

## CITY OF MERRITT

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

#### 1. PRESENT:

##### COUNCIL:

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

##### ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day  
Treasurer - S.Gill  
Public Works Superintendent - A.Hunchak  
Recreation Manager - D.Brandt  
Aquatic Centre Manager - J.Norburn  
Development Officer - J.Johnson  
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison

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

Seven (7) members of the general public.

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, December 10, 1996

1014/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Dec.10/96. CARRIED

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING: Nil.

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**5. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- a) Merritt Business Improvement Area (BIA) Association  
- Dale Stoppler

- 1) Memo, Dec.3/96 - Business Improvement Area  
Initiative and Draft Bylaw

Mr. Stoppler spoke on behalf of the BIA Steering Committee which has been active for approximately six months. The other members are Myrna Keyser, Graham Whitecross, Das Kandola and Mike Karrans. There are presently 30 BIAs in B.C. which operate under a specified area format. Martin Thomas from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs spoke at the preliminary meeting and a \$5,000 grant from Municipal Affairs was matched by \$2,500 each from the City and the Chamber of Commerce. On September 12<sup>th</sup> an Envisioning Workshop was held and then the BIA Proposal was developed with concept and boundaries defined. All property owners within the boundaries have been sent a letter outlining the BIA and approximately 70 of 168 have now been personally contacted. Of those 70, 88% supported the BIA concept. The Steering Committee plans on completing the person contacts by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The proposed budget is \$100,000 per year which would cost property owners approximately \$2/\$1,000 of assessed value. Councillor Typusiak thanked the group for initiating the BIA and stated how encouraging it was to see the business community uniting to support such a venture. Councillor McCormack and Mayor Norgaard also congratulated the Steering Committee on their initiative.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

- a) Regular Council Meeting, November 26, 1996

1015/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Nov.26/96 as amended.

**CARRIED**

- b) Inaugural Council Meeting, December 02, 1996

1016/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council  
ADOPT the Minutes, Inaugural Council Meeting, Dec.02/96 as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

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**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) BIA (See information and report under Delegations)

1017/96 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the BIA information package as presented by the BIA Steering Committee. **CARRIED**

- b) Memo, Dec.04/96 - Coldwater Hotel, Application to Operate a Bingo Hall (Correspondence received at Nov.26/96 Meeting attached for Council's information) - This item was eliminated at the request of the originator.

At 7:55 pm., three (3) members of the general public left the meeting with 4 remaining

- c) Memo, Dec.04/96 - Baillie Property (Information packages distributed along with Agenda)

1018/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Dec.04/96 - Baillie Property Information Package and DIRECT the Administration to distribute copies of the package to the General Public and the Proponents. **CARRIED**

**9. REPORTS:**

- a) **Mayor's Reports:**

O.M.M.A. - City of Merritt Representative Appointment , Councillor Laird

1019/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE the Appointment of Councillor Laird as the City's representative to the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association **CARRIED**

Mayor Norgaard gave a brief report on the new TNRD Executive Committee which will be chaired by John Ranta, the Mayor of Cache Creek.

Councillor Laird gave a report on the demise of the Community Health Council and its implications for Merritt. There is to be a Thompson Regional Health Board which will administer all Health Care Facilities within the Regional District through a 15 person Government appointed board. All employees of the Nicola Valley Health Care Society are now employees of the Regional Board and all assets of the Health Care Society have been taken over by the Board. There is no local reporting and no locally elected representation. There have been proceedings initiated to get Ministry of Health permission to have the hospital lands turned over to the Nicola Valley Health Care Society Endowment Fund as the lands had been donated for the hospital site by the Collett family.

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**9. REPORTS:**

At 8:03 pm one (1) member of the general public left the meeting, with three(3) remaining

**c) Administration Reports:**

- 1) Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Minutes, Nov.6/96 Meeting.  
1020/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Minutes, Nov.6/96 Meeting. CARRIED
- 2) Memo, Nov.25/96 - Fire Chief's Month End Report for October 1996.  
1021/96 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE for information the Memo, Nov.25/96 - Fire Chief's Month End Report for October 1996. CARRIED
- 3) Bylaw Services Statistics for November, 1996  
1022/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Bylaw Services Statistics for November, 1996. CARRIED

At 8:10 pm., two (2) members of the general public left the meeting, with one (1) remaining.

- 4) Building Permits Issued for the Month of October, 1996  
i. Merritt Report  
ii. TNRD Report  
1023/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Building Permits Issued for the Month of October, 1996 (Merritt and TNRD) for information and discussion. CARRIED
- 5) Memo, Dec.5/96 - Arena Code of Conduct  
1024/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Dec.5/96 - Arena Code of Conduct. CARRIED
- 1025/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Code of Conduct as Policy for the Arena including the references to Criminal Prosecution under Sections 1. and 4. CARRIED

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**9. REPORTS:**

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

6. Memo, Dec.9/96 - Snow Removal Budget

1026/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Dec.9/96 - Snow Removal Budget and APPROVE the snow budget increase of \$20,000, and the funding source be surplus funds for \$10,000 and reallocation of labour within the existing budget for \$10,000.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Typusiak expressed concerns that large ruts were building up in the residential areas and the trucks aren't doing a very good job of removing the ruts which freeze in place.

Councillor Laird stated that people have to expect problems when we have an abnormally high snowfall. The City could put more emphasis on snow removal however the price for bare streets would be horrendous.

Councillor Typusiak felt that the intersections should be addressed before streets although there are problems with drivers creating ice patches. He questioned that the snow clearing policies could be re-examined.

7. Memo, Dec.9/96 - Civic Centre Retrofit

1027/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, Dec.9/96 - Civic Centre Retrofit.

**CARRIED**

**10. BYLAWS:**

a) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Admission Rates

1) Memo, Oct.24/96 - Facility Admission Rates

2) Memo, Nov.20/96 - N.V.A.C. Recommended Admission Rate Increase

1028/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Admission Rates

1) Memo, Oct.24/96 - Facility Admission Rates

2) Memo, Nov.20/96 - N.V.A.C. Recommended Admission Rate Increase for information.

**CARRIED**

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**10. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.**

- 3) City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates  
Amendment Bylaw No. 1591, 1996

1029/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL  
FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1591, 1996.**  
CARRIED

1030/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council  
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY  
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW,  
NO. 1591, 1996.**  
CARRIED

1031/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council  
**GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL  
FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW, NO. 1591, 1996.**  
CARRIED

At 8:23 pm. The one remaining member of the general public left the meeting.

- b) City of Merritt 1996 Amended Budget Bylaw No. 1592 - **Submitted  
for first, second and third reading.** - This Bylaw was withdrawn to be re-  
submitted at a later Regular Council Meeting.

- c) Merritt View Developments  
1) Memo, Dec.4/96 - OCP and Zoning Bylaws

1032/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE  
the Memo, Dec.4/96 - OCP and Zoning Bylaws. CARRIED

- 2) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1593, 1996

1033/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council  
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN  
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1593, 1996.**  
CARRIED

The question of whether or not this OCP included Development Permit Area was  
raised and Council felt that it should be amended to include the DP.

1034/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council  
**AMEND CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT  
BYLAW NO. 1593, 1996 TO INCLUDE A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA  
DESIGNATION**  
CARRIED

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**10. BYLAWS:**

c) Merritt View Developments

2) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1593, 1996  
- Cont'd.

1035/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council  
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY  
PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1593, 1996 AS AMENDED. CARRIED**

1036/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council  
**SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1593, 1996 FOR THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 1996.  
CARRIED**

The Development Officer left the meeting to confirm the Development Permit Issue for this bylaw and returned to inform Council that the subject property was indeed subject to a Development Permit Area, therefore the amendments to the bylaw were unnecessary.

1037/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**RESCIND SECOND READING OF CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY  
PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1593, 1996. CARRIED**

1038/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**REMOVE** the Development Permit designation from City of Merritt Official  
Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1593, 1996. **CARRIED**

1039/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY  
PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1593, 1996 AS AMENDED. CARRIED**

3) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1594, 1996

1040/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council  
**GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW  
NO. 1594, 1996. CARRIED**

1041/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council  
**GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT  
BYLAW NO. 1594, 1996. CARRIED**

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**BYLAWS:**

c)

Merritt View Developments

3) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1594, 1996 - Cont'd.

1042/96

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council  
**SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING  
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1594, 1996 FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL  
MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1997.** **CARRIED**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) **Potential Responses:**

1) UBCM

i. Oct.18/96 - Seminars in Local Government  
Decision Making for Newly Elected Officials

1043/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
RECEIVE the UBCM Correspondence, Oct.18/96 - Seminars in Local  
Government Decision Making for Newly Elected Officials. **CARRIED**

ii. Nov.7/96 - Communities and Resources  
Conference

1044/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council  
RECEIVE the UBCM Correspondence, Nov.7/96 - Communities and Resources  
Conference and REFER to the 1997 Budget Discussions. **CARRIED**

iii. In the House - Health Regionalization

1045/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council  
RECEIVE the UBCM Correspondence, In the House - Health Regionalization.  
**CARRIED**

2) Western Amusement and Music Operators Association  
of B.C., Oct.28/96 - Electronic Keno (VLTs)

Councillors McCormack, Typusiak and Laird all expressed their concerns  
regarding the impact on the community which Electronic Keno could  
cause.

1046/96

Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
RECEIVE the Western Amusement and Music Operators Association of B.C.,  
Oct.28/96 - Electronic Keno (VLTs) **CARRIED**

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

3) Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Nov.15/96 - Independent Band Taxation

1047/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs letter of Nov.15/96 - Independent Band Taxation. **CARRIED**

4) Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada, Nov.18/96 - Request for support

1048/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada, Nov.18/96 - Request for support. **CARRIED**

5) Provincial Government Funding Reductions

i. Nov.19/96 - The City of Revelstoke

ii. Nov.21/96 - UBCM

iii. Nov.21/96 - The City of Langley

iv. Nov.21/96 - UBCM

v. Nov.22/96 - Lidstone, Young, Anderson

vi. Nov.26/96 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

vii. Dec.2/96 - District of Logan Lake

viii. Dec.2/96 - District of Port Edward (Prov.Statutes attached for Council's information)

x. Dec.3/96 - UBCM

ix. Dec.4/96 - UBCM

1049/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE the Provincial Government Funding Reductions Correspondence i through ix.and DEVELOP a definitive strategy to fight the provincial government funding cutbacks and to assist the UBCM in their similar endeavours. **CARRIED**

Councillor Laird stated that this Provincial Government appears to be dictating changes in policy without any appeal process and is disenfranchising the citizens of the province.

Councillor Typusiak felt that the City has to fight against the Federal and Provincial dumping processes that are being carried out.

Councillor Barr stated that it is the duty of local politicians to speak as advocates for the taxpayers to stop the downloading of responsibilities from more senior governments.

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Potential Responses:**

**5) Provincial Government Funding Reductions - Cont'd.**

Councillor Typusiak stated that the Provincial Government funding cuts are definitely more than 3% and that the City should not just sit back and allow the Provincial Government to unload poorly maintained roads or it will be playing into the Province's hands.

1050/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council STRIKE a Select Committee to prepare a brief concerning the revenue cutbacks and that Councillors Typusiak, Barr and Mayor Norgaard be appointed to the Committee with the mandate of producing a rough draft by January 23, 1997 with assistance from the Administrator and Treasurer. CARRIED

1051/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE the attendance of Mayor Norgaard and Administrator Day at the January UBCM Meeting to convey the City's concerns regarding the cuts in Provincial Revenues. CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard appointed

**6) School District No. 31(Merritt), Nov.20/96 - Colletville Elementary School**

1052/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the School District No. 31(Merritt) letter of Nov.20/96 - Colletville Elementary School and DIRECT that a letter of support be sent to the district. CARRIED

**7) Community Advocates for Charitable Gaming, Nov.21/96 - Gaming**

1053/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Community Advocates for Charitable Gaming letter of Nov.21/96 - Gaming and DIRECT that a letter of support be sent to the Provincial Government encouraging very strict regulation of gaming and expressing Council's belief that gaming should not be used as a source of funding. CARRIED

**8) Recycling Council of British Columbia, Nov.26/96 - Request for support**

1054/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Recycling Council of British Columbia letter of Nov.26/96 - Request for support and DIRECT a letter of support be sent. CARRIED

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**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 9) Requests for Waiving of Fees  
i. Nov.25/96 - Merritt Community Choir

1055/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Merritt Community Choir letter of Nov.25/96 - Request for Waiving of Fees and REFER to the 1997 Grant in Aid Budget Discussions. CARRIED

- ii. Nov.28/96 - Ministry of Social Services

1056/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Ministry of Social Services letter of Nov.28/96 - Request for Waiving of Fees and REGRETFULLY DENY their request. CARRIED

- 10) Independent Contractors and Businesses Assoc.of B.C., Nov.29/96 - WCB Royal Commission

1057/96 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE and DIRECT the preparation of a brief to be sent to the WCB with copies to UBCM. CARRIED

- 11) Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 96, Dec.3/96 - Request for Designated Handicapped Unloading Zone

1058/96 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 96 letter of Dec.3/96 - Request for Designated Handicapped Unloading Zone and DIRECT the Public Works Department to install the appropriate signage. CARRIED

**b) Receive:**

- 1) Fire Prevention Officers Association of B.C. Sept.27/96 - Expression of Gratitude

1059/96 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the Fire Prevention Officers Association of B.C. letter of Sept.27/96 - Expression of Gratitude and DIRECT a letter of appreciation be sent to the Fire Chief. CARRIED

**12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.**

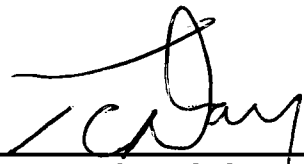
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**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

1060/96 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council  
TERMINATE this meeting at 9:32pm. AND RECONVENE the Special In-Camera  
Meeting with the Mayor in the chair. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR

  
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T.C.Day, ACTING CLERK