

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1999, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL:

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

STAFF:

T.Day, Administrator
S.Gill, Treasurer
J.Johnson, Planner
D.Brandt, Recreation Manager
J.Norburn, Aquatic Centre Manager
B.Harrison, Confidential Secretary
L.Simpson, Bylaw Services Officer
R.Kojima, Development Officer

MEDIA: Shaw Cable, NL Radio

PUBLIC: Four (4) 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. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 27, 1999.

206/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council ADOPT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 27, 1999 to include the following amendments:

6. **PETITIONS / DELEGATIONS:**

C. Rod Salem, Provincial Emergency Program Coordinator

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

1. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, April 8, 1999
- Request for street closures – Addition of July 15, 16, 17
request for use of City Parking Lot.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Sign Bylaw

CARRIED

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

- A. Minutes, Council Workshop Meeting, March 2, 1999
- B. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, April 13, 1999

The Minutes of March 2, 1999 and April 13, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- A. Merritt Legal Services, April 9, 1999 – Merritt and District Community Justice Centre – Cliff Thorstenson, Representative

Cliff Thorstenson, Representative of the Merritt and District Community Justice Centre gave Council a status report on the Community Justice Centre and presented a request for the following:

1. Continued free use of the office space at the Civic Centre
2. Free use of Meeting Room space provided regularly on a week night to accommodate Restorative Justice Panels.
3. Free use of the Civic Centre Parking Lot space to hold a fund raising garage sale and if necessary, the use of the Civic Centre foyer.

Mr. Thorstenson completed his presentation at 7:43 p.m.

- B. Lloyd Charney, April 20, 1999 – Dyking

Lloyd Charney of 1499 Main Street expressed his concerns regarding lack of preparedness in the event of flooding in his neighborhood.

Mr. Charney completed his presentation at 8:10 p.m.

- C. Rod Salem, Provincial Emergency Program Coordinator

Mr. Salem presented an overview of the Provincial Emergency Program and the role that Merritt's Emergency Program Plan fit into the overall system. He provided an update on the potential for flooding in the Nicola Valley and provided some response to questions raised by Mr. Charney regarding preparedness issues.

Mr. Salem concluded his presentation at 8:42 p.m.

7. BYLAWS:

- A. Memo, April 20, 1999 – Bylaw 1724, 1999 – Outdoor Garden Centre Text
1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1734, 1999
- 207/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1734, 1999.** CARRIED
- 208/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1734, 1999.** CARRIED
- 209/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1734, 1999 DURING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 25, 1999.** CARRIED
- B. City of Merritt Highway Encroachment Bylaw No. 1730, 1999
- 210/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT BYLAW NO. 1730, 1999.** CARRIED
- OPPOSED: Councillors Typusiak, Laird.
- C. City of Merritt Fire and Rescue Department Establishment, and Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1731, 1999
- 211/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT, AND FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1731, 1999.** CARRIED
- D. Memo, April 12, 1999 – Arena User Rates
1. City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1732, 1999
- 212/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1732, 1999.** CARRIED
- 213/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1732, 1999.** CARRIED
- 214/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1732, 1999.** CARRIED

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

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 or the use of engine brakes in the City due to holding shares in a company that will be affected by these issues. Mayor Norgaard immediately left the Council Chambers at 8:50 p.m. and Councillor McCormack assumed the chair as Acting Mayor.

- E. Memo, April 22, 1999 – Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1733, 1999
 - 1. City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1733, 1999

215/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1733, 1999.** CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Laird

216/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1733, 1999.** CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Laird

217/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1733, 1999.** CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Laird

- F. Memo, April 20, 1999 – Noise Abatement Amendment Bylaw No.1735
 - 1. City of Merritt Noise Abatement Amendment Bylaw No. 1735, 1999

218/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1735, 1999.** CARRIED

219/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1735, 1999.** CARRIED

220/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1735, 1999.** CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard returned to the meeting and assumed the chair at 8:55 p.m.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Memo, April 22, 1999 – Provincial Infrastructure Grant

221/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council ACCEPT a \$10,000 Planning Grant for Collettsville Centennial Park and Voght Park AND FURTHERMORE to apply for a capital grant in the year 2000 for completion of one of the two parks.
CARRIED

B. Justice Centre

222/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council APPROVE the Justice Centre's free use of :

1. Present office space in the Civic Centre
2. Meeting room space one evening per week
3. The Civic Centre Parking Lot for a fundraising garage sale

and that the Recreation Manager negotiate the booking details on the City's behalf.
CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

The Mayor provided an update on the implementation of 911 program and the various options that have been presented by the TNRD. There is a report forthcoming from Dick Wells, the consultant preparing the 911 report. On April 23, 1999 the TNRD Board approved a letter of support for the proposal from the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for a Habitat Conservation and Stewardship Program. Mayor Norgaard provided an update on water levels in the Nicola watershed and the potential for flooding in the Merritt area. Mayor Norgaard declared April 28, 1999 as a Day of Mourning in the City of Merritt to pay respect to those workers who have died as a result of workplace injury and disease.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor McLean – Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce will be holding a general dinner meeting on April 28th, 1999 at the Coldwater Hotel. Councillor McLean attended an interesting airport workshop in Richmond along with the City Treasurer.

Councillor Typusiak – Calls to the Ministry of Environment regarding the odor noticed in the Merritt area last week confirmed that the source of the pungent aroma was agricultural waste that had been spread on fields. This does not require a permit from MOE and it was also learned the practice of sewage sludge spread on agricultural land will possibly also not require a permit in future.

9. REPORTS: - Cont'd.

Councillor Laird – The revival of the CPAC group was met with a good turnout f the first informational meeting. The next meeting will focus on the needs of the community.

Councillor McCormack – Attended the NVIT Convocation Ceremonies on Saturday, April 24th, and was impressed and honoured to be a participant in the process. Councillor McCormack is actively working in support of the four laning of Highway 97C from Aspen Grove to Garcia Lake and will be attempting to solicit support of the Hwy 97C Communities at a breakfast meeting during the OMMA Convention in Revelstoke next week.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i. Memo, April 20, 1999 – Economic Development Committee Report – Mar/April 1999.
- ii. Memo, April 21, 1999 – Community Action Team Funding

223/99

Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Contribution Agreement between the City of Merritt and Forest Renewal B.C., Thompson –Okanagan Region dated March 8, 1999. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i. Memo, April 8, 1999 – Fire Chief's Month-end Report for March, 1999
- ii. Memo, April 22, 1999 – Building Permits for March, 1999

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

1. Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, April 8, 1999 - Request for street closures

Councillor McLean had been requested by the Chamber to add the City's Parking Lot at the corner of Granite and Voght Street on July 15, 16, and 17 to the list of street closures and the Labour Day parade route.

224/99

Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE the street closures as requested by Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce and to include the City Parking Lot for July 15, 16, and 17 and the Labour Day parade route along with the Chamber requests. CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

2. Flood Central Coordination Group, April 14, 1999 – 1999 Spring Freshet
3. City of Port Moody, April 15, 1999 – Resolution – Current Provincial Government.
4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, April 16, 1999 - Consent Form
5. TNRD, April 19, 1999 – Regional Growth Strategy

225/99

Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPOINT the City Planner as the City's representative on the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC).

CARRIED

6. City of Kamloops, April 19, 1999 – 1999/2000 OMMA Executive
7. UBCM, April 20, 1999 – UBCM Gaming Submission

B. Receive for Information:

1. Ministry of Forests, April 8, 1999 – Tweedsmuir Park
2. UBCM, April 12, 1999 – Press Release
3. Ministry of Forests, April 13, 1999 – Forestry Budget Highlights
4. TNRD, April 14, 1999 – 1999 Requisition
5. TRHD, April 16, 1999 – 1999 Thompson Regional Hospital District Requisition
6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, April 16, 1999 – Press Release

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sign Bylaw

Councillor Laird gave an overview of the need for an amendment to the City's Sign Bylaw which would provide for special event signage.

226/99

Moved by Councillor Laird that Council DIRECT Staff to amend the Sign Bylaw to allow for special event signage.

CARRIED

