

## CITY OF MERRITT

### **MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.**

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1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Mayor C. Norgaard  
Councillors R. Sherwood, L. Barr, D. Laird, D. McLean

ABSENT: Councillors R. Typusiak, H. McCormack

STAFF: T. Day, Administrator  
J. Barry, Clerk  
S. Gill, Treasurer  
J. Johnson, Planner  
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager  
J. Norburn, Aquatic Centre Manager  
R. Kojima, Development Officer  
B. Harrison, Confidential Secretary

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, NL Radio, Shaw Cable.

PUBLIC: 8 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. Regular Council Meeting, March 23, 1999.

The Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 09, 1999

The Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 09, 1999 were amended by replacing "C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR" with "D. Laird, ACTING MAYOR" as the signatory for certification and were subsequently adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: - Cont'd.**

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, March 12, 1999

The Minutes, Special Council Meeting, March 12, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.**

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. G.Prowal, March 18, 1999 – Sewer Proposal / Land Purchase

Ms. Prowal presented the City Clerk with Counter Petition forms containing 525 signatures in opposition to Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720.

**7. BYLAWS:**

A. Memo, March 18, 1999 – Merritt View Developments

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

138/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1690, 1999. CARRIED

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

139/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1691, 1999. CARRIED

B. Memo, March 10, 1999 – Bylaw 1712, 1998 – Accessory Buildings

1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1712, 1999

140/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1712, 1999. CARRIED

C. Memo, March 17, 1999 – Bylaw No. 1719, 1999 – Municipal Ticketing

1. City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1719, 1999

141/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1719, 1999. CARRIED

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

D. Memo, March 16, 1999 – Bylaw No. 1724, 1999 – Bloom

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 7:37 p.m.

1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999

142/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council ADOPT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1724, 1999. CARRIED

Councillor McLean returned to the Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m.

E. City of Merritt Amended Five-Year Capital Budget Bylaw No. 1726, 1999

143/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council GIVE FIRST READING to City of Merritt Amended Five Year Capital Budget Bylaw No. 1726, 1999. CARRIED

144/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council GIVE SECOND READING to City of Merritt Amended Five Year Capital Budget Bylaw No. 1726, 1999. CARRIED

145/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council GIVE THIRD READING to City of Merritt Amended Five Year Capital Budget Bylaw No. 1726, 1999. CARRIED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.**

**9. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported that the approved 1999 budget for the TNRD is \$28,129,289 which features no tax increases for municipalities. The Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre's Grant-In-Aid from the TNRD was increased by \$10,000 to \$128,018. The Regional Economic Development Commission has a budget of \$25,000 for regional initiatives of which half has already been allocated. A Film Commission Advisory Committee is being established. There is a Mayor's Meeting with MLA Harry Lali planned for Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in Logan Lake. Pooley Avenue outside the City's boundary is named Godey Creek Road which causes confusion to truck drivers attempting to locate Pooley Avenue.

146/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a letter to the Ministry of Highways requesting the renaming of the section of Pooley Avenue beyond the City's boundaries from Godey Creek Road to Pooley Avenue. CARRIED

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

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

Councillor Sherwood – Spring cleanup is currently underway along with the installation of the new macerator at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Councillor Barr – The Access Awareness Committee wishes to remind residents that cycling on sidewalks is prohibited and encourages downtown merchants to ensure that sidewalks are clear of obstacles which may impede disabled pedestrians.

Councillor Laird – Nothing to report

Councillor McLean – Mayor Norgaard attended the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in his stead. Mayor Norgaard announced the names of the Chamber's Board of Directors for the upcoming year and advised that a committee has been setup to oppose the Kingsvale connector.

**c) Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- a) Memo, March 12, 1999 – Properly identifying the Truck Route – Houston Street

147/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council rename Douglas Street to Houston Street from Houston Street to Midday Valley Road. CARRIED

148/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council designate the Truck Route Bridge as the "Houston Street Bridge". CARRIED

- b) Memo, March 12, 1999 – Advertising in Civic Buildings and Parks

149/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council MEET with staff in a workshop setting to create a consistent policy on advertising in civic facilities. OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood CARRIED

- c) Memo, March 14, 1999 – Review of Bed and Breakfast Regulations

150/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council DIRECT the Planning Department to draft a zoning amendment bylaw based on the recommendations set forth in the Planner's memorandum of March 14, 1999.

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**9. REPORTS:**

**c) Administration Reports:**

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

d) Memo, March 16, 1999 – Council's Request for Information – Group Homes

151/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council DIRECT staff to prepare a zoning amendment bylaw which would provide a definition of group home and include Group Home as a permitted use in the AR1, R1, and R2 zones.

152/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DEFER this matter until the next Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

e) Memo, March 17, 1999 – BPO Elks Lodge Request for Central Park

153/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council GRANT permission for the BPO Elks Lodge use of Central Park at no charge for two carnivals per year under the following conditions:

- The grounds are thoroughly cleaned of garbage and debris following each event
  - The surface of the parking lot is repaired as necessary to the satisfaction of City Staff following each event
  - The Carnival Operators must obtain a valid City of Merritt Business Licence and comply with all requirements for licensing prior to opening for business.
- CARRIED**

f) Memo, March 18, 1999 – Commemorative Plates

154/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council PROCEED with the initial purchase of 12 City of Merritt Commemorative Plates at a cost of \$1,039.40 plus taxes. **OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood CARRIED**

g) Memo, March 18, 1999 – Community Action Team Funding

155/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to EXECUTE the Contribution Agreement between the City of Merritt and Forest Renewal B.C., Thompson-Okanagan Region dated March 8, 1999 with the start date amended to reflect the correct date. **CARRIED**

h) Memo, March 23, 1999 – Property Insurance Quote

156/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council ENTER into a contract for insurance services with Barton Insurance Brokers Ltd. for the period of April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2002 and further that the City award the Insurance Contract to Barton Insurance Brokers Ltd. for the period of April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000 for a price of \$18,079. **CARRIED**

**9. REPORTS:**

**c) Administration Reports: - Cont'd.**

**2) Receive for Information:**

- a) Building Permits, February 1999
- b) Bylaw Services Statistics, February 1999
- c) Fire Chief's Report, February 1999

These three items were received as information only.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

- 1) Forest Alliance of B.C., March 1, 1999 – Request for renewal of support  
157/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SUPPORT the Forest Alliance of B.C. with a \$100 contribution. CARRIED
- 2) Eldon Unger, March 2, 1999 – Agricultural Land Commission  
Received as information only.
- 3) Syemyim Transition House, March 3, 1999 – Bumper Sticker Campaign  
158/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council APPROVE the use of Bumper Stickers on City vehicles in support of "Prevention of Violence Against Women Week". CARRIED
- 4) City of Vancouver, March 5, 1999 – Gaming  
Received as information only.
- 5) Baillie Prop. Committee, March 8, 1999 – Feasibility Study Application support letter  
159/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council PROVIDE a letter of support for the Baillie Committee's application for Heritage Trust funding. CARRIED
- 6) Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, March 17, 1999 - Request for additional funding.  
160/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council SEND a letter to Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce informing them of the deadline for Grant in Aid Applications and DENY their request for funding . CARRIED

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**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 7) Norgaard Read-Mix Ltd., March 17, 1999 – Truck Route Bylaw
  - i. Memo, March 23, 1999

Pursuant to Section 231 of the Municipal Act, Mayor Norgaard declared she was unable to participate in the discussion on this item since she owns shares in the company that wrote the letter. Mayor Norgaard immediately left the Council Chambers at 8:54 p.m. Councillor Laird assumed the Chair.

- 161/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council CONFIRMS staff's interpretation of Council's intent that Voght Street be closed to lumber, chip and loaded logging trucks; and that Council DIRECT staff to meet with signatories of the letter from Allen Norgaard, along with a representative from Tolko Industries to discuss a satisfactory amendment to the Truck Route Bylaw; and further that Council DIRECT staff to suspend enforcement of the Truck Route restrictions on Voght Street from River Ranch Road to Nicola Avenue until such time as Council makes a definitive decision regarding truck restrictions. CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard returned to the Council Chambers at 8:57 p.m.

- 8) Bird House Gift Store, March 18, 1999 – Tourist Information Centre

- 162/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council APPROVE the use of the loft area at the Tourist Information Centre for the display and sale of art by the Nicola Valley Arts Group with the conditions set out in the Recreation Manager's March 19, 1999 memorandum. CARRIED

- 163/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council PERMIT the sale of large antique furniture pieces in the loft area of the Tourist Information Centre.  
OPPOSED: Mayor Norgaard, Councillors Barr & Laird DEFEATED

- 9) Linda Povarchook/Phil Heal, March 1, 1999, Garbagathon

- 164/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SUPPORT the Coquihalla Middle School's Grade 8 Band fundraiser Garbagathon for April 10, 1999. CARRIED

The Administrator was directed to discuss this fundraiser with CUPE.

- 10) Transformation Solutions, March 23, 1999 – Liquor Review
  - i. Memo, March 23, 1999

- 165/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council ESTABLISH an ADHOC Committee of Councillor Sherwood and Mayor Norgaard and the City Clerk to prepare a submission to Mr. Surich of the Liquor Review in Kamloops on April 12, 1999. CARRIED

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 11) Nicola Valley Arts, March 19, 1999 – Loft Use At Info Centre

This was dealt with out of order in concert with the March 18, 1999 letter from the Bird House Gift Store.

- 12) Nicola Valley Health Care, March 12, 1999 – Presentation

Received as information only.

**B. Receive for Information:**

- 1) Attorney General, February 23, 1999 – B.C.Liquor Laws

Received as information only.

- 2) UBCM, March 3, 1999 – Meetings outside Lower Mainland

166/99

Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DIRECT staff to draft a resolution for submissions to the OMMA Conference in support of UBCM meetings to be held outside of the Lower Mainland. CARRIED

- 3) Ministry of Municipal Affairs, March 8, 1999 – Reductions in Transfer Payments

- 5) Nicola Valley Health Care, March 9, 1999 – One Day Workshop on Community Health Centres

- 6) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, March 2, 1999, Home Owner Protection Act.

- 7) Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, March 11, 1999 - Four – Laning Aspen Grove to Merritt

- 8) UBCM, March 11, 1999

- i. Summary of Extraordinary Meeting
- ii. Submission on Gaming White Paper

- 9) Ministry of Environment, March 10, 1999 – Meeting with Minister

- 10) Ministry of Transportation and Highways, March 22, 1999 - Investment in Merritt Area Highways

The above seven items were received as information only.

**11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.**



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**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

167/99      Moved by Councillor McLean that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 9:30 p.m.  
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
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J.E. Barry, CLERK