

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1998 AT 7:30p.m., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Treasurer - S.Gill
Planner - J.Johnson
Acting Clerk - B.Harrison
Recreation Manager - D.Brandt
Aquatic Centre Manager - J.Norburn
Secretary - L.Allen

MEDIA: NL Radio, Shaw Cable

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, January 13, 1998

31/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 13, 1998. CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** Nil.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

Ice Users Representatives - Mischelle Pierce, Heather Nelson

- a) Memos, Dec. 1/97
 - Arena Ice Booking Policy
 - Ice Booking Policy

At 7:32 Mayor Norgaard welcomed the Ice Users Representatives, Heather Nelson, the President of the Nicola Valley Figure Skating Club and Mischelle Pierce, the President of Merritt Minor Hockey. Heather Nelson gave Council an overview of the community commitment that has been established by the NVFSC over the past 40 years and the effect that the recent changes in ice policy could possibly have on their enrollment and staffing requirements. Mischelle Pierce outlined the number of participants and volunteers that are involved in minor hockey and the objections that minor hockey had towards to the new ice users policy. Both groups felt that the allocation of two hours of prime ice at the arena could have been better addressed by negotiation with the existing user groups and by integrating the needs of the Lower Nicola Indian Band with the existing programs. It was pointed out that the original vision of the LNIB program was sound but not carried through. Minor Hockey has recorded 65% of participants to be from within the boundaries of the City, 20% within the TNRD, and 15% from Native Reserves.

7. BYLAWS:

- a) Memo, January 08, 1998

- 1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1663

32/98 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1663, 1997.** **CARRIED**

- 2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1664

33/98 Moved By Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1664, 1997.** **CARRIED**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Memos, Dec. 1/97
 - Arena Ice Booking Policy
 - Ice Booking Policy

34/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Memos, Dec. 1/97

- Arena Ice Booking Policy
- Ice Booking Policy

CARRIED

Council discussed the points that were raised by the two user group representatives and it was suggested that the Not With Standing Clause be eliminated from the Ice User's Policy to eliminate a similar situation arising in the future and ensure that all requests for ice time follow the same procedure.

35/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council ADOPT the Ice Booking Policy with the following amendments:

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1. The April 15 date for ice time be changed to March 15th.
 2. The advertisement for ice time requests be changed from April 1st to March 1st.
 3. The Not With Standing Clause be eliminated.
- CARRIED

RESCINDED

Councillors Barr and Typusiak opposed Motion 35/98. Councillors Laird, Sherwood, McLean, McCormack and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

- b) Memo, January 07, 1998 - Downtown Traffic Changes

36/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, January 07, 1998 - Downtown Traffic Changes and DIRECT that the traffic signals at the intersections of Quilchena / Voght and Quilchena / Garcia should be changed back to the regular mode of green/amber/red. The intersection of Coutlee / Garcia should remain as a four-way stop.

CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood opposed Motion 36/98, Councillors Laird, Typusiak, Barr, McLean, McCormack, and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

- c) Memo, January 08, 1998 - 1998 Provisional Budget

37/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Memo, January 08, 1998 - 1998 Provisional Budget and APPROVE same.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

a) Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard informed Council of a request for support that had been received by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

38/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council PROVIDE a letter of support for the establishment of a local MADD Chapter. **CARRIED**

The Canadian Armed Forces have asked for permission to land their large helicopters in Central Park on a trip between Edmonton and Comox. The helicopters would be available for tours by the public. Councillor Laird will investigate further to see if it is possible to coordinate this stopover with one of the City's organized special event celebrations.

Mayor Norgaard appointed Council of the Whole to the Court of Revision. The Chamber of Commerce will be conducting an in-depth study of local telephone services.

b) Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood: Public Works Crews are currently occupied with snow removal and maintenance projects.

Councillor McCormack: The City's internet homepage is now complete and ready to visit.

c) Administration Reports:

1. Requires Council Action:

i. 1998 Strategic Action Plan

39/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the 1998 Strategic Action Plan for Information. **CARRIED**

ii. Memo, January 05, 1998 - Amendment to Fire Rescue Bylaw

40/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council RECEIVE the Memo, January 05, 1998 - Amendment to Fire Rescue Bylaw and DIRECT Administrative Staff to prepare an amendment to the Fire Rescue Bylaw to include open air burning under special permit for community events or rituals. **CARRIED**

9. **REPORTS:**

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

2. **Receive for Information:**

- i. Memo, January 05, 1998 - Fire Chief's Month-end Report for December 1997

41/98 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE for Information the Memo, January 05, 1998 - Fire Chief's Month-end Report for December 1997. CARRIED

- ii. Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Admission Statistics

42/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE for Information the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Admission Statistics. CARRIED

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) **Potential Responses:**

1. OMMA, 1998 Convention

43/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for information the correspondence from OMMA, 1998 Convention. CARRIED

2. Honours and Awards Secretariat, December 29, 1997 - Order of British Columbia, 1998 Call for Nominations

44/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council RECEIVE the Honours and Awards Secretariat correspondence of December 29, 1997 - Order of British Columbia, 1998 Call for Nominations and include in the weekly press release for the public's information. CARRIED

3. Morelli Chertkow, December 30, 1997 - Green Mountain Holdings Ltd. - Diamondvale Mobile Home Park

45/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the Morelli Chertkow letter of December 30, 1997 - Green Mountain Holdings Ltd., - Diamondvale Mobile Home Park and SEND a letter in response requesting details of any previous violations of the City's bylaw. CARRIED

At 9:30 p.m. Mayor Norgaard left the meeting and Acting Mayor Typusiak assumed the chair.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

4. Creative Company, January 01, 1998 - break-ins

46/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE the Creative Company correspondence of January 01, 1998 and SEND a letter in response to advise of recent communications between the City and RCMP which address the issue of commercial break-ins downtown **CARRIED**

At 9:31 p.m., Mayor Norgaard rejoined the meeting and assumed the chair.

5. City of Kamloops, January 02, 1998 - OMMA Logo Contest

47/98 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE the City of Kamloops correspondence of January 02, 1998 - OMMA Logo Contest. **CARRIED**

6. District of Logan Lake, January 05, 1998 - 25th Annual Polar Carnival Invitation

48/98 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE the District of Logan Lake correspondence of January 05, 1998 - 25th Annual Polar Carnival Invitation. **CARRIED**

7. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, January 05, 1998 - Membership Invitation

49/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council JOIN the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce. **DEFEATED**

Councillors Typusiak, Sherwood, Barr, McLean and Mayor Norgaard opposed Motion 49/98. Councillors Laird and McCormack supported the motion.

50/98 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SEND a thank you letter to the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce for their membership invitation with regrets due to the possible conflict of decisions and perception of bias towards the business community over the general population. **CARRIED**

8. Merritt RCMP Police Detachment, January 06, 1998 - Policing - City of Merritt

51/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the Merritt RCMP Police Detachment correspondence of January 06, 1998 - Policing - City of Merritt. **CARRIED**

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

b) **Receive for Information:**

1. Urban Systems, December 18, 1997 - Status Report
2. Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks December 29, 1997 - Noncompliance report
3. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, January 07, 1998 - Gaming Proposals Proceed to Next Stage
4. Merritt RCMP Police, January 08, 1998 - News Release

52/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE the following correspondence for information:

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3. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, January 07, 1998 - Gaming Proposals Proceed to Next Stage
4. Merritt RCMP Police, January 08, 1998 - News Release CARRIED

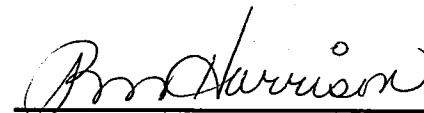
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

53/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:45 p.m.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


R.M. Harrison, ACTING CLERK