

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1999, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Treasurer - S.Gill
Clerk - J.Barry
Aquatic Centre Manager - J.Norburn
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison
Development Officer - R.Kojima

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, NL Radio, Shaw Cable

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 26 , 1999.

The Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 26, 1999 was adopted as presented.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 12, 1999

The Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 12, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

a) BCGEU – Bill Daniels – Mr. Daniels was not present to appear before Council.

7. BYLAWS:

- a) City of Merritt Waterworks Bylaw No. 1640, 1998
- 39/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT WATERWORKS BYLAW NO. 1640, 1998. CARRIED
- b) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1712, 1999
- 40/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1712, 1999. CARRIED
- 41/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1712, 1999. CARRIED
- 42/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW ON FEBRUARY 23, 1999. CARRIED
- c) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1721, 1999
- 43/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1721, 1999. CARRIED
- Councillor Sherwood opposed Motion 43/99. Councillors Typusiak, McLean, Laird, Barr, McCormack and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.
- 44/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1721, 1999. CARRIED
- Councillor Sherwood opposed Motion 44/99. Councillors Typusiak, McLean, Laird, Barr, McCormack and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.
- 45/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1721, 1999 ON FEBRUARY 23, 1999. CARRIED
- Councillor Sherwood opposed Motion 45/99. Councillors Typusiak, McLean, Laird, Barr, McCormack and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

7. **BYLAWS:** - Cont'd.

- d) City of Merritt Noise Abatement Amendment Bylaw No. 1723, 1999
- 46/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1723, 1999.
CARRIED
- 47/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1723, 1999.
CARRIED
- 48/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO .1723, 1999.
CARRIED
- e) City of Merritt 1999 Provisional Budget Bylaw No. 1722, 1999
- 49/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT 1999 PROVISIONAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1722, 1999. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported that on January 15th a contingent from the City traveled to Vancouver to meet with the Jobs and Timber Accord. The meeting resulted in securing a \$50,000 grant from FRBC for the establishment of a Community Action Team. A services of a Provincially funded consultant were also offered to help organize the City's efforts in dealing with the economic effects of the Weyerhaeuser mill closure. The Mayor proclaimed the week of February 15 to 21 as Heritage Week in the City of Merritt.

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

Councillor Barr – The next Access Awareness Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4th at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at City Hall.

Councillor McLean – The Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Banquet will be held on Wednesday, September 27th, at the Coldwater Hotel. Reminder of the upcoming Y2000 Seminar at the Days Inn. The MLA has reminded the City to apply for funding for the airport lighting project.

Councillor Typusiak – The Air Quality Study status remains unknown.

9. REPORTS:

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports: - Cont'd.

50/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council SEND a letter to the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks seeking an immediate start to the Air Quality Study; AND THAT the City of Merritt requests an emergency meeting with the Minister to discuss this issue; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the letter be sent to the local MLA.
CARRIED

Councillor McCormack – The Economic Development Committee is currently undertaking a joint initiative with Community Futures Economic Development Committee to hold a forum with a goal of objectively assessing obstacles to development and suggesting proactive measures that would encourage responsible development.

Councillor Laird – The RCMP Police Detachment welcomed the new Staff Sergeant on Monday. S/Sgt. Jim Senft has now arrived from Cranbrook, B.C. to take up his new posting in Merritt.

Councillor Sherwood – The public works crews are continuing to do limited snow removal due to mild weather conditions and preparing for the installation of the new sewage macerator. Councillor Sherwood attended the Community Health Council Advisory Committee which featured a guest speaker on the subject of a Community Health Centre which would coordinate health agencies.

51/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council APPOINT Mayor Norgaard as Representative and Councillor Sherwood as Alternate Representative to sit on the Community Health Council Advisory Committee.
CARRIED

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

i. Memo, Jan.26/99 – Mosquito Control Program

52/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council APPROVE the commencement of negotiations with D.J.Regan & Associates towards a three year agreement for Mosquito Control which would not exceed the cost figures of :

1999	\$34,700
2000	\$35,000
2001	\$35,475

CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

i. Memo, Jan.12/99 – 1998 Aquatic Centre Admissions Stats

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- 1) Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Jan.7/99 – Reduction
In Provincial Transfer Payments

53/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council RECEIVE the correspondence, Union of
British Columbia Municipalities, Jan.7/99 – Reduction in Provincial Transfer Payments.
CARRIED

- 2) OMMA, Jan.8/99 – Call for Resolutions for OMMA Annual Meeting

54/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council RESUBMIT the following resolution that
Council had put forward to the 1998 OMMA Annual Meeting for consideration at the
1999 OMMA Annual Meeting:

“WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs is embarking on amendments to the Municipal Act of B.C.;
and

WHEREAS on occasion, instances arise whereby policies of Municipalities and Regional Districts may
be in conflict with each other; and

WHEREAS the existing Municipal Act of B.C. does not provide for a dispute resolution mechanism to
deal with instances where there may exist conflicts between Municipalities and Regional District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to include
amendments to the Municipal Act of B.C. that provide for a dispute resolution process to resolve
conflicts between Municipalities and Regional Districts” CARRIED

- 3) Emcon, Jan.12/99 – Economic Development

54/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SEND a thank you letter to Mr. Rizzardo
informing him that Council is continually being updated on changes in the Municipal Act
and that Council is well aware of the legislation concerning Public Private Partnerships.
CARRIED

- 4) Simon Fraser University – Planning, Design and Development

55/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council REQUEST a copy of the summary report from
the Simon Fraser University – Planning, Design and Development Conference and
APPROVE the payment of a fee for the report if necessary. CARRIED

- 5) Darch Osborne, Jan.4/99 – City Policy – Coquihalla Toll

56/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SEND a letter to Mr. Osborne expressing
Council’s position on the Coquihalla Highway Tolls and the action that Council has
taken on this issue.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

C. Receive for Information:

- 1) Harry Lali, MLA Dec.29/98 – Update
- 2) Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Jan.12/99 – BC Fire Fighter Standard
- 3) Ministry of Forests, Jan.20/99 – Community Forest Pilot Project
- 4) Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Jan.18/99 – Highlights of Dec.2-5 Executive Meeting.

57/99 Moved by Moved by Councillor Laird that Council CONSIDER the installation of a three way stop at the intersection of Voght Street and Coldwater Avenue . CARRIED


Councillor Sherwood will report back to Council after he has further investigated the issues surrounding the installation of a three way stop on Voght Street at Coldwater Avenue.

12. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

58/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 8:45 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R.Norgaard, MAYOR


J.E.Barry, CLERK