

## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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  
City Planner - J. Johnson  
Recreation Manager - D. Brandt  
Aquatic Centre Manager - J. Norburn  
Fire Chief - R. Finley

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 7:30 PM.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Amended Agenda Regular Council Meeting, November 10, 1998 approved as circulated.

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

- A. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, October 20, 1998 approved as circulated.
- B. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 27, 1998 approved as amended:  
Motion 710/98 Moved by Councillor Ball that Council SEND; should read:  
Motion 710/98 Moved by Councillor **BARR** that Council SEND.
- C. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, November 3, 1998 approved as circulated.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

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

7. **BYLAWS:** Nil.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported that the meeting with herself, Councillor Sherwood and the mills are now complete and a report to Council will be forthcoming.

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

**Councillor McLean** – Announced that the annual Christmas Parade would be November 27, 1998.

**Councillor Typusiak**- reported that the newspaper recycling bins have been placed throughout the community and requested community support in using them.

**Councillor Sherwood**- reported the development of Colletville Park is still proceeding; the Public Works Crew is busy cleaning catchbasins.

**Councillor Laird**- reported that there would be a Recreation Commission Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 1998.

**Councillor McCormack** – reported that he represented the City of Merritt at the BC Business Summit. This Summit is the first conference of its nature in BC, attracting 864 registrants and provided a great deal of timely information which Councillor McCormack shared with Council.

C. **Administration Reports:**

1) **Requires Council Action:**

a) **Memo, November 2, 1998, Training “Volunteer Fire Fighters Certification Program” Discontinuation.**

721/98

Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **SEND** letters through to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Director of UBCM, the Municipal Officer's Association and any other organization that might have a positive affect regarding the discontinuation of the Volunteer Fire Fighters Certification Program. **CARRIED**

b) **Memo, November 2, 1998, Sodium Hypochlorite System.**

722/98

Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **RECONFIRM** the decision to not return to the use of the Lectronator system at the Aquatic Centre; and **AUTHORIZE** the sale of components of the system through a competitive process. **CARRIED**

9. **REPORTS:**

C. **Administration Reports:**

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

c) **Memo, November 3, 1998, Debit Card System at Aquatic Centre.**

723/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **CONTINUE** to use the Debit Card System at the Aquatic Centre. **CARRIED**

d) **Memo, November 3, 1998, Superstar Properties Development Permit Requirement for Subdivision.**

724/98 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **REMOVE** the requirement for a Development Permit prior to subdivision for the Superstar Properties proposed subdivision. Development Permits will be required prior to issuance of Building Permits. **CARRIED**

e) **Memo, November 4, 1998, Canada Millennium Partnership Program.**

725/98 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **APPOINT** the Millennium Project Committee and its' members as an ADHOC Committee of Council. **CARRIED**

2) **Receive for Information:**

a) 1998 Bylaw Services Statistics for October 1998.

b) Building Permits for October 1998.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

1) **Canadian Home Buildings' Association, October 20, 1998, Homeowner Protection Act.**

726/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **DEFER** a response to the Canadian Home Buildings' Association regarding the Homeowner Protection Act until after the Building Inspector attends the 1998 Code Review Conference and submits a report to Council. **CARRIED**

2) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs, October 28, 1998, Regional Consultations on Accountability.**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 3) **IWA-Canada, November 2, 1998, Council Committees regarding Weyerhaeuser.**

727/98 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **SEND** a letter to I.W.A. – Canada- Local 1-417 advising Council's status regarding the Weyerhaeuser Mill closure. **CARRIED**

- 4) **UBCM, November 3, 1998, Information on Municipal Situations.**

728/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **SEND** a letter to UBCM with a copy to the MLA regarding Merritt's status with the Highway Devolution. **CARRIED**

- 5) **Mr. Karl Woodman, November 5, 1998, Rezoning.**  
a) **Memo, November 5, 1998.**

729/98 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **PERMIT** Mr. Woodman to construct a dwelling on his property according to the setbacks required of the R1 Zone rather than the AR1 Zone.

**CARRIED**

- 6) **Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, November 4, 1998  
Santa Clause Parade.**

730/98 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GRANT** the request from the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce for the Santa Claus Parade route and street closure. **CARRIED**

B. **Receive for Information:**

- 1) Thompson Regional Health Board, September 24, 1998, Annual Report.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

731/98 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **TERMINATE** the meeting at 8:41 PM.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
Clara R. Norgaard, Mayor

  
Roberta M. Harrison, Acting-Clerk