

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1999, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Mayor C.Norgaard
Councillors L.Barr, D.McLean, H.McCormack, R.Sherwood

ABSENT: Councillors D.Laird, R.Typusiak

STAFF T.Day, Administrator
S.Gill, Treasurer
J.Barry, Clerk
J.Johnson, Planner
B.Harrison, Confidential Secretary

MEDIA: Merritt Morning Market, NL Radio

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, August 10, 1999.

The Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, August 10, 1999 was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

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

424/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council ADOPT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, July 27, 1999 as amended to include correction of omission of reference to "4H" in the Mayor's Report and amend Councillor McCormack's report to read in part: "Minister Lali gave his support for the strategy and assured the commencement of construction of the first stage of the 4 laning of 97C will occur this fall."
CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

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

7. BYLAWS:

- A. Memo, August 4, 1999 – Municipal Ticketing – Additional Offences
1. City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1744, 1999

425/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1744, 1999.** CARRIED

426/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1744, 1999.** CARRIED

427/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1744, 1999.** CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.

9. REPORTS:

- A. **Mayor's Reports:** Mayor Norgaard had nothing to report at this time.

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

Councillor Sherwood – The City Engineer has very recently received notice that the City has received a Provincial Grant of \$300,000 towards Flood Control based on 75% funding of a \$400,000 project. The Colletville Park irrigation system is nearing completion and hookup to the water system. Line painting will be completed this weekend. Fencing and cleanup of the Public Works Yard are now completed along with crack sealing at the Airport. Five new benches have been installed around the City. 70,000 ladybugs will be released later this date in an effort to eradicate the aphids which are infesting the trees in the downtown area. The traffic lights at the intersection of Voght and Quilchena will continue to blink until the controller board can be repaired.

428/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood that Council **DIRECT** Staff to prepare a report on the meters in City Parking Lots **AND FURTHER** to remove the three remaining meters from the old City Hall Parking Lot until such time as a decision is made on the future of the City's parking meters. CARRIED

Councillor McCormack – There has been positive feedback from the City's Coquihalla Completion Strategy presentation. Councillor McCormack has spoken with a number of interested parties and support is present among local ranchers and First Nations representatives.

429/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council:

- ENDORSE the Ministry of Transportation and Highways commitment to constructing approximately 6 km. of highway upgrades on Highway 97C north from Aspen Grove, commencing the Fall of 1999.
 - SUPPORT the Ministry of Transportation and Highways' efforts to select an alignment for the upgrade commitment that is the least invasive for non transportation values along its route.
 - ENCOURAGES the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to select an alignment for the balance of upgrades between Aspen Grove and Merritt, that will be the least invasive to the grassland values along the remainder of the existing Highway 97C corridor.
- CARRIED

Councillor McLean – A debriefing was held to examine the success of this year's Merritt Mountain Music Festival. The City's shed was an improvement over the previous tents and the "Ask Me About Merritt" T Shirts were extremely popular with approximately 1,000 printed and distributed to businesses.

Councillor Barr – The Community Action Team held a meeting this morning. The CPAC group has expressed support for a new Healthy Communities initiative.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i. Memo, July 30, 1999 – DP1999-B Coquihalla Motor Inn

430/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council APPROVE Development Permit application DP1999-B. CARRIED

- ii. Memo, August 4, 1999 – Response to Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Edginton

Council agreed to retain the practice of a reactive approach to storing Recreational Vehicles on road right of ways.

431/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council DIRECT Councillor Sherwood to investigate solutions to the RV parking problems that the Edginton's are experiencing on Sage Place and report back to Council with his findings. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information: Nil.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

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1. Eagle Valley Community Measures Program, July 6, 1999 - 1999
Community Crime Prevention, Restorative Justice Conference

- 432/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SUPPORT one member of the Community Restorative Justice Committee to attend the 1999 Community Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice Conference. CARRIED

2. OMMA, July 16, 1999 – Invitation for Proposals

- 433/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council AUTHORIZE a bid to host the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Convention in 2001. CARRIED

3. Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) Conservation Initiative
 - i. Reg.District of Bulkley-Nechako, July 21, 1999
 - ii. Share Cariboo / Chilcotin Resources, July 27, 1999

- 434/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council SEND a letter of support to the opponents of the Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) Conservation Initiative. CARRIED

4. District of West Vancouver, July 26, 1999 – Notice of Motion
Requesting Change in Legislation

- 435/99 Moved by Councillor Barr that Council SUPPORT West Vancouver in their resolution demanding that the Bill currently before the Legislature introducing amendments to the Municipal Act be amended to include collateral amendment to the Interpretation Act repealing the exception contained in section 14(2). CARRIED

5. UBCM, July 26, 1999 – Funding Available for Regional “Community to Community” Forums.

This correspondence was received for information only.

6. Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, July 26, 1999 –
Application #ZZ-32533

- 436/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council COMMIT to endeavour to make the agricultural remainder of the Collett Lands available for agricultural development should the Referendum process be successful and the City acquires the lands for the expansion of the Sewage Treatment Plant Settlement Ponds. CARRIED

7. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, July 28, 1999 – Street Closure Requests

- 437/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack that Council APPROVE the Chamber of Commerce requested Street Closures during the year 2000 subject to the Chamber ensuring that the residents of Garcia Street retain access to their homes. CARRIED

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8. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, August 5, 1999 – UBCM Appointments

438/99

Moved by Councillor McLean that Council SCHEDULE meetings with the Minister of Municipal Affairs at the annual UBCM Convention to discuss the following:

- Sewer Treatment Upgrades
- Capital Upgrade Program for Devolved Roads
- Local Fire Sprinkler Regulations
- Counter Petition Process
- Federal / Provincial Infrastructure Program

CARRIED

B. Receive for Information: Nil

11. NEW BUSINESS:


12. ADJOURNMENT:

439/99

Moved by Councillor Barr that Council TERMINATE this meeting at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


J.E. Barty, CLERK