

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, Shaw Cable, Radio NL

Members of the General Public: 2

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 1998.

334/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 1998 including Extra Agenda items Merritt Arena Sports Income Comparison, Memo, April 28, 1998, Arena Management Contract, current Contract, Merritt Arena Sports, Merritt Arena Sports, April 14, 1998. **CARRIED**

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

Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

335/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 1998 as amended. **CARRIED**

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

7. BYLAWS:

- A. City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1685, 1998.
- 336/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1685, 1998. **CARRIED**
- B. City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1673, 1998.
- 337/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1673, 1998. **CARRIED**
- C. City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1684, 1998.
- 338/98 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1684, 1998. **CARRIED**
- D. Memo, April 22, 1998, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1679, 1998 –Home Occupation Regulation Amendment.
- 1) City of Merritt Zoning Amend Bylaw No. 1679, 1998.
- 339/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council RECEIVE Memo, April 22, 1998, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1679, 1998 – Home Occupation Regulation Amendment and **GIVE FIRST READING TO ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1679, 1998 –HOME OCCUPATION REGULATION AMENDMENT.** **CARRIED**
- 340/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1679, 1998 –HOME OCCUPATION REGULATION AMENDMENT.** **CARRIED**
- 341/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council **SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 26, 1998 REGARDING ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1679, 1998 –HOME OCCUPATION REGULATION AMENDMENT.** **CARRIED**

7. **BYLAWS (Continued):**

E. City of Merritt Sewer Specified Area (Colletville) Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1688, 1998.

342/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1688, 1998.** CARRIED

Council pointed out a typing error in the draft of Bylaw No. 1688, 1998.

343/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1688, 1998 AS AMENDED.** CARRIED

344/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1688, 1998.** CARRIED

F. City of Merritt Water Specified Area (Colletville) Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1689, 1998.

345/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1689, 1998.** CARRIED

Council pointed out a typing error in the draft of Bylaw No. 1689, 1998.

346/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1689, 1998 AS AMENDED.** CARRIED

347/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWER SPECIFIED AREA (COLLETTVILLE) FRONTAGE TAX BYLAW NO. 1689, 1998.** CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard announced the following proclamations:

May 7, 1998 – Jean Days for BC's Children's Hospital

May 11-17, 1998 Mining Week

June 1, 1998 – Access Awareness Day

Mayor Norgaard reported on the meeting with Bill Webster from Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants LTD, Don Jones, and Dalyce Brandt regarding the strategy for the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A Steering Committee should be formed to have input into the Master Plan.

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Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council APPOINTS the following people to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee, Dalyce Brandt - Recording Secretary, David Laird, Ron Sherwood Don Jones and Mayor Norgaard. **CARRIED**

The next meeting will be May 21, 1998 and the Public Forum is scheduled for May 28, 1998.

B. **Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:**

Councillor Sherwood – reported that the new City Gardeners started today.

Councillor Barr – gave thanks to Mayor Norgaard for the Access Awareness Day Proclamation. There were further discussions with the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council regarding the Civic Centre. Councillor Barr indicated a full report would be presented to Council at the next regular meeting.

Councillor McLean – No report at this time.

Councillor Laird – No report at this time.

Councillor McCormack – reported on the ILMA Conference he attended in Kelowna. The conference was very informative. The ILMA presented an award to N.M.V. Lumber for being 100% accident free for 1997. This is the second year that N.M.V. received this award. A number of Merritt residents were also mentioned for having high scores on their Grading Exams Ross Colwell, Harbans Sandhu and Gehan Lali. The Economic Development activities have slowed, however the interviewing for the new Economic Development Officer is ongoing.

9. **REPORTS:**

B. **Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports (Continued):**

Councillor Typusiak – enquired about the recent burns that had taken place at Central Park for cleanup and at the end of Chapman Street for a Fire Department training exercise. Councillor Typusiak would like to see the burning policy reviewed with exception of interface burning and that the City takes a leadership role.

349/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council NOT UNDERTAKE any further major burns, any further large interface burns require approval of Council and that the Open Burning Policy at present be stopped. **CARRIED**

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RESCINDED

C. **Administration Reports:**

1) **Requires Council Action:**

a) Memo, April 22, 1998, Development Permit Application DP1998-D.

350/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE Development Permit Application DP1998-D. **CARRIED**

b) Memo, April 22, 1998, Approving Officer Designation.

351/98 Moved by Councillor Laird, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council DESIGNATES the City's Approving Officer as Jason Johnson. **CARRIED**

352/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council DESIGNATES the City's Alternate Approving Officer as Rosa Telegus. **CARRIED**

c) Memo, April 23, 1998, Teen Drop in Centre Skatepark Proposal.

353/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council ALLOCATE \$11,000.00 of the original \$15,000.00 budgeted to re-surface the tennis courts, repair the fence and add the \$1,000.00 raised by the youth to purchase two ramps. The youth will have to continue fundraising efforts to purchase additional ramps. The remaining \$4,000.00 could be contributed to the Teen Drop-In Centre to assist with paving and drainage. **DEFEATED**

Councillor Sherwood supported Motion 353/98.

Mayor Norgaard, Councillor's McLean, Barr, Laird, Typusiak, McCormack opposed Motion 353/98.

354/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council ALLOCATE the \$15,000.00 budgeted for a skatepark to re-surface the Voght Park Tennis Courts, repair fencing and purchase six (6) ramps. **CARRIED**

9. **REPORTS:**

C. **Administration Reports:**

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

d) KPMG Auditors' Report.

355/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE for information KPMG Auditors' Report. **CARRIED**

e) Memo, April 23, 1998, Arena Operations.

356/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor McLean that Council RECEIVE Memo, April 23, 1998, Arena Operations and the extra agenda items and INSTRUCT staff to proceed with the contract with Merritt Arena Sports for \$161,000 and to amend the contract to two (2) years. **DEFEATED**

Councillor's McLean, Sherwood and Laird supported Motion 356/98.

Mayor Norgaard, Councillor's Typusiak, McCormack and Barr opposed Motion 356/98.

357/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council REOPEN the Arena Contract Bid Process using the old contract form with: 1. The City of Merritt assuming the risk factor; 2. Distribution of revenue to be based on 1997 user fees; 3. All increases in user fees to go to the City of Merritt; and 4. A five year contract. **CARRIED**

Mayor Norgaard, Councillor's Typusiak, McCormack and Barr supported Motion 356/98.
Councillor's McLean, Sherwood and Laird opposed Motion 357/98.

2) **Receive for Information:**

a) Memo, April 16, 1998, Month-end Report for March 1998

358/98 Moved by Council Typusiak, seconded by Council Laird that Council RECEIVE for information Memo, April 16, 1998, Month-end Report for March 1998. **CARRIED**

b) 1998 Bylaw Services Statistics for February 1998.

c) 1998 Bylaw Services Statistics for March 1998.

359/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE for information 1998 Bylaw Services Statistics for February 1998 and 1998 Bylaw Services Statistics for March 1998. **CARRIED**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

a) Tolko, April 9, 1998, Looping of Water Lines.

360/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council DIRECT staff to proceed with negotiating with Tolko regarding the easement looping of the water lines from Collettsville to the City main through Tolko's existing line. **CARRIED**

b) Electoral Boundaries Commission, April 9, 1998, Changes to Electoral Boundaries.

361/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE for information Electoral Boundaries Commission, April 9, 1998, Changes to Electoral Boundaries and DIRECT staff to provide the necessary information for the public on the City Hall bulletin board. **CARRIED**

c) Mrs. Gisela Strodl, April 13, 1998, Beautifying City with Trees.

362/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor Typusiak that Council RECEIVE for information Mrs. Gisela Strodl, April 13, 1998, Beautifying City with Trees and SEND Mrs. Strodl a thank you letter explaining the City will consider some of her ideas for the 1999 budget. **CARRIED**

d) Merritt Centennials Jr. 'A' Hockey Club, April 15, 1998, 1998 Royal Bank Cup.

363/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor Laird that Council RECEIVE Merritt Centennials Jr. 'A' Hockey Club, April 15, 1998, 1998 Royal Bank Cup and DIRECT staff to provide a representative of the Merritt Centennials Jr. 'A' Hockey Club with the appropriate materials. **CARRIED**

e) Merritt Benchlands 1996, April 17, 1998, Name Change.

364/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council RECEIVE Merritt Benchlands 1996, April 17, 1998, Name Change and APPROVE the name change from Winch Street to River Ranch Road.

CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard opposed Motion 364/98.

Councillor's Sherwood, Laird, McCormack, Typusiak, McLean, and Barr supported Motion 364/98.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses (Continued):**

- f) Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, April 20, 1998, Street Closures.

365/98 Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, April 20, 1998, Street Closures and GRANT the proposed road closures as presented and SEND a letter to the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce thanking them for the advance notice. **CARRIED**

- g) CUPE, April 21, 1998, Comments Regarding CUPE Members.

366/98 Moved by Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE CUPE, April 21, 1998, Comments Regarding CUPE Members and SEND a letter of apology to CUPE explaining that the intent was not to imply that the CUPE employees are not capable of doing their jobs.

- h) Graham Air Ltd., April 21, 1998, Arena Management Contract.

B. **Receive for Information:**

- a) Attorney General, April 3, 1998, Increase to Merritt Establishment

- b) Municipal Affairs, April 23, 1998, Forum on Local Government Accountability to seek input.

367/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Barr that Council RECEIVE for information:

A. **Potential Responses:**

- h) Graham Air Ltd., April 21, 1998, Arena Management Contract.

B. **Receive for Information:**

- a) Attorney General, April 3, 1998, Increase to Merritt Establishment
b) Municipal Affairs, April 23, 1998, Forum on Local Government Accountability to seek input. **CARRIED**

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

12. ADJOURNMENT:

368/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak, seconded by Councillor Sherwood that Council
TERMINATE the meeting at 9:55 PM. **CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Clara R. Norgaard, Mayor


Roberta M. Harrison, Acting-Clerk