

## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1999, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

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

STAFF: S.Gill – Treasurer  
J.Barry – Clerk  
D.Brandt – Recreation Manager  
B.Harrison – Confidential Secretary

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, NL Radio, Shaw (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, June 8, 1999

The Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, June 8, 1999, with the addition of Fruitstand Sally under New Business, was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 25, 1999

302/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 25, 1999 as amended to read:

**“11. New Business:**

A. Boulevard Maintenance – Councillor ***Sherwood*** 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. “

CARRIED

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Memo, June 3, 1999 – Public Hearing – OCP Amendment Bylaw 1671, Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1672.
  - i. Merritt Herald, June 7, 1999

303/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **RESCHEDULE** the Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Bylaw 1671 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1672 to June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999. **CARRIED**

304/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **RESCHEDULE** the Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1736 to June 22, 1999. **CARRIED**

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

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A. Memo, May 27, 1999 – Waste on Sidewalks
  - 1. City of Merritt Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1741

305/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1741, 1999.** **CARRIED**

306/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1741, 1999.** **CARRIED**

307/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1741, 1999.** **CARRIED**

- 2. City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1742

308/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.1742, 1999.** **CARRIED**

309/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1742, 1999.** **CARRIED**

310/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1742, 1999.** **CARRIED**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.**

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported that she attended the Nicola Valley Health Advisory planning meetings and that an Ad Hoc Committee has been appointed to develop a business plan for the proposed Wellness Centre. Mayor Norgaard also made the following proclamations:

- June 12, 1999 as National Kids Day
- June 21, 1999 as National Aboriginal Day

The Mayor also reported back to Council on the answers to Council's written concerns regarding the proposed Thompson-Nicola Tourism and Economic Development Society.

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

Councillor Barr - Social Issues Report

- 311/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council SEND a letter to the applicable Ministries requesting additional substance abuse services be made available to residents of Merritt. CARRIED

Councillor McLean – Nothing to report.

Councillor Typusiak – Displayed a poster and contest details of an educational program on recycling of bottles and cans with the request that this be passed onto the School District for their use.

- 312/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE expenses for a daytrip by one member of Council and two members of staff to the Central Okanagan to investigate an existing yard waste pickup and composting program at the Central Okanagan Regional District in Kelowna. CARRIED

Councillor McCormack – On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Economic Development Committee will meet in a Planning Session with the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee to exchange ideas and information. Work is currently underway with Trade and Commerce Magazine to feature a Merritt section and local businesses are urged to participate. Councillor McCormack is also very active in working towards the completion of the four laning of Highway 97C.

Councillor Sherwood – The current flood watch on the local rivers, especially the Coldwater River continues to be monitored. The Public Works Department is sweeping streets daily and preparing for patching and line painting programs. Two summer students have been hired to perform weed control duties.

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

**C. Administration Reports**

**1. Requires Council Action:**

- i. Memo, May 27, 1999 – Application for Permanent Change to Liquor Licence
  - i. Middlesboro Pub, May 31, 1999

313/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SUPPORTS the Middlesboro Neighbourhood Pub's Application for Permanent Change to Liquor Licence dated May 6, 1999 to extend their hours of sale until 1 a.m. CARRIED

314/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SUPPORTS the practices of off-premises sales from the Middlesboro Neighbourhood Pub.  
OPPOSED: Councillors Barr, McCormack, Typusiak, Mayor Norgaard  
DEFEATED

- ii. Memo, May 28, 1999 – Curling Club Lease Agreement

315/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE the renewal of the Curling Club Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt Curling Club as presented at the June 8, 1999 Regular Council meeting and that the agreement be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk. CARRIED

- iii. Memo, April 15, 1999 – Fire Department Training & Interface Burning

316/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE the Fire Department Training Exercise for the Airport Properties. CARRIED

317/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council APPROVE Interface Burns in the following areas:  
1. The Bench area slope below Parker to Central Park  
2. Area below the Grasslands Hotel  
3. End of Armstrong between Bann St. and the Highway  
4. Colletville Area just across the newest bridge  
5. Bench Area north of the paved connector to Ponderosa Way  
and further that Council EXPLAIN in a future "Council Column" article and advertisement, the need for interface burns and why the interface burns are different from the clean air policy. CARRIED

**2. Receive for Information:**

- i. Memo, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1999 – Planning Department Application Procedures Handouts

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**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

1. Merritt Community Skate Park Committee
  - i. May 18, 1999 – Letter to Rec. Commission
  - ii. May 20, 1999

318/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DEFER consideration of the Merritt Community Skate Park Committee's issues until the information has been referred and considered by the Recreation Commission at their meeting on June 16, 1999. CARRIED

2. Ministry of Forests , May 21, 1999 – Update

319/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council REFER the Ministry of Forests, May 21, 1999 letter to the CAT Committee and further that a letter be sent to the Minister of Forests requesting that he remain vigilant in his efforts to support "at-risk" communities dependent on the forest industry. CARRIED

3. Century 21, Moving Real Estate Ltd., May 22, 1999  
- Voght Street Reconstruction

4. Ministry of Employment and Investment, May 28, 1999 - HOMES BC

5. Lou Sekora, MP , June 1, 1999 – Canada Works Infrastructure Program

6. Shaw Cable, June 2, 1999 – Request for Support - Licence Renewal

320/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council SEND a letter of support to Shaw Cable in regards to their Licence Renewal and further SEND a thank you letter to the local Shaw Cable Office for their ongoing support of community events. CARRIED

7. UBCM, June 3, 1999 – Convention Locations

Council supported the UBCM convention schedule which visits Vancouver every other year.

8. Prov. Of B.C. June 3, 1999 – Electoral Boundaries

321/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SEND a letter expressing its disappointment that the status quo had not been maintained with respect to the existing electoral boundaries. CARRIED

9. Darch Osborne, June 4, 1999 – Watering Restrictions

Council directed that Mr. Osborne's complaint regarding overspray of automated sprinkler system be investigated and that staff respond to his fax confirming the watering restrictions.

**B. Receive for Information: Nil.**

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**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Fruit Stand Sally

323/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council ENACT the termination clause provided for in Section 16 of the signed agreement between the City of Merritt and Fruitstand Sally effective as soon as possible as permitted under the agreement.

OPPOSED: Councillor McLean

CARRIED

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

324/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council TERMINATE the Regular Council Meeting, June 8, 1999 at 9:07 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CLERK