

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 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, L.Barr, D.Laird, H.McCormack,
D.McLean

ADMINISTRATION:

Administrator - T.Day
Clerk - J.Barry
Planner - J.Johnson
Recreation Manager - D.Brandt
Confidential Secretary - B.Harrison
Development Officer - R.Kojima

MEDIA: NL Radio, Merritt Herald

Five (5) members of the General Public.

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, February 9, 1999

The Amended Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 26, 1999

The Minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1690, 1999

- 1) KDL Rentals Inc., Jan.27/99
- 2) Merritt Plateau Holdings, Feb.2/99
- 3) Sutton Group, Feb.09/99

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1690, 1999- Cont'd.

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:33 p.m. The Planner presented the background to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1690 and Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1691. Three submissions have been received from the public concerning the bylaws to date. Mayor Norgaard read the statement concerning public hearings and called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaw.

1. Ken Featherstone – Merritt View Developments, Kamloops – spoke in support of the Bylaw Amendment.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Mayor Norgaard declared the public hearing for Bylaw No. 1690 closed at 7:40 p.m.

B. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1691, 1999

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaw and hearing no one, declared the public hearing for Bylaw No. 1691 closed at 7:42 p.m.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

7. BYLAWS:

A. City of Merritt Waterworks Bylaw No. 1640, 1999

59/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT WATERWORKS BYLAW NO. 1640, 1999.** CARRIED

B. Memo, Jan.13/99 – Merritt View Developments

- 1) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1690, 1999

60/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1690, 1999.** CARRIED

- 2) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1691, 1999

61/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1691, 1999.** CARRIED

7. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

- C. Memo, Jan.9/99 – Municipal Ticketing - Additional Offences - City of Merritt
Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1719, 1999

62/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKETING INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1719, 1999.**

CARRIED

63/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKETING INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1719, 1999.**

CARRIED

64/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKETING INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1719, 1999.**

CARRIED

- D. Memo, Feb.3/99 – Bylaw 1724, Bloom
- City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724

65/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **DELETE Section 2(b) from Bylaw 1724 and GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1724 AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED

66/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1724, 1999.**

CARRIED

67/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1724, 1999 FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 09, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M.**

CARRIED

68/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **REQUEST** the Planning Department to create a definition for restricted garden shops in the C2 zone.

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Airport A.T.A.P. Grant**

69/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **DEFER** a decision on the Airport A.T.A.P. until a meeting has been held between Council and the local MLA, Harry Lali.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

- A. Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard congratulated Joe Geill and Betty Doberstein as the 1999 "Citizen of the Year" winners. Mayor Norgaard along with Councillors Sherwood and Barr attended the inaugural meeting of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Mayor Norgaard also mentioned the agreement between Weyerhaeuser and Aspen Planers.

9. **REPORTS:** - Cont'd.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood - The Public Works Department is busy with general maintenance issues such as filling potholes and upgrading signage. The public are reminded to clean sidewalks after snowfalls to maintain safe pathways for the elderly and disabled.

Councillor Barr - Reinforced Councillor Sherwood's remarks on the importance of keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. The Access Awareness Committee Chairman is meeting with the Railyard Mall Management over the issue of enforcement of handicapped parking stalls. The Committee is trying to bring in a workshop on scooter operation this year as well as reviewing projects for the upcoming year, one of which is supporting a bylaw amendment to enforce handicapped parking stalls on private property.

70/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council allow the Access Awareness Committee to use funding up to the amount of \$1,000 for the purpose of securing snow removal from sidewalks of those citizens of Merritt holding valid disabled parking permits and such snow removal services to be administered by the Access Awareness Committee and such services to be provided by a service group in Merritt on a fee for service basis.

CARRIED

Councillor McLean – The upcoming Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting will be held on the 12th in the Coldwater Hotel Banquet Room.

Councillor Laird – The next Recreation Commission Meeting will be held on February 17th.

Councillor McCormack – The convocation ceremonies for the Community Futures Employment Program will take place on Thursday, the 12th of February.

Councillor Typusiak – Provided an update on the proposed Air Quality Study and projected that an announcement from the Ministry of Environment regarding a start date to the study could be forthcoming next week.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i. Memo, Jan.11/99 – Policy for Offsite Works and Services Directly Attributable to Building Permits

71/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council REQUIRE offsite works directly attributable to development in the following circumstances:

building permits for principal building construction only (not any other type of building permit); or

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RESCINDED

9. REPORTS:

C. Administration Reports:

2) Requires Council Action:

- i. Memo, Jan.11/99 – Policy for Offsite Works and Services Directly Attributable to Building Permits – Motion 71/99 - Cont'd.

- b) building permits for principal building renovations or additions which result in an increase in gross floor area greater than 10% or an increase in occupant load that requires additional parking. **CARRIED**

Councillor McLean opposed Motion 71/99. Councillors Sherwood, Typusiak, McCormack, Laird, Barr and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

- ii. Memo, Jan.25/99 – Canada Millennium Partnership Program

- 72/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council DIRECT staff to proceed with an advertisement in the Merritt News inviting the community to participate in the selection process for a Community Millennium Project. **CARRIED**

- iii. Memo, Jan.25/99 – Civic Centre Office Space Agreement Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce

- 73/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council APPROVE the Civic Centre Office Space Agreement between the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce and the City of Merritt as presented in the memo dated January 25, 1999 from the Recreation Manager and to have said agreement prepared for signing by the Mayor and the City Clerk. **CARRIED**

- iv. Memo, Feb.2/99 – Performing Arts Theatre Partnership Project

- 74/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council CONTINUE an interest in a partnership with NVIT, UCC and School District #58 to build a Performing Arts Theatre on the UCC/NVIT College Campus and that further grant opportunities be investigated. **CARRIED**

- v. Memo, Feb.2/99 – Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Funding

- 75/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council EXERCISES its option pursuant to the existing Aquatic Centre Agreement between the City and the TNRD, to seek resolution to the dispute regarding funding via the arbitration process. **CARRIED**

- vi. Memo, Feb.3/99 - Development Variance Permit 1999-01 – Smoluk
Feb.3/99 – W.Yauson

- 76/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council DELAY a decision on Development Variance Permit 1999-01 subsequent to a meeting between the Minister of the Environment, the local MLA and Council to clarify the position of the Ministry of Environment regarding applications similar to DVP 1999-01 that have received approval. **CARRIED**

9. **REPORTS:**

C. **Administration Reports:**

2) **Requires Council Action:** - Cont'd.

vii. Memo, Feb.3/99 – Infrastructure Grants

77/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council APPROVE Infrastructure Grant Applications for the following projects in order of priority:

1. Sewer

- Multiphased application

i. Macerator and Y2K installation (1999)

ii. Land Acquisition for infiltration bed relocation (1999)

iii. Pre-engineering for infiltration bed relocation

- Monitoring well installation (1999 – 2000)

- Material sampling

iv. Engineering and Construction of Infiltration Basins (2000)

v. Upgrade Digester (2001)

2. Water

i. Water Storage Reservoir

ii. New Well

CARRIED

viii. Memo, Feb.9/99 – Counter Petition Process

78/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council ESTABLISH March 31, 1999 as the deadline date for the submission of counter petitions pertaining to Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720. CARRIED

1) **Receive for Information:**

i. RCMP Reports – Jan.25/99

- Fourth Quarter Police Report

- Monthly Police Report for December

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

1) UBCM

i. Jan.22/99 – 1999 Resolution Process

ii. Jan.25/99 – Appointments to CHCs

iii. Jan.27/99 – Liquor Policy Review

iv. Jan.28/99 – Mtg. On Prov. Transfer Reductions

v. Jan.29/99 – Update on Finance and Legislation

79/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SEND a letter to UBCM requesting the scheduling of some meetings in the interior of B.C. and that a resolution to that effect be presented for consideration to the annual UBCM Convention. CARRIED

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 2) Attorney General, Jan.5/99 – Emergency Preparedness
- 3) RCMP, Jan.8/99 – Municipal Policing Agreement
- 4) B.C. Gas, Jan.15/99 – Natural Gas Rate Increase

80/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council SEND a letter to B.C. Gas registering opposition to the Natural Gas Rate Increase with a copy to UBCM. CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood voted in opposition to Motion 80/99. Councillors McCormack, Laird, Typusiak, McLean, Barr and Mayor Norgaard supported the motion.

- 5) School District #58, Jan.15/99 – Letter from Rec. Mgr.

81/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council SEND a letter of thanks to the Board of Trustees of School District No. 58 for bringing to the City's attention that they have changed the way they respond to a City organization and that this change came without consultation and further that Council supports staff who are trying to do the best that they can in the best interests of the community and further that a meeting be requested with the Board to discuss a process where both parties are aware of the other's concerns. CARRIED

- 6) West Coast Disaster Response Conference, Jan.18/99 – Invitation
- 7) City of Langley, Jan.19/99 – B.C. Liquor Law Review
- 8) C.F.D.C. of Revelstoke, Jan.22/99 – "Looking at the Millennium for Forest Based Communities in B.C.- Invitation
- 9) District of Sparwood, Jan.25/99 – Transfer Payments
- 10) Prov. Of B.C., Feb.01/99 – Homeowner Protection
- 11) Prov. Of B.C., Feb.04/99 – UBCM and Joint Council
- 12) UBCM, Feb.3/99 – Homeowner Protection Program

82/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council SEND a letter to UBCM in support of the proposed moratorium on the implementation of the Homeowner Protection Program. CARRIED

C. **Receive for Information:**

- 1) Mayor of New Westminster, Jan.8/99 – Equalization Grants
- 2) UBCM, Jan.20/99 – Member Release

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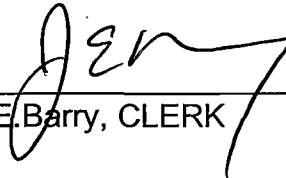
11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil

12. ADJOURNMENT:

83/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 10:00 p.m.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CLERK