

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

AGENDA

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, Shaw Cable

Members of the General Public : 3

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Norgaard called the Meeting on order at 7:30 PM

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

a) Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 1998

137/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council AMEND the Agenda to read Item 7. BYLAWS out of order to accommodate the late arrival of the Administrator and the City Planner. **CARRIED**

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

a) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 1998

138/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT as amended Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 1998. **CARRIED**

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

a) Les Povarchook, Speed Watch Program

Sgt. Les Povarchook from the local RCMP gave a brief explanation regarding the Speed Watch Program. There are approximately 28 volunteers that run the program under the supervision of the local RCMP Detachment. The school zones and other high traffic areas within the Municipality are targeted. The areas that are identified as problem areas for speeding can be enforced with photo radar, with the consent of the Mayor and Council. This program is funded by ICBC and is at no cost to the Municipality. The City could also use the Speed Watch Group to do traffic studies.

Council was assured by Sgt. Povarchook that the locations would be advertised and the Speed Watch Program would be pleased to submit monthly reports to Council.

7:45 PM The City Administrator and City Planner joined the meeting and two members of the general public left.

7. **BYLAWS:**

a) Memo, February 18, 1998, Applied Timber Management Zoning Amendment Application RZ1998-01 - addition of furniture and cabinet assembly as a permitted use in the C3 Zone.

1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1675, 1998

139/98 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE Memo, February 18, 1998, Applied Timber Management Zoning Amendment Application RZ1998-01 - addition of furniture and cabinet assembly as a permitted use in the C3 Zone and **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1675, 1998.** CARRIED

140/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1675, 1998.** CARRIED

141/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1675, 1998 FOR MARCH 24, 1998.** CARRIED

7. **BYLAWS (Continued):**

- b) Memo, February 18, 1998, Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Application - OCP1997-08/RZ1997-12.

142/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE for discussion Memo, February 18, 1998, Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Application - OCP1997-08/RZ1997-12. **CARRIED**

The City Planner gave a brief verbal presentation regarding the amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Application. The property in question is surrounded by property zoned as Industrial. There are very few properties within the City with the existing zoning of Heavy Industrial. Council's concerns were the safety factors of having a recreational area next to an industrial area as well as the visual impacts surrounding the proposed Recreational/Commercial proposal.

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1668, 1998.
2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1669, 1998.

143/98 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council ACCEPT the recommendation of the Planning Department to refuse City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1668, 1998 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1669, 1998. **CARRIED**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

b) **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported that NVIT is having an Open House and Career Fair on March 11, 1998 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The General Public is invited to visit the campus and see what NVIT has to offer in regards to career and educational opportunities.

b) **Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:**

Councillor Sherwood reported that the sweeper will be working a double shift to clean up the streets in the City. The public works crew will be starting a general clean up of the downtown core and parks, replanting trees, replacing garbage bins ect..

9. REPORTS

b) Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports (Continued):

Councillor Laird reported that the Protective Services Committee will be meeting, a tentative date has been set for Thursday at noon. The Committee will address different safety issues and draw up a list of organizations that are available to address these concerns. Discussions will involve safety responsibilities and where these responsibilities lie either with the public or the Police. There will be a public meeting scheduled for March 28, 1998 to address the community.

144/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council APPOINT Mike Towers, Erick Cooper, Niomie Irvine, Dave McCauley and Frank Stanich to the Protective Services Committee. **CARRIED**

Councillor McLean reported that he attended a very intense meeting with a very active Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

c) Administration Reports:

1. Requires Council Action:

i) Memo, February 5, 1998, Summer Watering Restrictions

145/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for discussion Memo, February 5, 1998, Summer Watering Restrictions. **CARRIED**

Councillor Typusiak would like to see further data from other municipalities to see how effective the water restrictions are.

146/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council ENDORSE a policy of water conservation which will include the implementation of watering restrictions for outdoor watering activities on alternate odd or even calendar days, between the hours of 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM and from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, based on civic addresses . Customers with automatic underground irrigation systems will be allowed and encouraged to water lawns between 12:00 Midnight and 7:00 AM on the appropriate days. This restriction is to be in effect from April 15th until October 15th and does not preclude additional watering restrictions in the event of severe water shortages. **CARRIED**

Councillor Typusiak opposed motion 146 /98.

Councillors Barr, Laird, McLean, Sherwood and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

1. Requires Council Action (Continued):

- ii) Memo, February 6, 1998, Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese.

- 147/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE for information Memo, February 6, 1998, Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese and to include the Baillie House Committee amongst the invitees. **CARRIED**

- iii) Memo, February 11, 1998, Pooley Avenue/Godey Creek Industrial Road

- 148/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE for information Memo, February 11, 1998, Pooley Avenue/Godey Creek Industrial Road and request the TNRD to consider renaming "Godey Creek Industrial Road" to "Pooley Avenue". **CARRIED**

- vi) Memo, February 11, 1998, Recycling Facilities

- 149/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE a Proposal Call to establish a Residential Recycling Program within the City of Merritt. **CARRIED**

- vi) Memo, February 18, 1998, Advertising Proposal

- 150/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council RECEIVE Memo, February 18, 1998, Advertising Proposal and accept the advertising proposal from the Merritt News and publish all it's advertising in the Merritt News for the period of March 1, 1998 – February 28, 1999. **DEFERRED**

- 151/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council DEFFER Motion 150/98 until the Aquatic Center Manager could provide Council with additional information. **CARRIED**

Aquatic Center Manager circulated the two submitted advertising proposals for Council information.

Original Motion 150/98 BROUGHT FORWARD - Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council RECEIVE Memo, February 18, 1998, Advertising Proposal and accept the advertising proposal from the Merritt News and publish all it's advertising in the Merritt News for the period of March 1, 1998 – February 28, 1999. **DEFEATED**

Councillors Barr, McLean and Laird opposed Motion 150/98.

Mayor Norgaard and Councillors Sherwood and Typusiak supported the Motion.

9. REPORTS:

c) Administration Reports:

1. Requires Council Action:

vi) Memo, February 18, 1998, Advertising Proposal (Continued):

152/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECONSIDER for discussion Memo, February 18, 1998, Advertising Proposal.

CARRIED

Councillor Laird opposed Motion 152 /98.

Mayor Norgaard, Councillors Sherwood, Barr, McLean and Typusiak supported the Motion.

Council was concerned with the wording of "Audited Circulation" in the advertising proposal call.

153/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council ACCEPT the advertising proposal from the Merritt News and publish all it's advertising in the Merritt News for the period of March 1, 1998 – February 28, 1999.

CARRIED

Councillors Laird and Barr opposed Motion 153 /98.

Mayor Norgaard, Councillor's Typusiak, McLean and Sherwood support the motion.

vi) Memo, February 18, 1998, Teen Drop-In Centre

154/98 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Memo, February 18, 1998, Teen Drop-In Centre and ENDORSE the recommendation:

- 1) That City Council allocate the City owned lot at 1775 Coldwater Avenue, next to the Merritt Youth Centre, as the site for the Teen Drop-In Centre proposed by Merritt and District Youth Resources Society.
- 2) That Council direct staff to draft a lease agreement that would include site management standards and conditions that state if the Lessee defaults on the agreement or is unable to renew at the expiry of the term, the building and lease holder improvements will revert to the City of Merritt.
- 3) That Council direct staff to have a development plan for the site contracted.
- 4) The the City initiate a Zoning Application and consolidation of both properties.

CARRIED

155/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council INSTRUCT staff to have the name on the existing Youth Centre changed at the City's expense, the new name will be at the discretion of the Recreation Manager REFLECTING THE Community's contribution toward the youth.

CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

c) **Administration Reports:**

1. **Requires Council Action (Continued):**

vii) Memo, February 18, 1998, Development Permit Application- DP1998-A

156/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE Memo, February 18, 1998, Development Permit Application- DP1998-A and that Development Permit DP1998-A be approved by resolution.

CARRIED

viii) Memo, February 18, 1998, Development Variance Permit - DVP1998-01

a) February 24, 1998 Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc.

157/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE for discussion Memo, February 18, 1998, Development Variance Permit - DVP1998-01.

CARRIED

Council discussed the location of the existing overhead services and what level of services would be required for the developments beyond this area.

158/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE by resolution Development Variance Permit Application 1998-01.

DEFEATED

Councillors Sherwood, Typusiak and Mayor Norgaard opposed motion 158/98. Councillors Laird, Barr and McLean supported the motion.

ix) Memo, February 24, 1998, Property Insurance

159/98 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE Memo, February 24, 1998, Property Insurance and ENDORSE recommendation for the City of Merritt to use Capri Insurance for the upcoming year and in December, 1998 or January, 1999 go to an invitational insurance quote for a period of three years based on the 1998 property appraisal.

CARRIED

2. **Receive for Information:**

i) 1998 Bylaw Services Statistics for the Month of January 1998

160/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE for information the 1998 Bylaw Services Statistics for the Month of January 1998.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Potential Responses:

- i) School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen, January 30, 1998, Speed Watch Program

161/98 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council INVITE Photo Radar to the City of Merritt with the particulars regarding time and location to be finalized, with emphasis on the School Zones and advertising. **CARRIED**

- ii) Mining Association of British Columbia, February 1998, Request for Nominations

162/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE for information Mining Association of British Columbia, February 1998, Request for Nominations and post the information on the bulletin board at City Hall. **CARRIED**

b) Receive for Information:

- i) Sun Country Community Futures Development Corporation, February 3, 1998, The Pre-Entrepreneurial Training Program
- ii) District of Mackenzie, February 3, 1998 Eco Fee Structure
- iii) Ministry of Transportation and Highways, February 4, 1998, Road Side Concessions
- iv) UBCM, February 5, 1998
- v) Richie Gage, February 6, 1998, TNRD Landfill Burning
- vi) BC Tel News Release, February 11, 1998, BC Tel To Update Telecommunications Equipment in Merritt
- vii) BC Gas, February 13, 1998, BC Gas - Restructured Operations
- viii) Urban Systems, February 16, 1998, Site Master Plan Proposal
- ix) UBCM, February 18, 1998, Major Cabinet Shuffle Today

163/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE for Information the letters from Sun Country Community Futures Development Corporation, February 3, 1998, The Pre-Entrepreneurial Training Program, District of Mackenzie, February 3, 1998 Eco Fee Structure, Ministry of Transportation and Highways, February 4, 1998, Road Side Concessions, UBCM, February 5, 1998, Richie Gage, February 6, 1998, TNRD Landfill Burning, BC Tel News Release, February 11, 1998, BC Tel To Update Telecommunications Equipment in Merritt, BC Gas, February 13, 1998, BC Gas - Restructured Operations, Urban Systems, February 16, 1998, Site Master Plan Proposal, UBCM, February 18, 1998, Major Cabinet Shuffle Today. **CARRIED**

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11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

164/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:35 P.M. and RECONVENE the Special In-Camera Meeting excluding the media and the general public. **CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Clara R. Norgaard, Mayor


Roberta M. Harrison, Acting-Clerk