

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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, D.Laird, H.McCormack, L.Barr,
R.Typusiak
Absent - D.McLean

STAFF:

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

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, NL Radio, Shaw Cable, Merritt News

PUBLIC: One (1) Member 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, April 13, 1999.

Council adopted the Amended Agenda by unanimous consent.

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

- A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 23, 1999
- B. Minutes, Council Workshop, March 25, 1999
- C. Minutes, Council Workshop, March 30, 1999
- D. Minutes, Council Workshop, March 31, 1999
- E. Minutes, Council Workshop, April 7, 1999

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

Council adopted the Minutes of the Meetings on March 23, 25, 30, 31 and April 7, 1999, with the correction of the name "Salomon-de-Friedberg" in the March 25, 1999 Minutes, using unanimous consent.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

A. Nicola Valley Arts, April 6, 1999

Bev Veale of 1537 Coldwater Avenue made a presentation to Council in regard to Nicola Valley Arts proposal for an Art Gallery at the Merritt Info Centre.

7. BYLAWS:

A. City of Merritt Noise Abatement Amendment Bylaw No. 1723, 1999

174/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1723, 1999.** CARRIED

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

175/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT AMENDED FIVE YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1726, 1999.** CARRIED

C. Memo, April 2, 1999 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1728,
Bed and Breakfast Regulations

1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1728, 1999

176/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1728, 1999.** CARRIED

177/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1728, 1999.** CARRIED

178/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING OF CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1728, 1999 FOR MAY 11TH, 1999.** CARRIED

7. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

- D. Memo, April 6, 1999 – Highway Encroachment Bylaw No. 1730, 1999
1. City of Merritt Highway Encroachment Bylaw (Home Restaurant)
No. 1730, 1999

179/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT BYLAW (HOME RESTAURANT) NO. 1730, 1999.** CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillors Typusiak and Laird

180/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT BYLAW (HOME RESTAURANT) NO. 1730, 1999.** CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillors Typusiak and Laird

181/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT BYLAW (HOME RESTAURANT) NO. 1730, 1999.** CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillors Typusiak and Laird

- E. Memo, April 8, 1999 – Aerial Pumper Unit Rates
1. City of Merritt Fire and Rescue Department Establishment, and
Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1731, 1999.

182/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT AND FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1731, 1999.** CARRIED

183/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT AND FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1731, 1999.** CARRIED

184/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT AND FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1731, 1999.** CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Advertising in City Buildings and Parks

1. Memo, March 12, 1999
2. Minutes, Council Workshop, April 7, 1999

185/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DIRECT Staff to sell advertising inside the Tourist Information Centre with the City retaining all advertising revenue; AND THAT a newspaper advertisement appear in the Merritt Herald advising the business community that advertising opportunities are available at the Tourist Information Centre. CARRIED

186/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE the advertisement of a request for proposals for a marketing firm to sell advertising space in the public washrooms at the Tourist Information Centre, the Aquatic Centre and at Central Park; AND THAT washroom advertising not be permitted in washrooms located at City Hall, Civic Centre or Arena. DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Councillors Typusiak, McCormack and Mayor Norgaard

187/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council REFER the concept of ball diamond outfield fence advertising to the Recreation Commission for comment. CARRIED

B. Group Homes

1. Memo, April 7, 1999 – Council's Request for Information

Motion 151/99 was deferred from the March 23, 1999 Meeting and was on the floor. Voting resumed on Motion 151/99:

"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". CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard reported:

- along with Councillor Sherwood, the City Clerk and the RCMP Staff Sergeant, she met this date with Joe Surich regarding the Liquor Review currently underway and expressed their collective concerns with revisions to the Liquor Act and their effects on the community.
- Proclaimed May 6th, 1999 as Jeans Day in the City of Merritt on behalf of the B.C. Children's Hospital.
- a meeting was held in Logan Lake on March 27th with MLA Harry Lali.

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports: - Cont'd.

- May 11th at 7 p.m. will be the date for the Court of Revision for Parcel Tax to be held in the Council Chambers. The Court of Revision is comprised of the whole of Council.

188/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council APPROVE the appointment of Councillor Barr as the City's Liaison to the Community Action Team. CARRIED

- Mayor Norgaard reminded Council that the 1999 Strategic Plan would be reviewed on Wednesday, April 14th, and that she was unable to accept the invitation to the NVIT Graduation Ceremonies. Councillor McCormack will attend in her absence.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood – The new Sewage Macerator is now installed and operating. The Public Works Crew is currently completing the spring cleanup.

Councillor Barr – The regular Access Awareness Meeting was held on Thursday, April 8th with a good turnout. City Clerk Joe Barry attended as a Guest Speaker and addressed the enforcement of handicapped designated parking spots in shopping malls. The Clerk is currently preparing a review of designated handicapped parking spots, therefore the committee requested that he include his suggestions in the review. Provincial Access Awareness Day is June 5, 1999. The next Access Awareness Committee Meeting will be held 7:00 p.m., on June 3, 1999 at City Hall.

189/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DIRECT the City Clerk to add to his list of by-law revisions and writings the following:

1. A bylaw that incorporates the prohibition of expectorating on public sidewalks.
2. A bylaw, such as many municipalities have, colloquially called a "poop scoop" bylaw. CARRIED

190/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DIRECT the Bylaw Services Officer to increase patrols of on-street disabled parking spaces during the week prior to June 5, 1999. CARRIED

Councillor Laird – The next CPAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14th at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Recreation Commission held the first meeting to discuss Voght Park design and received a great deal of good information with which to initiate a park plan. The next public meeting will be held on May 6th, 1999.

Councillor McCormack – NVIT / UCC has now selected an architect Mr. Busby. Plans for the campus are currently being reviewed by Development Services. Superstar Properties is working towards a 5 lot subdivision and truck stop. The

9. REPORTS:

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor McCormack - Cont'd.

- Subdivision Application should be presented at the April 27th, Council Meeting. The Crown Lands proposal should be reviewed in the near future. Active Mountain Entertainment's development is awaiting DFO and MOE approvals.

- The Building Inspector is currently undertaking a review of the Building Bylaw and working towards an upgrade of the Building Permit Process. The Planner is reviewing Development Permit triggers and working on the Latecomers and Subdivision / Servicing Bylaws. New composite maps have been received for distribution.

Councillor Typusiak – The Air Quality Study should be started as soon as possible as valuable collection data is being lost with every day in delay of start.

191/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council APPROVE the expenses for at least one and not more than 2 representatives of the City to attend the Environment Conference in Vancouver on May 20 and 21st, 1999. CARRIED

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

i. Financial Statements, 1998

The Administrator provided an review of the 1998 Financial Statements for Council.

192/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council ACCEPT the 1998 Audited Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

ii. Memo, April 2, 1999 – Proposed East/West Collector Route

193/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council SCHEDULE a Public Open House May 18th, 1999 with the property owners and residents affected by the proposed East / West collector. CARRIED

Pursuant to Section 231 of the Municipal Act, Mayor Norgaard declared she was unable to participate in discussing or voting on the issue of Truck Use of Voght Street due to holding shares in a company that will be affected by this issue. Mayor Norgaard immediately left the Council Chambers at 9:15 p.m. and Councillor McCormack assumed the chair as Acting Mayor.

9. **REPORTS:**

C. **Administration Reports:**

1. **Requires Council Action:** - Cont'd.

iii. Memo, April 7, 1999 – Truck Use of Voght Street

194/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council DIRECT Staff to bring forward an amendment to City of Merritt Traffic Bylaw No. 1264, 1989 replacing the net vehicle weight restriction for trucks on Voght Street between Nicola Avenue and River Ranch Road with a maximum 3 axle limit. CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Laird.

Mayor Norgaard rejoined the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

iv. Volunteer Appreciation / Protective Services Wine and Cheese

Council Members will individually provide information regarding the Committees that were not active in 1998.

2) **Receive for Information:**

i. Bylaw Department 1998 Year End Statistics

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

1. Simon Fraser Health Region, March 10, 1999 – Smoke Free Workplaces
2. UBCM, March 23, 1999 – Small Community and Electoral Area

195/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council RESPOND to the UBCM Survey of March 23, 1999 indicating their preferences:

1. That Small Community and Electoral Area Representatives be elected only by Small Communities and Electoral Area Representatives respectively; and
2. That the election be held at Small Talk/ RD respectively. CARRIED
3. Merritt News, March 19, 1999 – City Information Column

Council was in agreement to proceed with the proposed "City Information Column" in the Merritt News at no cost to the city.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

4. UBCM, March 23, 1999 – Future UBCM Convention Locations

196/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SUPPORTS the holding of the UBCM Convention every 2nd year in Vancouver; AND THAT UBCM attempt to negotiate better hotel rates for out of town delegates. CARRIED

5. Nicola Valley Arts, March 27, 1999 – Contract for Loft Use at Info Centre

197/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council APPROVE the preparation of a Tripartite Agreement with the City, Birdhouse Gifts, and Nicola Valley Arts to provide for the sale of large antiques and art display in the loft area of the Information Centre and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute such an agreement. CARRIED

6. Darch Osborne, March 30, 1999 – Graffiti

7. Bread Basket Buffet - Request for Support

Council directed staff to send a letter to the Bread Basket Buffet explaining the Grant-In-Aid process and to indicate that Council does appreciate the service that the Distribution Group is undertaking and wish them well.

8. Western Amusement and Music Operators Association of B.C. – Gaming

9. NDP Resign Coalition, March 31, 1999 – Request for Support

10. Merritt Sikh Society, April 6, 1999 – Request for Parade Route

198/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE the May 8th Parade Route as requested by the Merritt Sikh Society to celebrate the 300th Birthday of the Khalsa. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

1. TNRD, March 22, 1999 – 1998 Solid Waste Summary
2. District of North Vancouver, March 24, 1999
– Resolution of Non-Confidence and Recall Campaign
3. Elizabeth Solomon de Friedberg, March 25, 1999 – City Works Crew
4. UBCM
 - i. March 26, 1999 – Gaming
 - ii. March 31, 1999 – Provincial Budget
5. TNRD, March 23, 1999 – 1999 Annual Budget
6. Urban Systems, March 30, 1999

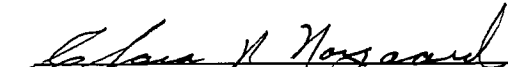
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11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

199/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 10:03 p.m. and RECONVENE the Special-Incamera Meeting of Council excluding the press and the public. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CLERK