

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Acting Mayor D. Laird
Councillors R. Typusiak, D. McLean, L. Barr, R. Sherwood

Absent: Mayor C. Norgaard, Councillor H. McCormack

STAFF: T. Day, Administrator
J. Barry, Clerk
S. Gill, Treasurer
J. Johnson, Planner
R. Kojima, Development Officer
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager

MEDIA: NL Radio, Merritt Herald, Merritt News

PUBLIC: 4 members of the general public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Acting Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, March 9, 1999.

The Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 23, 1999.

The Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 23, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council as amended by changing "two Councillors" in motion #93/99 to "one Councillor and one staff".

B. Minutes, Council Workshop, March 2, 1999.

The Minutes, Council Workshop, March 2, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 231 of the Municipal Act, Councillor McLean declared he was unable to participate in discussing or voting on City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999 since he has a family member involved with this issue. Councillor McLean immediately left the Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m.

Acting Mayor Laird called the Public Hearing to order and the Planner provided an overview of City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999. Acting Mayor Laird read the statement concerning public hearings and called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaw. Hearing no one, Acting Mayor Laird declared the public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999 closed.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

7. BYLAWS:

- A. Memo, March 2, 1999, Bylaw 1724, 1999 - Bloom.
1) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999

119/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council GIVE third reading to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999. **CARRIED**

Council directed staff to bring forward a clarification of definition for an outdoor garden centre in the C2 (Central Business District) zone.

Councillor McLean returned to the Council Chambers at 7:41 p.m.

- B. Memo, March 2, 1999, Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1721, 1999.
1) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1721, 1999.

120/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1721, 1999. **OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood CARRIED**

- C. Memo, February 25, 1999, Municipal Ticketing - Additional Offences.
1) City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1727, 1999.

121/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council GIVE first reading to City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1727, 1999. **CARRIED**

122/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council GIVE second reading to City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1727, 1999. **CARRIED**

123/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council GIVE third reading to City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1727, 1999. **CARRIED**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Advertising Request for Proposals

- 1) Memo, February 17, 1999, Jeff Norburn.
- 2) Letter, March 4, 1999, Nancy Chappell, Merritt News.
- 3) Letter, March 4, 1999, Merritt Morning Market

124/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that the City of Merritt ACCEPT the advertising proposal dated February 11, 1999 from the Merritt Herald to publish the City's advertising for the period of March 15, 1999 to February 28, 2000.

125/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Motion #124/99 be DEFERRED until the next regular Council meeting with all members present.

OPPOSED: Acting Mayor Laird, Councillors McLean and Sherwood DEFEATED

Voting resumed on Motion #124/99: "That the City of Merritt ACCEPT the advertising proposal dated February 11, 1999 from the Merritt Herald to publish the City's advertising for the period of March 15, 1999 to February 28, 2000.

OPPOSED: Councillors Barr and Typusiak CARRIED

B. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1712, 1998.

- 1) Memo, February 12, 1999, Bylaw 1712, 1998 - Accessory Buildings.
- 2) Letter, February 25, 1999, Lidstone Young Anderson

Motion #88/89 was deferred from the February 23, 1999 meeting and was on the floor. Voting resumed on Motion #88/89: "That Council GIVE third reading to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1712, 1998". CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports: Nil

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr discussed the upcoming Access Awareness meeting on April 8, 1999, provided an update on the new Economic Development Profile, and passed on a message from Mayor Norgaard that the TNRD has passed a resolution regarding the concept of forming a society to deliver economic development, tourism, and film commission. Councillor Barr also updated Council on two meetings that she attended; the February 24, 1999 UBCM Extraordinary meeting which addressed cutbacks in funding from the Provincial Government to municipalities and the New Local Government Legislation Symposium held on February 24 and 25, 1999.

Councillor Typusiak mentioned that there will be an Air Quality Meeting on March 12, 1999 and that the City has received a shipment of backyard composters.

10. REPORTS:

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

Councillor Sherwood advised that street sweeping is underway, the new macerator at the Sewage Treatment Plant is being installed and provided an update on two meetings he attended; an FRBC meeting in Kamloops that dealt with their restructuring and a museum meeting held in the senior citizen's building.

Acting Mayor Laird informed Council that he attended a UCC meeting regarding the new college site and that they hope to open in the spring of 2001.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- a) Memo, March 2, 1999, Canada Millennium Partnership Program.

126/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that City Council ENDORSE the application for funding through the Canada Millennium Partnership Program for a City trail system.

CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- a) Memo, February 25, 1999, 1998 Property Tax Survey.
- b) Memo, February 28, 1999, Merritt Fire Rescue Month-End Report for January 1999.
- c) City of Merritt Civic Properties and Recreation Commission Minutes, February 17, 1999.

These three items were received as information only.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- 1) BC Non-Profit Housing Association, February 18, 1999, Homes BC Program.

127/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council ENDORSE the sending of a letter to the Provincial Treasury Board that the City of Merritt is pleased having HOMES BC projects in our community and wish for the continuation of this program. CARRIED

- 2) BC Legislative Assembly, February 22, 1999, Regular Annual Sitting.

Received as information only.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

B. Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

- 3) Alice Kanayama, February 22, 1999 and February 28, 1999, Information Centre.

128/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that a letter be SENT to Alice Kanayama thanking her for submitting her concerns with the Tourist Information Centre and that the City will be addressing her concerns. CARRIED

- 4) Giselle Strodl, February 26, 1999, City Nature Park (Park beside Bench Elementary School).

Received as information only. The Administrator advised that a letter with the Engineer's findings will be sent to Giselle Strodl.

C. Receive for Information:

- 1) UDI State of the Industry, February 15, 1999, BC's Economy and its Effect on Jobs and Housing.
- 2) Canada World Youth, February 16, 1999, Exchange Program.
- 3) BC Hydro, February 17, 1999, Year 2000 Computer Bug.
- 4) Thompson Regional Health Board, February 19, 1999, Medical Manpower in Merritt.

The above four items were received as information only.

- 5) May Chapman, February 21, 1999, Thank You Letter.

Received as information only. Council directed that a response from the District regarding open air burning be sent to May Chapman.

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil

12. ADJOURNMENT:

129/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



D.Laird, ACTING MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CLERK