

CITY OF MERRITT

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

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

MEDIA: Merritt Herald, Merritt News, NL Radio, Merritt Morning Market,
Super Snooper

PUBLIC: Approximately 60 members of the 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, July 13, 1999.

The Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, July 13, 1999 was adopted with the addition of 8 B) Fruit Stand at the Tourist Information Centre and 11 A) Sewage Dumping from the Merritt Mountain Music Festival by unanimous consent of Council.

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

A. Minutes, Court of Revision, May 11, 1999

The Minutes, Court of Revision, May 11, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

- B. Minutes, Joint Meeting with Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, June 01, 1999

The Minutes, Joint Meeting with Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, June 01, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

- C. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June 22, 1999

The Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June 22, 1999 were amended with the correction of typographical errors in Motions 341/99 and 343/99 to read "Stantec Consulting" and subsequently adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

- D. Minutes, Council Workshop, June 30, 1999

The Minutes, Council Workshop, June 30, 1999 were amended to include the presence of Councillor McCormack and subsequently adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

7. BYLAWS:

- A. City of Merritt Sewage Treatment Plant Land Purchase Referendum Bylaw No. 1745, 1999

373/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LAND PURCHASE REFERENDUM BYLAW NO. 1745, 1999.** CARRIED

- B. Memo, July 6, 1999 – Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720

1. City of Merritt Sewage Treatment Plant Land Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720, 1999

374/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council **RESCIND THIRD READING OF CITY OF MERRITT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LAND PURCHASE LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1720, 1999.** CARRIED

375/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council **AMEND** City of Merritt Sewage Treatment Plant Land Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720, 1999 as described in the City Clerk's July 6, 1999 Memorandum. CARRIED

376/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LAND PURCHASE LOAN AUTHORIZAITON BYLAW NO. 1720, 1999 AS AMENDED.** CARRIED

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7. BYLAWS: - Cont'd.

- C. Memo, June 28, 1999 – Bylaw 1736, 1999 – Group Homes Text
 - 1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1736
- 377/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1736, 1999.**
OPPOSED: Councillor McLean CARRIED
- D. Memo, July 6, 1999 – Election Bylaw and Appointments
 - 1. City of Merritt Elections and Voting Procedures Bylaw No.1746, 1999
- 378/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ELECTIONS AND VOTING PROCEDURES BYLAW NO. 1746, 1999.**
CARRIED
- 379/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ELECTIONS AND VOTING PROCEDURES BYLAW NO. 1746, 1999.**
CARRIED
- 380/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT ELECTIONS AND VOTING PROCEDURES BYLAW NO. 1746, 1999.**
CARRIED
 - 2. Appointment of Election Officers.
- 381/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **APPOINT** Joe Barry as Chief Election Officer for conducting the September 25, 1999 referendum and 1999 general local elections with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the September 25, 1999 referendum and 1999 general local elections; **AND THAT** Bobbie Harrison be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the September 25, 1999 referendum and 1999 general local elections. CARRIED
- E. Memo, July 7, 1999 – Bylaw No. 1747, 1999 – Amendment to Sign Control Bylaw No. 1265, 1989.
 - 1. City of Merritt Sign Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1747, 1999
- 382/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SIGN CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1747, 1999.** CARRIED
- 383/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SIGN CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1747, 1999.** CARRIED
- 384/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SIGN CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW 1747, 1999.** CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Memo, July 8, 1999 – Letter from Merritt Herald Dated July 8, 1999

385/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council abide by its policy and advertise locally in one local newspaper. **CARRIED**

B. Fruitstand at Tourist Information Centre

386/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SUSPEND the action of obtaining an injunction against Sally McLean; AND THAT staff meet with Ms. McLean to discuss the commitments of her former agreement and to obtain a commitment that Ms. McLean is prepared to work with the other Fruitstand Operator, Farmer Ed's; SUBJECT to Farmer Ed's agreement.
OPPOSED: Mayor Norgaard, Councillor Typusiak **CARRIED**

Council requested that staff meet with the two Fruit Stand Operators to facilitate the intent of motion 386/99.

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard attended the Young Ambassador Program's Ceremonies on July 10th and offered her congratulations for the excellent program that was offered by this group and how much she enjoyed renewing acquaintances with past Miss Merritt representatives.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood – Line painting is progressing within the City and planned capital projects are underway. Councillor Sherwood inquired as to the possibility of the construction of a viewpoint on Hwy 5 North, approximately 8 kilometres from Merritt. The Economic Development Committee will investigate the feasibility of the viewpoint with the Ministry of Highways.

Councillor Barr – The Local Access Awareness Committee has recessed for the summer. Councillor Barr attended the CPAC Meeting in place of Councillor Laird and was very impressed with the attendance, level of interest and input from the participants. S/Sgt. Jim Senft will maintain the chair for the meetings. The next meeting will be held on October 6th.

Councillor McLean – A reminder of the Merritt Mountain Music Festival occurring later this week.

Councillor Laird – The July 1st Canada Day celebrations were very well attended and enjoyed by all the participants.

10. REPORTS:

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports: - Cont'd.

Councillor McCormack – Merritt Mountain Music Festival is starting this week and the “Ask Me About Merritt” shirts ordered by the Economic Development Committee are proving to be extremely popular. The City has engaged the services of Urban Systems Ltd. to assist in lobbying towards the “Coquihalla Completion Strategy” and in countering the erroneous information being disseminated by the Coquihalla Coalition.

Councillor Typusiak – On June 28th, Councillor Typusiak, the City Engineer and Confidential Secretary travelled to Kelowna to investigate their garden waste pickup program and subsequently visited the Glenmore Road landfill to tour the community composting program that is currently underway.

387/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council DIRECT Staff to prepare a report for budget discussions on the possibilities of yard waste collection and a community composting program. CARRIED

388/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council DIRECT Staff to prepare a report on changing the City’s present “add a day following a holiday” garbage collection schedule to a 3 or 4 day consistent collection schedule. CARRIED

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

i. Memo, June 30, 1999 – Recreation Commission Recommendations

389/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council APPOINT Margaret Carlson, Kelly Turchak, and Earl Nygaard to the Recreation Commission for a three year term as provided for in Bylaw No. 1631, 1997. CARRIED

390/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SEND a letter of appreciation to each of the retiring members. CARRIED

ii. Memo, June 30, 1999 – Community Action Team Funding

391/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Contribution Agreement between the City of Merritt and Forest Renewal B.C., Thompson Okanagan Region dated June 30, 1999. CARRIED

iii. Memo, July 2, 1999 – Municipal Day

392/99 Moved by Councillor Laird that Council SCHEDULE Municipal Day yearly and allocate funds in the budget each year for the event. CARRIED

10. REPORTS:

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action: - Cont'd.

- iii. Memo, July 2, 1999 – Letter to City Council - Proposed Armstrong Street re-designation
- 393/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council SEND a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Gaucher for any inconvenience that an incorrect street sign created and note that our Public Works Foreman will be changing to the sign to Armstrong Street as soon as possible. CARRIED
- iv. Memo, July 6, 1999 – DP1999-A Merritt Herald Building
- 394/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE Development Permit application DP1999-A. CARRIED
- v. Memo, July 7, 1999 – Sewage Treatment Plant Land Purchase Borrowing Referendum Bylaw No. 1745,
- 395/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council AWARD an extension of Stantec Consulting Ltd.'s contract to provide consulting engineering services to undertake a public information process in the amount of \$9,500 plus GST, with funding to be provided from sewer surplus. This process will include preparation of information brochures and coordination of public meetings to describe the project and respond to technical inquiries. CARRIED
- vi. Memo, July 7, 1999 – Rodeo Day Parade
- 396/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council APPROVE Road Closures for the Rodeo Day Parade route on Saturday September 4, 1999 as described in the Special Events Coordinator's July 7, 1999 memorandum. CARRIED
- vii. Memo, Tourist Information Centre Gift Shop and Art Gallery
- 397/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Operating Agreement between the City of Merritt and Don Moses of MoJo Enterprises Ltd., to operate the Tourist Information Centre Gift Shop from July 15, 1999 to March 31, 2000. CARRIED
- 398/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Operating Agreement between the City of Merritt, MoJo Enterprises Ltd. and Nicola Valley Arts for the operation of the Art Gallery. CARRIED

10. REPORTS:

C. Administration Reports: - Cont'd.

2) Receive for Information:

- i. Memo, July 5, 1999 – Fire Chief's Month End Report for June, 1999
- ii. Memo, July 7, 1999 – Economic Development Committee Report – May / June 1999.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

1. Ministry of Transportation and Highways, June 18, 1999
- UBCM Appointments
- 399/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SCHEDULE a meeting with the Minister of Highways in a local venue rather than during the constrained schedule of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention. CARRIED
2. Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, June 25, 1999
 - i. Draft Response
- 400/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council RESPOND to the Chamber of Commerce letter of June 25, 1999 using the Administrator's draft response with the exclusion of paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 and including an explanation of the Council resolution dealing with Fruit Stand Sally. CARRIED
3. Kate Anderson, June 28, 1999 – Fruit Stand Sally

Received as information only.
 4. Resident's Council of the Coquihalla / Gillis House, June 28, 1999 - Dust from Mill Yard
- 401/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council DIRECT the Bylaw Services Department to investigate the source of dust in the 2000 to 2300 blocks of Coldwater Avenue and FURTHER THAT a letter be sent to the offending property owners requesting dust control measures be taken. CARRIED
5. Nicola Canford Elementary School, June 30, 1999 – Deputy Fire Chief Rod Godard
- 402/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council SEND a letter to Deputy Fire Chief Rob Godard in commendation for his extraordinary volunteer efforts at Nicola Canford School. CARRIED
6. B.Golish, July 2, 1999 – Rapid Sewage Infiltration Lagoons

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses: - Cont'd.

- i. Draft response

403/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council AUTHORIZE the sending of the City Engineer's draft response to Mr. Golish's letter of July 2, 1999. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- 1. UBCM
 - i. June 17, 1999 – Y2K
 - ii. June 26, 1999 – Member Release
 - iii. June 29, 1999 – Member Release

- 2. B.C. Women's Institute, June 20, 1999

404/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council FORWARD a copy of the correspondence received from the B.C. Women's Institute to the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce. CARRIED

- 3. Minister of Finance, July 2, 1999 – Municipal Infrastructure Funding
- 4. MIA, July 5, 1999 – Insurance Claim
- 5. John Collett, July 2, 1999 – Letter for Information
 - i. Response from Stantec – July 6, 1999
 - ii. Response from Stantec – July 6, 1999
- 6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs
 - i. July 6, 1999 – Press Release
 - ii. July 6, 1999 – Local Government Statues Amendment Act
- 7. D.G. Regan and Associates Ltd., July 5, 1999 – Mosquito Control Progress Report

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dumping of sewage from Merritt Mountain Music Festival Site

405/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council REDUCE by \$1,000 charges to Active Mountain Entertainment relating to sewage disposal at the City Sewage Treatment Plant. CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT:

406/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak that Council TERMINATE the Regular Council Meeting at 10:02 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CLERK