

## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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, L. Barr  
Absent: R. Sherwood

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

MEDIA: Shaw Cable, NL Radio, Merritt Herald  
PUBLIC: Six (6) 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, May 11, 1999.  
The Agenda, Regular Council Meeting May 11, 1999 was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, April 27, 1999

228/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, April 27, 1999 as amended with the inclusion of:

"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"

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1728, 1999

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1728, 1999 to order at 7:34 p.m. Mayor Norgaard read the statement concerning public hearings and called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaw. Hearing no one, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.**

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A. Memo, May 5, 1999 – Superstar Properties, OCP1997-09

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1671, 1999

229/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1671, 1999.** CARRIED

230/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1671, 1999.** CARRIED

231/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1671, 1999 FOR JUNE 8, 1999.** CARRIED

232/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council direct the applicant to draft and register a suitably worded Section 219 covenant prior to final consideration of these bylaws which links the Developer's traffic impact assessment to the traffic improvements required for any improvement related to any development which may occur on the property. CARRIED

2. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1672, 1999

233/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1672, 1999.** CARRIED

234/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1672, 1999.** CARRIED

235/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1672, 1999 FOR JUNE 8, 1999.** CARRIED

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

- B. Memo, May 6, 1999 – Bylaw No. 1727, 1999 – Municipal Ticketing
1. City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1727, 1999
- 236/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1727, 1999.**  
CARRIED
- C. Memo, May 3, 1999 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1728 – Bed And Breakfast Regulations.
1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1728
- 237/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1728, 1999.** CARRIED
- D. Memo, May 6, 1999 – Highway Encroachment Bylaw No. 1729, 1999
1. City of Merritt Highway Encroachment Bylaw No. 1729, 1999
- 238/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT BYLAW NO. 1729, 1999.**  
OPPOSED: Councillors Laird, Typusiak. CARRIED
- 239/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT BYLAW NO. 1729, 1999.**  
OPPOSED: Councillors Laird, Typusiak CARRIED
- 240/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT BYLAW NO. 1729, 1999.**  
OPPOSED: Councillors Laird, Typusiak CARRIED
- E. City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1732, 1999
- 241/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RENTAL RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1732, 1999.** 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 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 8:00 p.m. and Councillor McCormack assumed the chair as Acting Mayor.

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

- F. City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1733, 1999
- 242/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1733, 1999.**  
OPPOSED: Councillor Laird CARRIED
- G. City of Merritt Noise Abatement Amendment Bylaw No. 1735, 1999
- 243/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT NOISE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1735, 1999.** CARRIED
- Mayor Norgaard rejoined the meeting at 8:02 p.m. and assumed the chair.
- H. Memo, May 5, 1999 – Bylaw No. 1736, 1999 – Group Homes Text
1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1736, 1999
- 244/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1736, 1999.**  
OPPOSED: Councillor McLean CARRIED
- 245/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **AMEND CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1736, 1999 TO READ:**  
“**GROUP HOME** means a care facility that is operated by a government body, an agency, an individual **or individuals**. A Group Home provides....”  
OPPOSED: Councillor McLean CARRIED
- 246/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1736, 1999 AS AMENDED.**  
OPPOSED: Councillor McLean CARRIED
- 247/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1736, 1999 FOR JUNE 8, 1999.** OPPOSED: Councillor McLean CARRIED
- I. City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1737, 1999
- 248/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1737, 1999.** CARRIED
- 249/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1737, 1999.** CARRIED

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

250/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT CAPITAL WORKS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 1737, 1999.** CARRIED

J. City of Merritt 1999 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1738, 1999

251/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1738, 1999.** CARRIED

252/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1738, 1999.** CARRIED

253/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1738, 1999.** CARRIED

K. City of Merritt Five-Year Capital Budget Bylaw No. 1739, 1999

254/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1739, 1999.** CARRIED

255/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1739, 1999.** CARRIED

256/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1739, 1999.** CARRIED

L. City of Merritt 1999 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1740, 1999

257/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 TAX RATES BYLAW NO. 1740, 1999.** CARRIED

258/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 TAX RATES BYLAW NO. 1740, 1999.** CARRIED

259/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 TAX RATES BYLAW NO. 1740, 1999.** CARRIED

1. Memo, May 4, 1999 – Special Council Meeting

Council scheduled a Special Council Meeting for 6:45 p.m. on Friday May 14, 1999 in order to consider adoption of Bylaws No. 1737, 1738, 1739, and 1740, 1999.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.**

**9. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported that the annual Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Conference, held in Revelstoke this year, was very successful and informative. Water Safety Week was proclaimed in the City of Merritt.

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

Councillor Barr – There have been two meetings held for the Community Action Team which is funded through Forest Renewal B.C. The first was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> with nine participants, establishing the mandate, goals and funding base of the group. The second meeting was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> with 5 attendees, which coordinated the direction, reviewed current economic development programs and identified the six actions to be undertaken by the group. The next Local Access Awareness Committee meeting will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1999.

Councillor McLean – Nothing to report at this time.

Councillor Typusiak – The Air Quality Monitoring Station is currently being installed in the City Parking Lot at the corner of Granite and Garcia.

Councillor McCormack – The Economic Development Conference of B.C. was attended recently and one particular seminar “B.C. Hydro Business Care” was concerned with expansion and retention initiatives of B.C. Hydro which proved very interesting. A second session on Tourism – Infrastructure through the Kettle Valley Rail lines was also of interest to participants from Merritt. The recent OMMA Conference in Revelstoke presented the resolution put forward by Merritt Council on the need for a dispute resolution mechanism for municipalities and regional districts. The Coquihalla Connector Committee is very actively countering the Ministry of Highways initiatives to upgrade the existing two lane portion of Hwy 97C from Aspen Grove to Garcia Lake. The Community Futures Annual General Meeting will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Councillor Laird – The recent OMMA conference was one of the better conferences that Councillor Laird had attended, including a very insightful seminar on changes in North American Tourism trends. The next Recreation Commission Meeting will discuss the Voght Park Planning issues in preparation for a preliminary Park Plan. The next CPAC meeting will be a formational meeting to lay the ground work for the future of the group.



10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

3. UBCM
  - i. May 3, 1999 – RCMP Vacancies
  - ii. May 4, 1999 – National Technical Guide for Municipal Infrastructure

4. John Collett, May 4, 1999

Items 3 & 4 were received as information only.

5. Merritt Secondary School, May 5, 1999

265/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE the Processional Route for the 1999 Graduation Route subject to the completion of the Voght Street reconstruction and failing completion, the negotiation of an alternate route from the Merritt Secondary School to the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena. CARRIED

B. **Receive for Information:**

1. Ministry for Children and Families, March 12, 1999

Received as information only.

2. Merritt Victim Services, April 21, 1999 – Annual Report

266/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council SEND a thank you letter to the Merritt Victim Services Organization in appreciation of the services that they are providing to our community. CARRIED

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councillor Laird advised that he will be attending a Ministry of Environment Conference on May 20.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

267/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council TERMINATE the Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 1999 at 8:58 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CLERK