

## CITY OF MERRITT

### **MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MAY 25, 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 - D.McLean, H.McCormack, D.Laird L.Barr, R.Sherwood  
Absent - R.Typusiak

STAFF: T.Day, Administrator  
S.Gill, Treasurer  
D.McTaggart, Engineer  
J.Barry, Clerk  
J.Johnson, Planner  
Jeff Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager  
B.Harrison, Confidential Secretary  
Rob Kojima, Development Officer

MEDIA: NL Radio, Shaw Cable (2)

**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, May 25, 1999.

The Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, May 25, 1999 was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

**4. MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 11, 1999.

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 14 , 1999.

The Minutes, Regular Council Meeting May 11, 1999 and Special Council Meeting, May 11, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1734, 1999  
- Outdoor Garden Centre Text.

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1734, 1999 to order at 7:33 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 7:37 p.m.

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

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A Memo, May 18, 1999, Bylaw No. 1734, 1999.

- i) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1734, 1999.

283/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1734, 1999.** CARRIED

- B. Memo, May 18, 1999, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1728  
- Bed and Breakfast Regulations.

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

284/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1728, 1999.** CARRIED

- C. City of Merritt Highway Encroachment (Travelodge) Bylaw No. 1729, 1999.

285/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT (TRAVELODGE) BYLAW NO. 1729, 1999.**  
OPPOSED: Councillor Laird. CARRIED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.**

**9. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard made the following proclamations:

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> as Clean Air Day
- June 5<sup>th</sup> as Access Awareness Day

286/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that a letter to be SENT to Honourable Minister Cathy McGregor requesting that she reconsider changing the Park Act to permit the harvesting of pine beetle infested timber in parks as opposed to the current practice of burning such wood. CARRIED

287/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council PETITION the B.C. Treasury Branch to budget for completion of four laning of Highway 97C. CARRIED

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

Councillor McCormack - Attended a recent meeting with the local MLA, Highways Minister Harry Lali to discuss the four laning of Highway 97C from Garcia Lake to Aspen Grove. On the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Community Futures AGM, George Mathieu was re-elected chairman. A decision to not proceed with the new building was made. CFDC is seeking the participation of Council at a seminar with Robert Fines, details to follow.

Councillor Barr - The next Access Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the downstairs meeting room at City Hall. Recognizing Access Awareness Day on June 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be an emphasis on enforcement of the City's handicapped parking spaces in order to keep them open for those in need. The Community Action Team's third meeting was held earlier this date in the meeting room at City Hall. On June 15<sup>th</sup> a fact sheet will be distributed to the community asking for suggestions as to what people would like to see in order that the team be community as opposed to city driven.

Councillor Laird - Last Thursday and Friday he attended the New Directions in Environment Conference which highlighted diverse environmental issues:  
- fish protection programs, new sewer regulations, climatic change policies – legislation to control greenhouse gases, park legacy projects – how to use and develop. The Special Events Committee is actively organizing the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration along with the coordinator, Hilary Tomlin.

Councillor McLean – Along with the Treasurer, Engineer and Public Works Foreman, a ¼" crack was investigated at the airport and should be addressed promptly.

Councillor Sherwood – The sidewalk in the 2600 block of Clapperton has now been completed. Voght Street reconstruction of sidewalks, roadway, curb, telephone lines should be completed in the near future. The river levels are being monitored daily resulting in the Ministry of Environment having approved

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Councillor Sherwood – Cont'd.

the installation of riprap at the foot of McMillan Street on the Coldwater River bank. A new grader operator has been hired, Greg Curnow. The drainage project in Central Park is nearing completion. Mosquito Control spraying has now started with the first aerial spray having taken place.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

A) Memo, May 14, 1999, License of Occupation - Tourist Information Centre.

288/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Licence of Occupation dated April 27, 1999 (File No. 3404987) between the Crown and the City for land legally described as Block B of Section 11, Township 91, Kamloops Division of Yale District. CARRIED

B) Memo, May 18, 1999, Tennis Complex Lease Agreement

289/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE the renewal of the Tennis Complex Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt and District Tennis Club as presented at the May 25, 1999 Regular Council Meeting and that the Agreement be EXECUTED by the Mayor and City Clerk. CARRIED

C) Memo, May 18, 1999, Music Festival Showers

290/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE a reduced rate of \$3.00 for showers at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre during the week of the Merritt Mountain Music Festival, and that the Recreation Facilities Manager co-ordinate the provision of showers at both the Arena and the Aquatic Centre with the Arena Operator to ensure consistency in price and that all advertising expenses be shared equally. CARRIED

D) Memo, May 20, 1999, Assessment and Pre-Design Study of the Coldwater River Dyking System. - Assessment and Pre-Design Study Dyking System Coldwater River, Merritt, BC

291/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council RECEIVE the report titled "Assessment and Pre-Design Study Dyking System Coldwater River, Merritt, B.C. prepared by Hydro Consult EN3 Services Ltd. dated May 13, 1999", for information. CARRIED

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**2) Requires Council Action:**

- D) Memo, May 20, 1999, Assessment and Pre-Design Study of the Coldwater River Dyking System. - Assessment and Pre-Design Study Dyking System Coldwater River, Merritt, BC- Cont'd.

292/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DIRECT all emergency construction activities related to flooding of the Coldwater River to be constructed substantially in accordance with the plans contained in the document where feasible as determined by the City Engineer. CARRIED

293/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council REFER the proposed dyking improvements contained in this report to future budget discussions. CARRIED

**3) Receive for Information:**

- A) Memo, May 20, 1999 – Library Location  
i. Leaves Book Nook, April 28, 1999

Council requested that a copy of the memo and letter be sent to the TNRD for their information.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

- 1) District of Tumbler Ridge, May 7, 1999, Keep Mining in BC.  
2) Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, May 10, 1999, Development Variance Permit DVP1999-01.

294/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SEND the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks information regarding DVP1999-01 onto the affected homeowner, Mr. Smoluk. CARRIED

- 3) Federation of Canadian Municipalities, May 18, 1999, Municipal Infrastructure in the Millennium Budget: Model Resolution.

295/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE AND FORWARD the FCM Template Resolution to MP David Anderson along with the addition of storm drains and dyking and further that a copy be sent to the local Member of Parliament, Jim Hart. CARRIED

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 4) Ranchland Natural Beef, May 20, 1999, "A Taste of the Nicola Valley" Tourist Information Centre.

296/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council DIRECT Mr. Chutter of Ranchland Natural Foods Ltd. to make arrangements for the sale of his product directly through the existing concession operators at the Tourist Information Centre.

CARRIED

**C. Receive for Information:**

- 1) BC Hydro, May 12, 1999, BC Hydro Customer Service Improvements.
- 2) Highway 97C:
  - i) TNRD, May 13, 1999, Coquihalla Highway via Merritt to Aspen Grove.
  - ii) Village of Cache Creek, May 12, 1999.
  - ii) Village of Clinton, April 27, 1999.
- 3) FCM, May 20, 1999, FCM Supports Vancouver in Right-Of-Way Dispute

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Boulevard Maintenance – Councillor Laird raised the issue of a Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw and it was pointed out that Staff has this task under consideration with a bylaw forthcoming when time permits.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

297/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CLERK