

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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
Absent: R. Typusiak, H. McCormack

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T. Day
Treasurer - S. Gill
Acting Clerk - B. Harrison
City Planner - J. Johnson
Development Officer- R. Kojima

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

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Amended Agenda Regular Council Meeting, October 27, 1998 was approved as presented.

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

Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 13, 1998; and Minutes, Special Council Meeting, October 15, 1998 were approved as presented.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:** Nil.

7. BYLAWS:

A. NVIT/UCC Land Use Bylaws

- 1) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1701
- 2) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1702
- 3) Letter, David Cane, October 27, 1998.

702/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **REFER** City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1701; and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1702 to a Special Council Meeting to be held November 3, 1998 at 12:30 PM. **CARRIED**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard Proclaimed the week of November 15 – 21 as Drug Awareness Week and November 27 – December 6 as White Ribbon Week in Merritt to call to end violence against women and families.

Mayor Norgaard, Councillors Barr and Sherwood attended a breakfast meeting with Forest Renewal BC at which time a presentation was made regarding their 5 year plan which represented a reduction in funding from 500 million dollars to 300 million dollars. Copies of the presentation are available.

A letter was sent to Len Sekora, M.P. for the BC Liberal Caucus Chair, asking that the federal Government continue their Infrastructure Program in partnership with the BC Government. The Infrastructure funds would focus on Rural Communities with population less than 25,000 people for sewer, water and road network capital works. A copy is available

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor McLean – The Chamber of Commerce Trade Show held at the Civic Centre was a success. TNRD held a workshop regarding 911 service, the cost of which would be possibly added to the telephone bills.

Councillor Sherwood – The Public Works Crew is finishing off the Tolko Water Looping and should be in full operation within the next few days. The Central Park drainage project is nearing completion.

9. REPORTS (Continued):

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

a) Memo, October 20, 1998, Truck Route – Voght Street

- i) Michael M. Morrison, September 21, 1998
- ii) Kathleen Lapointe, October 16, 1998
- iii) Ed & Dorothy North, October 16, 1998
- iv) David McBeth, October 19, 1998
- v) David Upfold, October 19, 1998
- vi) Dan Krausert

703/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **ELIMINATE** Voght Street from River Ranch Road/Belshaw Avenue to the Intersection of Voght Street and Nicola Avenue from the designated Truck Route. **CARRIED**

b) Memo, October 21, 1998, Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade

704/87 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **AUTHORIZE** the upgrade of the Sewage Treatment Plant and follow the financing plan as presented; and the Council **COMMIT** to start rebuilding the surplus reserves. **CARRIED**

c) DP-Mill Brook Investment.

705/98 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **APPROVE** DP1998-H. **CARRIED**

d) Memo, October 22, 1998 – Christmas Office Closure

706/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **AUTHORIZE** the closure of City Hall on December 29, 30 and 31, and **ADOPT** the Aquatic Centre Christmas Hours Schedule as presented. **CARRIED**

2) Receive for Information:

a) Fire Chief, Memo, October 19, 1998, Month-end Report for September 1998.

b) RCMP, October 20, 1998, Monthly Police Report for September 1998.

c) Memo, October 20, 1998, Tourist Information Centre.

707/98 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **OBTAIN** a list of the new volunteers at the Tourist Information Centre; and **SEND** them Thank-You Letters from the Mayor. **CARRIED**

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- 1) MIA, October 8, 1998, 1999 Assessment Estimate and Deductible Options.
- 2) Ministry of Forests, October 15, 1998, Weyerhaeuser Mill Closure.
- 3) UBCM, October 15, 1998, UBCM/COFI Memorandum of Understanding.
 - a) New Hazelton, Oct. 20/98
- 4) **NL Radio, Oct. 21/98 – Community Christmas Tree**

Councillor Laird declared that he might be in conflict of interest regarding the Community Christmas Tree and excused himself from the meeting at 8:17 PM.

708/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **SUPPORT** and **APPROVE** the Community Christmas Tree event as presented by Radio NL. **CARRIED**

Councillor Laird rejoined the meeting at 8:19 PM.

- 5) **Royal Canadian Legion, October 15, 1998, Remembrance Day Parade.**

709/98 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GRANT** permission to the Royal Canadian Legion for the proposed Remembrance Day Parade Route November 11, 1998. **CARRIED**

B. Receive for Information:

- 1) Speed Watch Monthly Report for September 1998.
- 2) **UBCM, October 15, 1998, Report to Attorney General on Auxiliary and Reserve Constable Program.**

710/98 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **SEND** a letter to UBCM indicating the City of Merritt can not make an educated response regarding the Report from the Attorney General on Auxiliary and Reserve Constable Program considering the Merritt Detachment will be getting a new Staff Sergeant, and the late date in receiving the documents. **CARRIED**

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

711/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **TERMINATE** the meeting at 8:22 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Clara R. Norgaard, Mayor


Roberta M. Harrison, Acting-Clerk