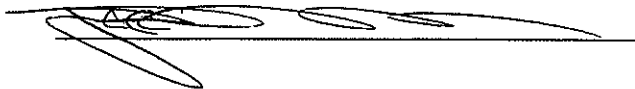
RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the following hours be implemented at the Aquatic Centre November 30, 1996 - January 4, 1997.

Saturday	November 30	11:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 7	11:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	December 13	6:00 am - 8:00 am / 9:00 am - 6:00 p.m. (City Staff Party)
Saturday	December 14	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 21	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 22	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday	December 23	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 24	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 25	CLOSED
Thursday	December 26	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	December 27	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 28	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 29	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday	December 30	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 31	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 1	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	January 2	6:00 - 8:00 am / 9:00 am - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 4	Noon - 5:00 p.m.

January 5, 1997: Resume normal schedule

All dates not included in the above list will remain as normally scheduled.



Jeff Norburn
Aquatic Centre Manager

MEMORANDUM

Agenda

TO: TOM DAY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: JEFF NORBURN, AQUATIC CENTRE MANAGER

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 1996

RE: ELKS VENDING MACHINES

The Merritt Elks Lodge #441 is requesting that the City permit them to install a candy dispenser in the Aquatic Centre.

Over the past few years I have been approached by a number of different companies about the possibility of installing similar dispensers. These companies have been profit oriented, offering a shared revenue between themselves, the City, and in some cases a non profit organization. The percentage of money, in many of these cases, that is actually donated to a non profit organization has appeared to be minimal. I have not pursued these previous proposals for a combination of reasons.

- The revenue potential, in my opinion, is minimal.
- These machines may conflict with our current vending machine contract.
- The small candies may become a nuisance and a cleaning problem.

According to Archie Rutz, Chairman of the local Elks Lodge, all of the moneys raised by the Elks candy machines will go directly to charity works with a percentage directly benefiting children in our community. The City will receive no revenues from these machines.

The current vending machine contract that we have with Eagle Profit Systems states: "the location is prohibited from selling products on location which are sold by the supplier's equipment." Much of the candy sold through the current contractors machine is similar to the products that would be sold through the Elks dispensers. The current contractor does feel that the Elks machines represent a conflict to his operation, although, he has stated that if the Elks dispensers were located in the viewing area beside his vending machines he would not dispute their installation.

The machines are not likely to be a significant nuisance. Should we have any problems with servicing or mess related to the equipment we can simply have them removed. Under no circumstances should we permit gum to be sold from these dispensers.


Jeff Norburn,
Aquatic Centre Manager

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

MERRITT LODGE NO. 441
BOX 855, MERRITT, B.C.

MEETS SECOND AND FOURTH
WEDNESDAYS

Jeff: Report PK

DISTRICT DEPUTY
ARCHIE RUTZ
1302 COWLEY ST.
MERRITT, B.C.
V1K -1G5

CITY OF MERRITT
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YOUR WORSHIP CLARE NORRARD.

THIS LETTER IS TO GET PERMISSION TO PLACE OUR GUM AND CANDY MACHINES IN THE NICOLA VALLEY AQUATIC CENTER. THESE CANDY MACHINES ARE OUR NATIONAL CHARITY MONEY RAISER. THE MONEY FROM THESE MACHINES GOES TO OUR PURPLE CROSS FUND IN REGINA SASK. OUR NATIONAL HEAD QUARTERS. EVERY MACHINE WE HAVE IN MERRITT A PERCENTAGE OF THE MONEY GOES TO MERRITT CHARITY. SO THAT WAY WHEN A CHILD NEEDS HELP FOR HEARING AIDS OR HELP TO GET TO THE CLINIC. WE ARE ABLE TO DRAW FUNDS FROM OUR CHARITY ACCOUNT IN REGINA. WE DO NOT KEEP A DIME FOR OUR LODGE HERE. INCLOSED IS SOME LITERATURE TO BACK UP MY STATEMENT.

MERRITT ELKS LODGE #441

YOURS TRULY.

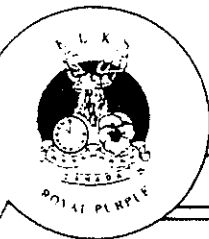
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PURPLE CROSS CHAIRMAN.



CANADA



PROMOTING and SUPPORTING COMMUNITY NEEDS

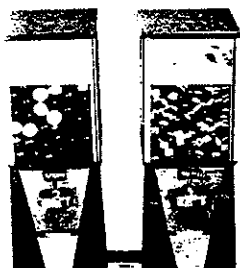
ELK'S PURPLE CROSS FUND

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PLEASE HELP

BY ALLOWING THE ELKS TO PLACE A CHARITY FUND RAISING MACHINE AT YOUR BUSINESS LOCATION.

- Great for Lunch Rooms and Coffee Rooms.
- Proceeds go to Children of Need.
- No Cost or Obligation to You.
- Serviceman looks after Machines on a Regular Basis.
- Five Million Dollar Liability Insurance Protection Policy.
- Twenty-Five Different Candy, Nut or Toy Products.
- The 25¢ Coin Operated Vending Machine Takes Only One Square Foot of Space.
- Toll Free 1-800 Number to Call if Problems occur.
- Certificate of Appreciation is Given.



1-800-538-8644

**THE ELKS AND THE ROYAL PURPLE
OF CANADA**

THANK YOU !



MEMO TO: T.C. DAY
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: DALYCE BRANDT
RECREATION MANAGER

DATE: OCTOBER 31, 1996

RE: CIVIC CENTRE OFFICE SPACE

Agenda

In recent weeks we have received several inquiries into the planned use for two specific areas in the Civic Centre. The areas in question are the front office, previously used as the Mayor's Office and the meeting room used as the City Hall reception area.

ACTION / DISCUSSION:

We have suggested to these interested parties that they submit a proposal to Council outlining the organizations intent for the use.

The Civic Centre Retrofit Committee will be submitting a report to Council detailing the physical retrofit to the facility, retrofit budget and recommended facility use. Council may wish at that time to review the submitted proposals from the various organizations in conjunction with other recommended uses. Delaying a decision until that time will ensure that all aspects of the facility operation will be considered.

CONCLUSION:

The Civic Centre Retrofit Committee will be submitting a report to Council prior to the end of November in consideration of the 1997 Capital Budget Discussions. The report will recommend facility use and a retrofit timeline for completion based on budgetary considerations. It would be most suitable for Council to consider proposals for office space at that time.

Respectfully submitted,



Dalcyce Brandt
Recreation Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: City Planner
DATE: November 5, 1996
RE: PARKING ON WALTERS STREET

Attached please find a letter from Shirley Reimer dated October 4, 1996 regarding parking on Walters Street.

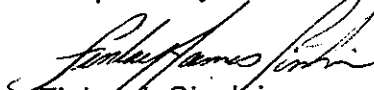
Now that residential dwellings have been constructed on Reid Court an issue with respect to parking on Walters Street has arisen. Historically large commercial vehicles have been parking directly across the street from the Nicola Inn in the large lot owned by Paul Keppler. The Nicola Inn doesn't have enough parking facilities to accommodate as many large trucks as are staying over at the motel thus the drivers choose Walters Street or the vacant lot to park.

From a traffic perspective parking large vehicles on the roadway across from the Nicola Inn does not pose a problem at this point in time. I do not feel that restricting truck parking in the area marked A on the attached map is required.

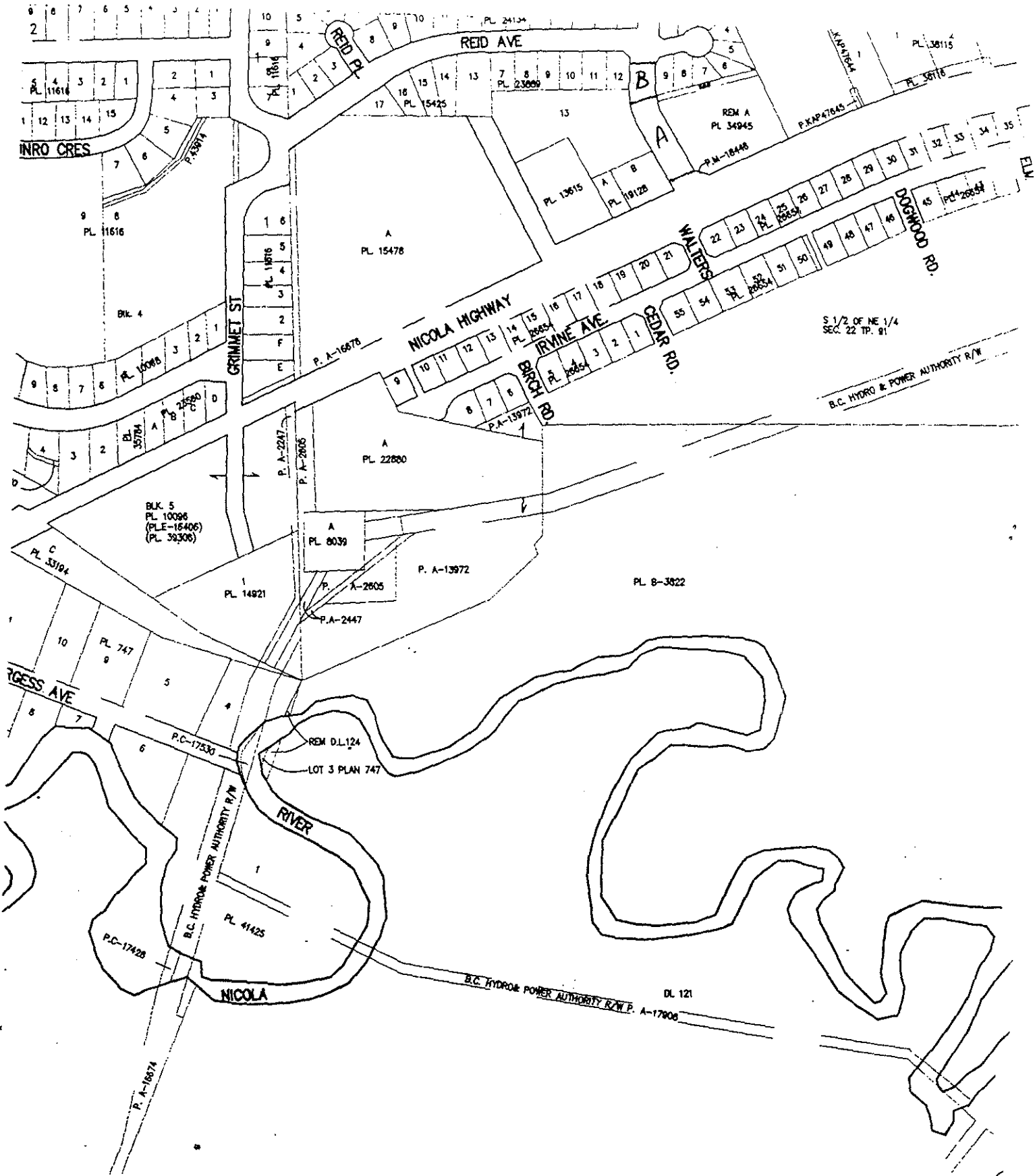
The area marked B on the other hand becomes a traffic hazard from the perspective of sightline obstruction from Reid Court to Walters Street. Large vehicles parking in area B would severely impact a drivers sightline along Walters Street when attempting a left turn movement from Reid Court to Walters Street. With this perspective in mind I would recommend no parking signs be installed in the area marked B.

These recommendations are based on traffic movements rather than the expressed concerns relating to Mrs. Reimers personal objections.

Respectfully submitted,


Finlay J. Sinclair
City Planner

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Attachment
A:WALTERS.PKG(14)



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SEC. 22 TP. 91

B.C. HYDRO & POWER AUTHORITY R/W

2500 Reid Court
Ph: 378-2558
Fax: 378-2599

Mrs. Claire Norgaard

October 4 1996

City Of Merritt, B.C.
Box 189
Merritt, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Norgaard:

I will try to be brief in my attempt to explain the situation we have found ourselves thrust into by our purchase and subsequent building of our house at 2500 Reid Court. Because of an inadequate storm drain system that was left as an open drain at the top corner of our property the dirt structure is at best soggy and unstable. The smallest amount of moisture leaves the area like a mud bog strip.

Added to this problem we are blessed with a problem of the Nicola Inn overflow parking of highway trucks [EIGHTEEN WHEELERS] that will park anywhere on Walters Street. These trucks are even sometimes double parked on the wrong side of the street and remarkably I've seen the police drive past this situation unobserved.

This all brings me to the reason I'm writing this letter. I had a small chat with Findley Sinclair and he suggested that I take my problem to you.

During the last week of September the city crew came and dug a trench and laid a storm drain in an effort to control the run off of water from the street and new subdivision above us.

We applaud them for the fast and efficient way they handled this water problem we have. I think they could foresee a real flood problem.

Tuesday evening, October the 2 around 9:00 p.m. I noticed a highway truck travelling slowly up Walters Street...and to my amazement he was pulling halfway into the side of our yard in an effort to park there for the evening. I rushed out there firstly to let him know that I did not consider this to be an appropriate place for him to park and secondly to tell him that the ground in this area is not stable...

Well I was too late...the truck was leaning badly and the driver quickly tried to pull himself out of the mud. This left huge gouges at the side of our house which we are still trying to repair. **(DEEP GOUGES IN YARD AREA)**

I would like to make an official request, as a direct result of the random and inconsiderate parking of the highway trucks, campers, pick-ups with horse trailers, motorhomes, low-beds and logging trucks [loaded or unloaded] to have a

NO PARKING signs posted on Walters Street.
There NO PARKING signs were posted on the street between from
Sugar Planers Saw Mill because the people working in the
mill were parking there.
This is the Nicola Inn overflow parking and I'm sorry but I
don't feel that we should have to be surrounded by trucks and
campers day and night etc to accomodate this Motel.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration,

Shirley Reimer

Shirley Reimer

Box 1712
Merritt.B.C.
V1k 1B5

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 6, 1996
TO: Administrator
FROM: Development Officer
RE: *Economic Development Activity Report for September and October*

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

The City's Economic Development Internet home page is close to being completed. I am pleased to advise that the TNRD has cosponsored this project in the amount of \$1,015 (we are giving the TNRD a hotlink for this). I originally had anticipated that the page would be completed by early October, however unforeseen delays, relating to personnel issues, was the cause of the delay. A consultant from Merritt will finalize the project. He has a fresh perspective on the development of the site and has enabled us to have our own dedicated server to the Internet. What this means is that we will now have an address on the net such as <http://merritt.com> rather than relying on another server. The dedicated server also allows us to initiate as many email accounts as the City requires, consequently every department and Councillor could have an email address on the Internet. November 22, 1996 is the anticipated completion date for the home page. The Committee will make a formal announcement when the page is completed.

The Business Improvement Area Committee is continuing their efforts in establishing a BIA in Merritt. On October 17th the Committee held an information session for business and property owners in the BIA area. The meeting was hosted by the Committee together with their consultant and was attended by members of the business community. I contacted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in order to determine where our grant application sits with the government cutbacks. I was informed that funding for BIA's in the province has been officially cut. However, as we applied prior to the cutbacks the administrator (Martin Thomas) is taking our application to his board for approval. Martin will advise the City as soon as he is made aware of the board's decision. The BIA Committee is quickly progressing to the next step of requesting Council to formulate the bylaws to implement the BIA.

In September and October Committee members attended both the BC Home Show and Woodtech 96. At these trade shows Committee members had the opportunity to promote the City and its attributes to individuals and companies that would benefit by relocating to Merritt. Valuable contacts were established which will aid in our promotional campaign. Further monthly memo's will comment on the success of this initiative.

Small Business Week was held from October 18th - 25th. The Economic Development Committee was involved in two specific events, the business fair and a home based business workshop. At the trade show the Committee and the Development Centre promoted home based business start-ups. The community supported this event by attending the trade show in large numbers on

both Friday and Saturday. While our booth did not generate a significant amount of attention, we provided information on the regulations for home based business as well as how to establish a business license. The Economic Development Committee also cosponsored with the Ministry of Small Business Tourism and Culture, on a home based business workshop unfortunately this was cancelled due to a lack of response from the community. The lack of response likely was a result of the number of other workshops scheduled for that week, consequently it may have been difficult for people to devote the time and commitment to all the events. The Committee plans to revisit scheduling this workshop for sometime in January or February of 1997 subject to interest in the same.

The Economic Profile and Analysis was thoroughly reviewed by the members of the Committee and their comments were forwarded to the TNRD and the Ministry of Small Business Tourism and Culture. While attending the UBCM conference all members of the Committee met with the Ministry's representative and voiced their comments. The Committee was assured that this was only a draft document and that further participation from our community will be placed in the document at the next stage.

The Committee has purchased a television and video machine combination unit. This was purchased for the Committee to utilize when they attend trade shows and host specific events (such as the business trade show). Currently the Committee is formulating a plan to place the unit at the Tourist Information Centre to play the Economic Development Video when it is not needed for specific events.

September and October were particularly busy months for dealing with commercial and industrial inquiries in the City. This is attributable, amongst other things, to the advertising in the Western Investor and the Committee's attendance to trade shows as outlined earlier this report. Superstar Properties are nearing a subdivision application for the light industrial portion of the property. The City can look forward to new warehousing operations beginning as the developer is actively promoting this site throughout the province and overseas. Along with the Committee's efforts I believe that this site will attract new business and operations to the City.

The City and the Development Centre are also hosting a Development Services Project Meeting Night on November 19th from 5pm to 8pm. The format will be similar to last March's meeting where all developers in town are invited to meet the community and explain their respective projects. The last event was very successful and I image that this will be as well.

The Economic Development Committee will be meeting this Thursday for the next economic development biweekly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Johnson

Development Officer

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1543

**A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
BYLAW NO. 1460, 1994.**

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has adopted an Official Community Plan pursuant to Section 944 of the Municipal Act (RSBC 1979);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to amend the City of Merritt Official Community Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has examined the proposed amendment in conjunction with its most recent capital expenditure program under Section 266 of the Municipal Act, and any waste management plan or economic strategy plan that is applicable in the municipality to ensure consistency between them;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has held a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan.

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

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1543, 1995**".
2. That the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1460, 1994 is hereby **AMENDED** by **ADDING** the following to the Commercial Development Section:

"Policies

6.1 Tourist Commercial

6.11 "Tourist Commercial" development shall provide for tourist related facilities to serve the basic needs of information and services to transient motorists in proper relation to major thoroughfares and surrounding uses."

3. That the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Map being Schedule "B" of the City of Merritt Official Community Plan No. 1460, 1994 is hereby **AMENDED** to depict the change.

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4. That the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1460, 1994 is hereby AMENDED by changing the land use designation on: That part of Lot A, Sections 23 and 24, Township 91, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan KAP54971; as shown in solid black on Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this bylaw, from Service Commercial to Tourist Commercial.
5. That the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Map being Schedule "B" of the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1460, 1994 is hereby AMENDED to depict the change in land use.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 27th day of February, 1996

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 27th day of February, 1996

PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS 26th day of March 1996

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 26th day of March 1996

ADOPTED THIS day of 1996.

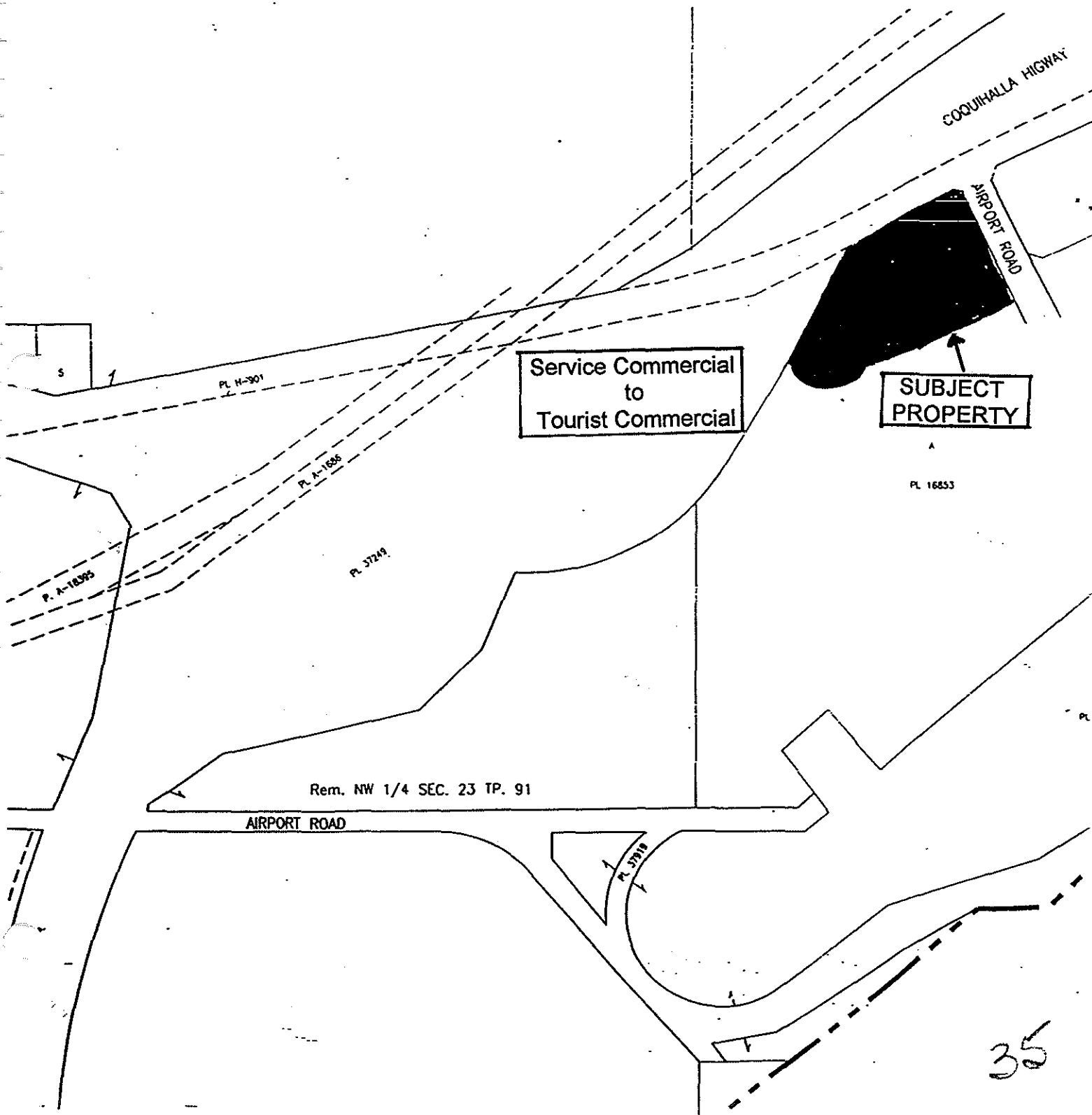
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

Y.J. Porada, CLERK

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1543

SCHEDULE "A"



CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1544

A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF MERRITT ZONING BYLAW NO. 1530, 1995.

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has adopted the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to amend the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has held a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 956 of the Municipal Act (RSBC 1979).

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 ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1544, 1995**".
2. That City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995 is hereby AMENDED as follows:
 - a) That **PART TWO - DEFINITIONS** Section 2.0 of City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995 is hereby amended by ADDING the following:

"ART GALLERY means a facility offering the presentation and sale of artistic and cultural endeavours to the general public.

GIFT SHOP means an outlet which sells or offers for sale sundries such as T-shirts, posters, local crafts, small ornaments and keepsakes."

- b) That **PART SIX - ZONE REGULATIONS** of City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995 is hereby amended by ADDING the following section:

6.3.7 C7 (Tourist Commercial)

Statement of purpose

This zone provides for tourist related facilities to serve the basic needs of information and services to transient motorists in proper relation to major thoroughfares and surrounding uses.

2. b)

6.3.7 C7 (Tourist Commercial) (cont'd.)

(1) Permitted uses

The following uses and no others shall be permitted in the area designated as C7:

- a) Art Gallery;
- b) Gift Shop;
- c) Information facility;
- d) Restaurant;
- e) Accessory building.

(2) Regulations

On a parcel located in an area designated as C7, no building or structure shall be constructed, located or altered and no plan of subdivision approved which contravenes the regulations set out in the preceding page(s). Column I sets out the matter to be regulated and Column II sets out the regulations.

	<u>Column I</u>	<u>Column II</u>
.1	Maximum height: - principal building - accessory building	10 meters 3.5 meters
.2	Minimum siting from parcel lines: <i>Principal and accessory building:</i> . front parcel line . interior side parcel line . exterior side parcel line	6 meters 1.5 meters 2.5 meters
.3	Minimum parcel size	1000 square meters
.4	Maximum parcel coverage	50 per cent
.5	Minimum frontage	15 meters

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3. That the Legend identified in the City of Merritt Official Zoning Map being Schedule "A" of the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995 is hereby AMENDED to depict the change.
4. That the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1460, 1994 is hereby AMENDED by changing the zoning on: That part of Lot A, Sections 23 and 24, Township 91, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan KAP54971, as shown in solid black on Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this bylaw, from the C3 (Service Commercial) zone to the C7 (Tourist Commercial) zone.
5. That the City of Merritt Official Zoning Map being Schedule "A" of the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1530, 1995 is hereby AMENDED to depict the change in zoning.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	27th	day of	February,	1996
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	27th	day of	February,	1996
PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS	26th	day of	March,	1996
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RECEIVED MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS APPROVAL THIS
day of 1996

ADOPTED THIS day of 1996.

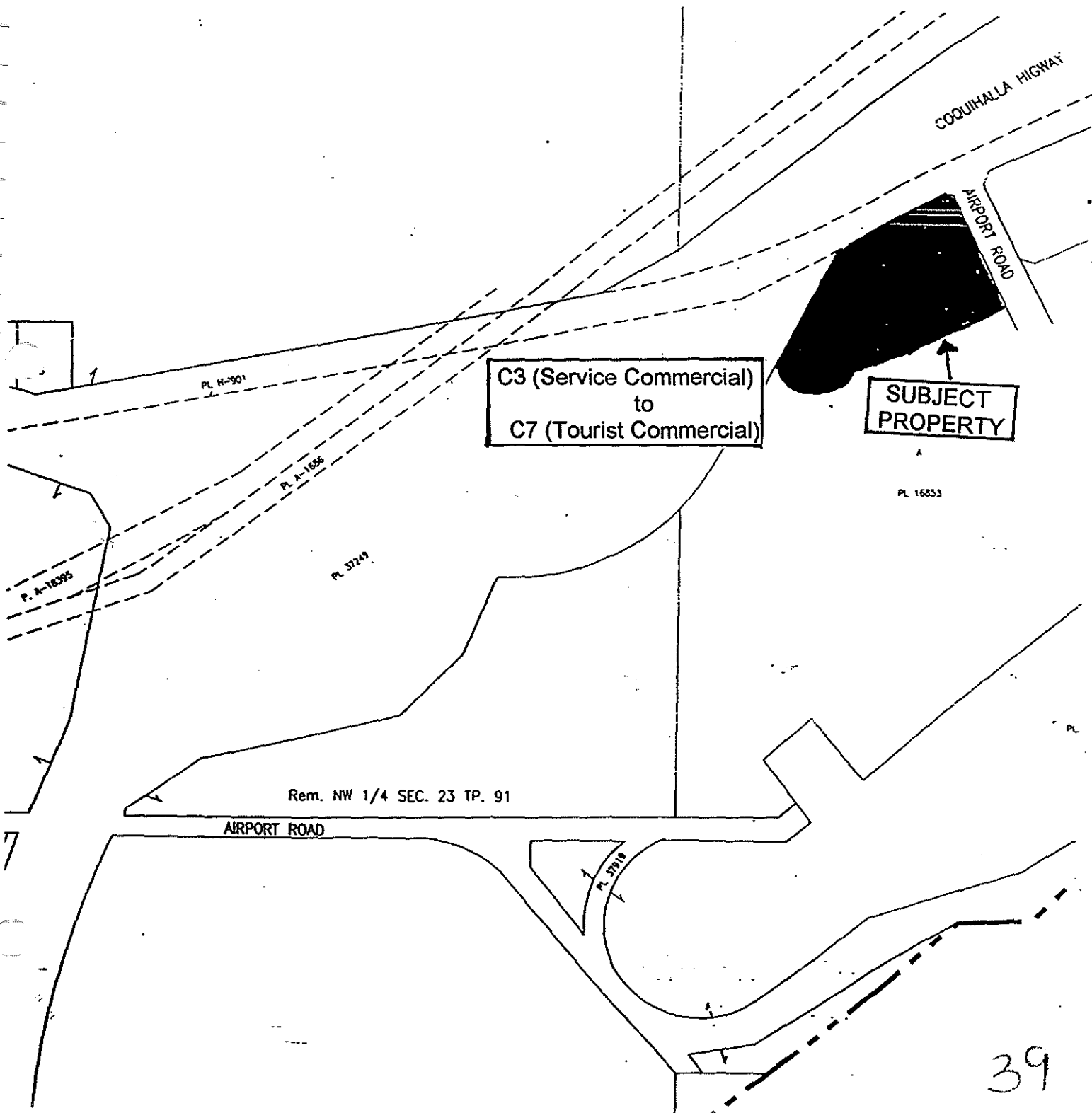
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CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1544

SCHEDULE "A"



Ministry of Transportation
and Highways

TELEX/FACSIMILE RECORD

Date November 6, 1996
File No. 02 014-10919

VIA: TELETYPE RADIO FACSIMILE

TO: Jason Johnson
Development Officer

FROM: D.S. Kirk, District Hwys Manager
Nicola Highways District
Box 4400 Stn. Main (3499 Voght St)
Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8


PHONE No. _____

FAX No. 378-2600 TELEX No. _____

FAX No. 378-9364 PHONE No. 378-9359

SUBJECT: City of Merritt Bylaw No. 1546, 1996 - Superstar Properties Ltd

Jason: I have received sufficient information
and a letter of credit for the above. Accordingly
I will be able to approve the bylaw in time
for your next council meeting on Tuesday
November 12, 1996. Formal approval to follow
later this week.


Brent McDonald, ASCT
Senior District Development Technician

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Operator's Signature

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 AM ENDED, 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

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 8th day of October, 1996.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 8th day of October, 1996.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 8th day of October, 1996.

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

C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

T.C. Day, ACTING CLERK

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1574

**BEING A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY BORROWING PENDING THE
SALE OF DEBENTURES.**

WHEREAS, it is provided by Section 342 of the Municipal Act being Chapter 290, R.S.B.C., 1979, that the Council may, where it has adopted a loan authorization bylaw, without further assents or approvals, borrow temporarily from any person under the conditions therein set out;

AND WHEREAS, the Council has adopted Bylaw No. 1454 (as amended), cited as "City of Merritt Truck Route Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1454, 1994", authorizing the construction of a Truck Route in the amount of Three Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,250,000.00)

AND WHEREAS, the sale of the said debentures has been temporarily deferred;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT TEMPORARY BORROWING (TRUCK ROUTE CONSTRUCTION) BYLAW NO. 1574, 1996**".
2. The Council is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow an amount or amounts not exceeding the sum of Three Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,250,000.00), as the same may be required.
3. The form of obligation to be given as acknowledgment of the liability shall be a promissary note or notes bearing the corporate seal and signed by the Mayor and the Treasurer payable on or before the 31st day of December, 1998.
4. The money so borrowed shall be used solely for the purposes set out in said Bylaw No. 1454.
5. The proceeds from the sale of the debentures or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be used to repay the money so borrowed.

**CITY OF MERRITT
BYLAW NO. 1574
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READ A FIRST TIME this 25th day of June , 1996.

READ A SECOND TIME this 25th day of June , 1996.

READ A THIRD TIME this 22nd day of October , 1996.

ADOPTED this day of , 1996.

C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK

City of Merritt

BYLAW NO. 1588, 1996

A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 1460, 1994.

Whereas the Council of the City of Merritt has adopted an Official Community Plan pursuant to Section 944 of the *Municipal Act* (RSBC 1979);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt wishes to amend the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1460, 1994;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt has held a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Merritt, in an open meeting assembled, ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The bylaw shall be cited as "CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1558, 1996".
2. That the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1460, 1994 be hereby amended as follows:
 - a. That Schedule "A" Section 13.1 be amended by ADDING the following:

Development Permits are not required for Building Code Improvements or Safety Issues that do not affect the overall form and character of a building.

READ A FIRST TIME, this 24 day of September, 1996

READ A SECOND TIME, this 24 day of, September, 1996

PUBLIC HEARING HELD, this 22 day of, October, 1996

READ A THIRD TIME, this 22 day of, October, 1996

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED the day of ,1996

Clara R. Norgaard, MAYOR.

Thomas Day, ACTING CLERK.



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CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER
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BY FAX

October 22, 1996

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Enclosed is a letter the City of New Westminister has sent to the Honourable Paul Ramsey expressing our ongoing concerns regarding Contaminated Site Regulation.

While we are circulating this for your information, a letter to the Minister of the Environment, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Premier in support, would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Betty Toporowski

Betty Toporowski
MAYOR



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1996 October 22

The Hon. Paul Ramsey
Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks
Parliament Buildings
VICTORIA, B.C.
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Dear Mr. Minister:

RE: PROPOSED CONTAMINATED SITES REGULATION

The GVRD and all member municipalities continue to be concerned with respect to the proposed Contaminated Site Regulation.

Your staff have been diligent in their presentations to the GVRD and to the Regional Engineers with respect to the proposed Contaminated Sites Regulation (Draft 4). Unfortunately, we are not comforted by the information that has been presented.

Our concerns can be focused on two issues:

- Definition of contaminated sites.
- Failure to properly address Expert Panel Consensus Recommendations 1 through 4.

Definition

The definition of contaminated sites in the Waste Management Act and the proposed Regulation (Draft 4) fails to differentiate adequately between contamination and pollution. While the Ministry embraces a "polluter pay" policy, the regulation addresses contamination. The two terms, "pollution" and "contamination" are not the same. "Contamination" simply refers to substances present where they should not be present, or present in excess of the prescribed

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standards. "*Pollution*" is contamination which causes or has the potential to cause adverse effects to either human health or the environment.

Clear differentiation between the terms *Contamination* and *Pollution* is required in order to ensure that resources are correctly focused on polluted sites, and not on contaminated sites which are of no real concern. This differentiation will go a long way towards alleviating the concerns expressed about the evaluation approach.

Further reinforcement of the distinction between *Contamination* and *Pollution* can be derived from expert witness testimony recently given at an Assessment Appeal Hearing by a Ministry of Environment staff person. At that Hearing, the Ministry of Environment staff person advised that although approximately 2,400 sites in the Province have been identified as being "*contaminated*", the Ministry was really only concerned with approximately 100 of those sites as being a risk to either health or the environment. Clearly, these 100 sites would qualify as being "*polluted*".

It is our recommendation that the definitions of "contaminated site" in the Waste Management Act and the Contaminated Sites Regulation be amended and that a new definition for "polluted site" be added to both the Act and the Regulation so as to clearly distinguish "pollution" from "contamination".

Expert Panel

Our second concern is that the Ministry has not properly addressed four of the five Consensus Recommendations of the Expert Panel:

Consensus Recommendation 1

It is not scientifically defensible to have single number criteria or standards for all sites in British Columbia. The Panel encourages BCMOELP to emphasize and further refine site-specific criteria and prepare accompanying guidance documents on the generation and implementation of these site-specific criteria.

The individual comments of several panelists and the above consensus statement reflects the Panel's concern regarding the application of soil standards which would be uniformly applied throughout the whole Province. The comments were best summarized by one panelist who stated "it is difficult to scientifically justify the setting of a single soil standard for the whole Province".

The risks and benefits of generic and matrix standards as proposed by the Ministry were questioned. Several panelists suggested that such numerical values should function as screening guidelines rather than as standards.

The Ministry response does not directly address the overall recommendation of the Panel as reflected in the above consensus statement nor the related comments by individual panelists.

Additionally, two panelists expressed concerns about the validity of the BC Environment model and approach for the development of site-specific standards. One panelist's views contained the scientific assessment of two noted groundwater hydrogeologists who condemned the model proposed in the Regulation. Despite the comments, the Ministry has not changed its approach and, to our knowledge, has not attempted to resolve the technical issues with the scientists providing the critiques. The issues are of significance because a large proportion of the most stringent standards in the matrix are based on the questionable BC Environment Ministry model.

Consensus Recommendation 2

"BCMOELP is encouraged to review its standards every 3-5 years and amend its standards accordingly to reflect the evolution of science and the generation of new data. BCMOELP staff are encouraged to meet with the Panel or a similar panel every two years to accomplish this review."

The Ministry has ignored the recommendation to meet regularly with an Expert Panel. Additionally, the Ministry, although stating it is committed to best available science and advice, does not appear to have readily accepted major suggestions of the Panel.

Consensus Recommendation 3

"A site should not be labeled a "contaminated site" while it is still undergoing evaluation no matter what tier or part of the evaluation it is undergoing. Until the site is either finally declared to be contaminated or in compliance with the standards, the site's status should be declared "under evaluation" or similar neutral form."

The Panel, in its review of the standards and their application (as per Draft 3 of the Regulation and Bill 26), was concerned that a site would be labeled as contaminated even when any single numerical value is exceeded. Concern was expressed about how the standards would be used. In many cases, assessments would not likely proceed beyond characterization based only on the use of generic and matrix standards. This Panel consensus is the basis of

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our recommendation that the Ministry differentiate between *pollution* and *contamination* in the Waste Management Act and the Regulation.

Consensus Recommendation 4

"The site-specific matrix and risk evaluation methods both should have the maximum flexibility built in. The proponents of a site should be able to use models other than those chosen by BCMOELP. A broader range of parameters for these models should be allowed."

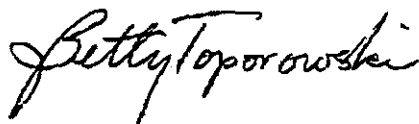
The preceding consensus comment reflects concern about the models accepted by the Ministry. This is an extremely significant issue with respect to identification of contaminated sites.

We recommend that there be an immediate technical meeting between Ministry officials and the Expert Panel for resolution of outstanding issues on Consensus Recommendations 1 through 4 inclusive.

With respect to the 83 individual Expert Panel member recommendations, some have been addressed and some have not.

Overall, it is our opinion that submission of Draft 4 to Cabinet for approval is premature.

Yours sincerely,



Betty Toporowski
MAYOR

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Stakeholder Groups

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MERRITT LIONS CLUB

Box 398 - Merritt, B.C. - VOK 2B0

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October 15, 1996

The Mayor and Council,
City of Merritt,
Merritt, B.C.

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Dear Mrs. Mayor and Council

The Merritt Lions Club have reserved the Civic Centre for December 22/96, for the purpose of preparing and serving the needy families of the Nicola Valley, with a sit down Christmas Dinner.

Our preliminary inquiries indicate we could be serving between 700-900 dinners. These numbers also include any elderly persons within the area, who would not normally be in a position to enjoy such a dinner.

Our Club will be supplying transportation to any person or family, who requires same, in order for them to attend the dinner

The purpose of this letter is two fold:

(1) To invite the Mayor and any council person to assist our Club in preparing and serving this dinner.

(2) To request that the usual rental fee charged for the Civic Centre be waived, so that all funds can be expended towards purchasing of food for this dinner.

It is not our intention on advertising this event, but rather to discreetly identify those families and persons truly in need and extend an invitation to them.

We would appreciate an early reply to our requests, so that we can continue to organize for this event.

Yours truly,

H. Follington
(H. Follington)
Chairperson

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Reply Attention: **Ian Hawes**
Our File No.: **3147-1**



October 23, 1996

City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
Merritt, British Columbia
V1K 1B8

Attention: **Tom Day**

Dear Sir:

Re: **525040 B.C. Ltd. dba Grand Hotel**
Transfer of Liquor Licence
Class "A" to Class "I": Restoration Public House

We write on behalf of 525040 B.C. Ltd., the owner of the Grand Hotel in Merritt. It has been suggested to our client by the Area Inspector for the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch that the classification of the Liquor Licence for the Grand Hotel be changed from Class "A": Pub to Class "I": Restoration Public House.

Mr. Stearn has made this proposal for two reasons. First, the second floor rooms in the Grand Hotel are not currently used for any purpose, and the owner does not intend for them to be used as hotel rooms in the future. Secondly, the City of Merritt has, historically, concurred with the current use of the Grand and its type of establishment. These two factors will not be affected by the proposed transfer of licence classificaton.

This proposed change in classification would be a recognition of the fact the Grand is operated as a pub, not as a hotel. Further, should the building be destroyed, the owner would not be forced by liquor regulations to re-build as a hotel. The Rialto Hotel in Osoyoos is an example of this type of reclassification.

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In order to meet the criteria for Class "I" licences, our client requires a resolution from Council which indicates they support our client's application for a Class "I" liquor licence. We would request, therefore, on behalf of our client, that you place this proposal on the agenda for an upcoming Council meeting.


If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you after council has considered this matter.

Yours very truly,

MORELLI CHERTKOW

Merritt Office

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PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

1997 PITCH-IN Week, May 5-11

Waste management...in action!

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Our File: 2-C-3-04

Patron, PITCH-IN CANADA
His Excellency the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc
P.C., C.C., C.M.M., C.D.
Governor General of Canada

October 25, 1996

Mayor and Councillors
City of Merritt
Box 189
Merritt, BC V0K 2B0

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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

In 1996 more than 150,000 British Columbians cleaned up local neighbourhoods, ravines, waterways and illegal dumpsites to show their Civic Pride during PITCH-IN WEEK which, in 1997, will be held **May 5-11**.

B.C. Hydro will, for a second year, provide financial support. Our volunteers have also again raised additional funding to pay for the campaign.

Municipalities and Regional Districts have always recognized the service provided by, and financially supported, PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA and its volunteers. Most local governments appreciate the considerable return on their investment in the Campaign. At this time we seek your continued financial support in the amount of \$ 315. Please send your funds payable to PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA Waste Management Society.

Towards the middle of November please visit PITCH-IN's new Web Site at **www.PITCH-IN.ca** to obtain a detailed report on the 1996 Campaign, a list of our Directors and the voluntary organizations they represent and a list of communities which provide support. Your community will also be listed. At our website, you will also find other free, valuable information to help your community implement programs to instill Civic Pride.

We look forward to your early response.

PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
Waste Management Society

per N. Thom
Councillor Stella Jo Dean
Chair



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Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of
Transportation
and Highways

Thompson-Okanagan Region
523 Columbia Street
Kamloops, BC V2C 2T9

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November 4, 1996

Mayor Clara Norgaard
City of Merritt
Box 68
Merritt, BC V0K 2B0

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Dear Mayor Norgaard:

This is to advise you that the Ministry of Transportation and Highways is reducing its regional operations by 220 positions in order to meet its financial target of \$22 million cost savings in 1997/98. These reductions, which will be implemented by March 1997, are the second phase of the major restructuring of the ministry announced by Premier Glen Clark, March 4, 1996.

The first phase eliminated 150 positions at ministry headquarters in Victoria. This second phase of the restructuring affects ministry offices throughout the province. The attached Fact Sheet outlines details of the changes.

While reducing positions is never easy, these changes are consistent with the government's objective of protecting health care and education in a climate of serious fiscal restraint. I want to assure you that the ministry is maintaining a strong commitment to protect core services to roads and bridges throughout the province.

Should you require more information, please call me (250) 828-4220.

Sincerely,


K.E. Besping
Regional Director

cc: Doug Kirk, District Highways Manager, Nicola District

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FACT SHEET

**REGIONAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS**

November 4, 1996

On March 4, 1996, Premier Clark announced a major restructuring of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to realize savings of about \$22 million through efficiency measures and staff reductions. The ministry changes are part of the government's plan to protect vital education and health services.

In restructuring the ministry, the government is continuing to ensure that the public's expectations for key core services for roads and bridges will be met, while the cost of government is reduced. These changes reflect government's commitment to safe and efficient transportation and fiscal responsibility.

In the first phase of ministry restructuring, staff levels at headquarters in Victoria were reduced by 150 positions, equivalent to 22 per cent.

This next phase will mean a reduction of 220 positions in regional operations, 12 per cent of total regional staff around the province.

On Thursday, October 31, the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations announced additional savings and staff reductions would be required by March 31, 1998. The ministry is now reviewing plans on how to achieve these additional savings and areas that will be impacted are not known at this time. Announcements regarding these changes will be made later in the year.

Details of the restructuring are as follows:

Administrative Reductions:

- The overall strategic direction of the ministry is to continue the evolution from direct performance of highways work to focusing on key core services for roads and highways in a climate of fiscal restraint.
- Reductions are spread throughout all regions, with larger regional centres absorbing more of the reductions than smaller communities.
- The ministry is amalgamating financial services functions in locations where Regional offices and Districts are in the same town. This will take place in Kamloops, Nelson, Prince George, Terrace and Nanaimo.
- Reductions recognize the need to get efficiencies from amalgamating functions and finding new ways to go about our business. We are undertaking a complete review of all financial processes and procedures.

Survey/Engineering Reductions:

- The survey/engineering program has shrunk as the emphasis of the rehabilitation program has moved to the main highway system away from side roads. Work planned for side roads will involve road surface work, with minimal work for surveys.
- Some survey crews are being reduced, while others are being eliminated altogether.

Management Reductions:

- The reduction of 220 positions represents 12% of Regional Highways Operations staff.
- In total, management and bargaining unit supervisory reductions, this year to date, represent 15.5% of all highways staff.

Sub-office Changes:

- Ministry Sub-offices in Prince Rupert and Rossland are being closed.
- Sub-offices in Creston, Golden, New Denver, Fernie, Salmon Arm, Kelowna and Port Alberni will be downsized.

Office Amalgamations:

- The Nechako District office in Vanderhoof will be amalgamated with, and become a sub-office of, the Fort George District, based in Prince George.
- The Vanderhoof and Prince George Districts financial services functions will be amalgamated with the Regional office in Prince George.
- The South Cariboo District office in 100 Mile House will be amalgamated with, and become a sub-office of, the Central Cariboo District, based in Williams Lake.
- The Central Cariboo District will now report to the Thompson Okanagan Region, based in Kamloops.

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The positions eliminated are as follows:

<i>Highway Office</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Positions Impacted</i>
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South Coast Region

Regional Centre	Burnaby	38
Howe Sound District	North Vancouver	2
Lower Mainland District	New Westminster	3
Fraser Valley District	Chilliwack	3
Electrical Maintenance District	Coquitlam	6
Rockscaling Crew	Lower Mainland Area	2

Thompson Okanagan Region

Regional Centre	Kamloops	14
South Okanagan District	Penticton	2
South Okanagan Sub Office	Kelowna	4
Okanagan - Shuswap District	Vernon	4
Okanagan - Shuswap Sub-Office	Salmon Arm	3
Nicola District	Merritt	7
Thompson District	Kamloops	8
South Cariboo District	100 Mile House	12

Kootenays Region

Regional Centre	Nelson	14.5
Kootenay Boundary District	Grand Forks	3
Kootenay Boundary Sub-Office	Rossland	1
Central Kootenay District	Nelson	3
Central Kootenay Sub-Office	Creston	1
Central Kootenay Sub-Office	New Denver	1
East Kootenay District	Cranbrook	5
East Kootenay Sub-Office	Fernie	1
Selkirk District	Revelstoke	3.5
Selkirk Sub-Office	Golden	1

Highway Office	Community	Positions Impacted
<u>Central North East Region</u>		
Regional Centre	Prince George	11
Central Cariboo District	Williams Lake	4
North Cariboo District	Quesnel	4
Fort George District	Prince George	7
Robson District	McBride	3
South Peace District	Dawson Creek	4
North Peace District	Fort St. John	5
Nechako District	Vanderhoof	5
<u>North West Region</u>		
Regional Centre	Terrace	2
Lakes District	Burns Lake	3
Bulkley Nass District	Smithers	4
Skeena District	Terrace	4
Stikine District	Dease Lake	3
<u>Vancouver Island Region</u>		
Regional Centre	Nanaimo	8.5
South Island District	Saanich	3
Central Island District	Nanaimo	3
Central Island Sub-Office	Port Alberni	1
North Island District	Courtenay	4





Refer to:

Our File No. 950-01

Your File No.

October 23, 1996

Her Worship Clara R. Norgaard
City of Merritt
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CITY OF MERRITT
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Dear Mayor Norgaard:

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

This is further to my letter on this subject dated September 24, 1996, and your response of October 16, 1996.

I have taken note of your concern regarding the hope that JEPP opportunities continue for low earthquake threat communities in spite of the shift in emphasis contained in my earlier letter. Although some increased priority will be afforded earthquake-related JEPP projects commencing in 1997/98, I did emphasize that this applied primarily to earmarked funds. Regular JEPP funds would continue to be allocated on the basis of project merit for those communities outside of primary earthquake threat areas.

With 75% of British Columbians living in the Lower Mainland, the Sunshine/Central Coast and on Vancouver Island (BC Stats—May 1994), facing the very real threat of earthquakes, our Program would be negligent if it did not acknowledge this fact and reflect this reality in the allocation of shrinking emergency preparedness resources. It is also in keeping with revised national priorities recently announced by Emergency Preparedness Canada.

In the meantime, I encourage you to continue to submit JEPP applications for eligible projects that are considered a requirement in your community, such as that successfully pursued via BC #94/95 in fiscal year 1995/96.

Yours truly,

A. J. (Tony) Heemsker
Director

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File No. 45000-01/UNIC1

Mayor Clara Norgaard
City of Merritt
2185 Voght St.
Merritt, B.C. V0K 2B0

Dear Mayor Norgaard:

I am writing to advise you that the Province of British Columbia and the Upper Nicola Indian Band have agreed to a six month extension of the Working Relationship Agreement under the existing terms and conditions of the agreement. The agreement was signed October 23, 1995 for a one year term, expiring October 22, 1996. The revised expiration date for the agreement will be April 22, 1997.

The technical working group established under the terms of the agreement has been making considerable progress on a number of the projects defined in its mandate. Some of these projects require further work or will require some monitoring or follow-up. With this in mind we have agreed to provide an extension to the mandate of the working group to provide an opportunity for this valuable work to continue.

In addition, BC, the Upper Nicola Indian Band, and representatives of the federal government will continue discussions on some issues which are outside of the mandate of the technical working group and thus far have not been fully addressed.

Provincial representatives working with the Upper Nicola Indian Band have been pleased with the progress made to date and are confident that further constructive work will take place with the extension to the agreement.

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If you have any questions regarding the Working Relationship Agreement, please contact me directly at telephone number (604) 356-9691.

Yours truly,



John Harper
Negotiator
Lands and Resources Branch
Aboriginal Relations Division



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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

FILE NO. 113/2633-3 REPLY ATTN. Nancy Largent

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October 25, 1996

Members of Legislative Assembly
BC Municipalities
Union of BC Municipalities

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Dear MLAs and Municipalities:

On October 24, 1996, Vancouver City Council adopted an amendment to the Business License By-law to prohibit the operation of electronic gaming devices, including CLUB KENO, in liquor licensed establishments.

In addition, Council expressed its concern to the Province over the lack of consultation on the announced gaming expansion related to the introduction of the CLUB KENO lottery game. Similar concerns regarding lack of public consultation were previously expressed about the proposed waterfront casino in Vancouver, and the expansion of gambling generally.

Council will be seeking a meeting with the Minister responsible for Gaming to communicate the foregoing position. Council also instructed that all MLAs, all Municipalities and the UBCM be informed of the City's position on gambling expansion.

Copies of the relevant Administrative Report dated October 16, 1996, and By-law No. 7642 are available through the Internet:

<http://www.city.vancouver.ca>

If you are unable to access these materials through the Internet, please telephone 873-7276 to request a faxed copy of the CLUB KENO materials.

Yours truly,

Maria Kinsella
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF MERRITT

**EXTRA AGENDA, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 1996**

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Responses:

- 6. Merri-Valley Musical Society, Nov.08/96 - Request for co-sponsorship

Merri-Valley Musical Society

Merri-Valley Musical Society
2869 Cranna Crescent
Merritt, B.C.
V1K 1E5

Extra Agenda

Friday, November 08, 1996

To Her Honour the Mayor of Merritt and City Council

This year, Canada Music Week falls on November 17 - 24. Merri-Valley Musical Society (a member group of the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council) will once again be celebrating the occasion with a showcase of music by Canadian composers, performed by local students and other community members.

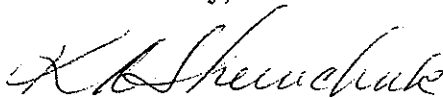
Merri-Valley Musical Society would like to take this opportunity to invite the City of Merritt to co-sponsor this event by making the Civic Centre Foyer available rent-free on Wednesday evening, November 20th.

Please find enclosed a copy of last year's program, and an outline of the Aims of Canada Music Week.

Thank you for considering this request.

Let us also take this opportunity to extend an invitation to Your Honour and the Council members to celebrate Canada Music Week with us by attending this event, Wednesday November 20th at 7:30 pm; no charge for admission.

Yours sincerely,



Katharine Shewchuk, Pres.
Merri-Valley Musical Society



Shirlea Smith, Sec. Trea

c: NVCAC
City Recreation Dept.
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The Aims of Canada Music Week

- to introduce contemporary music to Canadian Students, and stimulate a keener appreciation and understanding of this music;
- to encourage music teachers to widen their knowledge and experience of Canadian works;
- to support composers and performers of Canadian Music;
- to bring to the attention of the public through various means, the importance of Canadian music;
- to emphasize not only Canadian work, but also the significance of music generally.

Canada Music Week

1995 November 19 - 26

1999 November 21 - 28

1996 November 17 - 24

2000 November 19 - 26

1997 November 16 - 23

2001 November 17 - 24

1998 November 22 - 29

Canada Music Week is commemorated in the third week of November, which includes November 22, the day honouring St. Cecilia, patron Saint of Music.

CALIXA LAVALLÉE (1842 - 1891)

Megan Fulcher

CLIFFORD CRAWLEY (1929 -)

Shirley Smith & Jerry Messmer

Scherzo
Intermezzo
March

Three out of "Four Uneasy Pieces", first-prize winner in the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' composition competition; copyright 1994.

DAVID DUKE (1950 -)

James Richards

March in Lydian Mode

David Duke graduated from UBC in 1971, and taught in Vancouver Community College. Most of his compositions are chamber music.

EDNA BLAKE & HILDA CAPP

Kristine Rasmussen

The Pink Parasol

This charming duet was composed around 1960 by two of the "grandes dames" of Canadian musical education.

ROBERT BRUCE (1962 -)

Susan Heisler

Falling Leaf
Slumber

In the tradition of Bach and Chopin, Robert Bruce has composed a set of 24 pieces, one in every major and minor key. "Falling Leaf" is in A minor; "Slumber" is in D-flat major.

Clouds

Madhavi Messmer

This is the opening piece of Robert Bruce's "Picture Studies - for the piano", from 1991, the year he began composing.

CLIFFORD POOLE (1916 -)

James Richards

Frere Jacques Stands On His Head

The familiar folk-song is treated to the Baroque technique of inversion!

Mist

Evelyn McClure

Clifford Poole grew up and studied music in Toronto, and toured widely with Margaret Parsons as a piano duo. He currently conducts the Symphony Orchestra in Scarborough, Ontario.

LINDA NIAMATH (1939 -)

Paul Sundher

Bears

A portrait using sound to characterize these large lumbering beasts.

Butterflies

Jenn Brown

After graduating from UBC, Linda Niamath taught elementary school in Vancouver before becoming a piano teacher and composer.

BORIS BERLIN (1907 -)

Katy McIntyre

March of the Goblins

This was written in 1947 by the "father of Canadian piano education", who can trace his musical connections back through Chopin and Mozart to Bach. He has been honoured with the title of "Heritage Teacher".

NANCY TELFER (1950 -)

Lindsay Carmichael

Skeleton Dance

Nancy Telfer was born in Brampton, Ontario, and studied at the University of Western Ontario. She is well known for her choral compositions.

Native Lullaby

Megan Fulcher

Giant Insects

"Native Lullaby" is an arrangement of a Sioux song from Saskatchewan.

ROBERT BRUCE (1962 -)

Nola Strand

Two Miniatures

GEORGE FIALA (1922 -)

Radha Messmer

Postlude

A postlude is the opposite of a prelude: it is what would be played while people are leaving (don't leave just yet!). This one was written in 1969.

A VERY BRIEF INTERMISSION

GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Doug Strand, violin

Did She Mention My Name

Jerry Messmer, piano

In the '60s and '70s, Gordon Lightfoot was a popular songwriter and performer in the style known at the time as "Country & Lightfoot".

JERRY MESSMER

Ashley Fulcher

After You

Ashley's politeness was the composer's inspiration for this song, which was written just last month, and is here performed for the first time.

RÉMI BOUCHARD (1936 -)

Kaitria Krahn

Perdues et Retrouves

This vignette in $\frac{4}{4}$ time is from the set "Souvenirs" in which the composer looks through old family photographs, and re-creates moods and events from his boyhood in Laurier, Manitoba.

A Horse called Allegro

Tim Jackson

A Cow called Fermata

A Dog called Accelerando

Mr. Bouchard taught a former Director of our Arts Council, Nancy Kehler, and follows her sons' musical progress with great interest!

ROBERT BRUCE (1962 -) Vanessa Graham

Autumn Rain
Set in F minor, this descriptive piece was written in 1992.

GEORGE COUTTS (1888 - 1962) Selena Schindler

A Highland Lullaby
Many of the 19th century immigrants to Canada were from Scotland.

LEON DUBINSKY Rowena Bloom

Rise Again
A Rankin Family favourite from their recent release "North Country".

DAVID DUKE (1950 -) Alison Krahn

Berceuse Cap Breton
This lullaby has a modal melody, rather like an east-coast folk ballad, combined with very contemporary harmonies.

ROBERT BRUCE (1962 -) Alyssa McCauley

Cities
This is an excerpt from a longer work subtitled by the composer, "A Musical Caricature".

ERNST SCHNEIDER (1939 -) Margaret Carlson

The Five Moods of Opopogo
Many of you met Mr. Schneider when he was in Merritt for last year's Canada Music Week event. Opopogo is well-known as the semi-mythical monster of Okanagan Lake.

VIOLET ARCHER (1913 -) Phil Heal, trumpet
Jerry Messmer, piano

Little Suite
I. Song
II. Quiet Time
III. Fanfare
IV. Jig

Violet Archer studied composition with Bartok and Hindemith. This suite for trumpet and piano was composed in 1975, while she was a professor of music in Edmonton. The score was borrowed from the Canadian Music Centre for this occasion.

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