

# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1999, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

### 1. PRESENT:

#### COUNCIL:

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

#### ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day  
Treasurer - S.Gill  
Clerk - J.Barry  
Planner - J.Johnson  
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison  
Development Officer - R.Kojima

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, NL Radio

GENERAL PUBLIC: One (1) member

### 2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A. Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 12, 1999

4/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT the Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 12, 1999 to including the following amendments:

1. Move 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** B. Ken Sanders, Jan.4/99 to 10.  
**CORRESPONDENCE – Receive for Information.**

2. Add 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** B. Merritt Minor Hockey CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, December 08, 1998

5/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council ADOPT Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, December 08, 1998 with the following amendment to read:

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:  
Motion 5/99 – Cont'd.**

**9. REPORTS:**

Councillor Barr – The Access Awareness Committee met on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Committee requests that motorists respect the disabled parking spaces as they are only to be used by people having handicapped parking placards.

B. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, December 22, 1998

Council adopted Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, December 22, 1998 by unanimous consent.

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 04, 1999

6/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 04, 1999. CARRIED

Council carried forward the following motions from the Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 04, 1999 to be approved at the Regular Council Meeting.

7/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE attendance and expenses for Mayor Norgaard to attend the Thompson Okanagan Interagency Committee dinner in Kelowna as the City's Representative. CARRIED

8/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE the following Grant-In-Aid requests for 1999:

1)	Nicola Valley Community Arts Council	\$5,000.
2)	Merritt Humane Society (subject to registration as a society)	\$5,000.
3)	Merritt and District Justice Society (office space rent in Civic Centre Jan-Apr @\$100/month)	\$ 400.
4)	Nicola Valley Archives Association	\$25,000.
5)	Merritt RCMP Auxiliary	<u>\$ 1,500.</u>
		<b><u>\$36,900.</u> CARRIED</b>

9/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE an allocation of \$5,000 from the General Fund for Merritt and District Youth Resources as an operational fee for service to hire a youth street worker. CARRIED

10/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE an expenditure of \$20,000 for a City Hall/Engineering vehicle from the Vehicle Replacement Fund. CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood opposed motion 10/99. Councillors McLean, McCormack, Barr, and Mayor Norgaard supported motion 10/99.

11/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council COMMIT NO FUNDING to the Parker Drive Stabilization Project due to lack of sufficient financial resources. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- A. BCGEU Representative, William D. Daniels  
- Memo, Jan.11/99

Mr. Daniels was unable to appear before Council, requesting a change of date.

12/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **RESCHEDULE** Mr. Daniels presentation to the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1999. **CARRIED**

- B. Merritt Minor Hockey, Jan.8/99 – Mischelle Pierce

Mrs. Pierce appeared before Council and outlined Merritt Minor Hockey Association's plan for Minor Hockey Week, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

7. **BYLAWS:**

- A. Memo, Jan.5/99 – Merritt View Developments  
1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1690

13/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1690, 1999.** **CARRIED**

14/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1690, 1999.** **CARRIED**

15/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1690, 1999 DURING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 1999.** **CARRIED**

16/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **DIRECT** the applicant to draft and register a suitable worded Section 219 covenant which addresses the Ministry of Transportation and Highways and the City's concerns with respect to permitted land uses prior to final consideration of the zoning and official community plan amendment bylaws. **CARRIED**

2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1691

17/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1691, 1999.** **CARRIED**

18/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1691, 1999.** **CARRIED**

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A. Memo, Jan.5/99 – Merritt View Developments  
2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1691 - Cont'd.
- 19/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1691, 1999 DURING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 1999.**  
CARRIED
- B. Memo, Jan.6/99 – Zoning Amendment for Water Purification Facility  
City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1700
- 20/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1700, 1998.** CARRIED
- C. Memo, Jan.6/99 – Woodman property - City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1711
- 21/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1711, 1998.** CARRIED
- D. City of Merritt Sewage Treatment Plant Land Purchase Loan Authorization  
- Bylaw No. 1720, 1999
- 22/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LAND PURCHASE LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1720, 1999.** CARRIED
- 23/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LAND PURCHASE LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1720, 1999.** CARRIED
- 24/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LAND PURCHASE LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1720, 1999.** CARRIED
- E. City of Merritt 1999 Provisional Budget Bylaw No. 1722, 1999
- 25/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 PROVISIONAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1722, 1999.** CARRIED
- 26/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 PROVISIONAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1722, 1999.** CARRIED
- 27/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 PROVISIONAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1722, 1999.** CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. BCGEU, Nov.10, 1998 – Crossroads : The Road to Ruin?  
- This item was rescheduled earlier in the meeting to Jan.26/99

B. Merritt Minor Hockey

28/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE the Merritt Minor Hockey Association Parade to be held on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> on the route as presented in the Merritt Minor Hockey Association's letter of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999. CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard proclaimed February 14 to 20 as Multicultural Week in the City of Merritt. On Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, a delegation will be meeting with representatives from the Jobs and Timber Accord to discuss the pending Weyerhaeuser Sawmill closure and the implications to the community.

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

Councillor Barr - The next Access Awareness Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at City Hall.

Councillor McLean – Nil

Councillor Sherwood – The Public Works Crew has been preparing for the installation of the macerator at the front end of the Sewage Treatment Plant. The mild weather has reduced the need for snow and ice removal, allowing the crew to concentrate on other projects. The new Public Works Foreman, Peter Polachek has started with the City. Peter comes from the City of Cochrane, Alberta where he held the position of Public Works Foreman for many years.

Councillor McCormack - Councillor McCormack reviewed the 1998 Economic Development Year End Report which was included in the Agenda, on pages 54 and 55.

C. **Administration Reports:**

1) **Requires Council Action:**

i. Memo, Jan.6/99 – Lumby Community Adjustment Team

29/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council REQUEST a report from the Development Services Officer subsequent to his meeting with the Lumby Community Adjustment Team Consultant Kindy Gosal. CARRIED

10. **REPORTS:**

C. **Administration Reports:**

2) **Receive for Information:** - Cont'd.

- i. Speed Watch Reader Board Report – December
- ii. Building Permit Report – December
- iii. Memo, Jan.6/99 – 1998 Economic Development Committee Report
- iv. Fire Chief's Month-end Report for December

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Dec.10/98  
- Resolution call for FCM Annual Conference

30/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council SEND a resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference in support of the continuation of Infrastructure funding for water, sewer and storm drainage projects. CARRIED

Copies of the FCM letter are to be sent to UBCM, MLA, and MP.

2. University College of the Cariboo, Dec.14/98-Strategic Planning at UCC  
  
The Economic Development Committee will complete the UCC Strategic Planning Survey.
3. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Jan.5/99  
- Symposium on New Local Government Legislation

31/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE expenditures for one (1) member of Council and one (1) Administration representative to attend the UBCM Symposium on New Local Government Legislation. CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood opposed motion 31/99. Councillors Barr, McLean, McCormack and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

4. Hospitality Industry Coalition, Jan.7/99 - B.C. Liquor Law Review

32/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council SEND a letter to the Minister in opposition of the B.C.Liquor Law Review which would permit liquor service without food sales in restaurants. CARRIED

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

B. **Potential Responses:** - Cont'd.

5. 1999 Grant Allocations
  - i. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Dec.18/98
  - ii. District of N.Vancouver, Dec.23/98
  - iii. District of Pitt Meadows, Dec.30/98

33/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SEND a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs expressing concerns regarding the 1999 Grant Allocations and the use of traffic fines to replace Provincial Grants. CARRIED

6. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Jan.7/99  
- Transfer Cuts Response

C. **Receive for Information:**

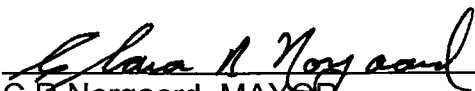
1. Union of British Columbia Municipalities
  - Dec.15/98 – Forest Action Plan
  - Dec.17/98 – Aboriginal Update
2. Official Opposition of British Columbia
  - Dec.16/98 – Introduction
  - Dec.21/98 – Nisga'a Template
3. Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Dec.21/98
  - Arterial Devolution of Voght Street
4. B.C. Assessment, Dec.22/98 – 1999 Assessment Report
5. Ken Sanders, Jan.4/99 – Building Permit

10. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

34/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 8:45 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CLERK