

# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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. Laird, H. McCormack, D. McLean,  
R. Sherwood, R. Typusiak

STAFF: T. Day, Administrator  
S. Gill, Treasurer  
J. Barry, Clerk  
J. Johnson, Planner  
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager  
B. Kelsey, Fire Chief  
D. McTaggart, Engineer

MEDIA: Merritt Herald  
NL Radio  
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 4 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. Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, September 14, 1999.

The Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, September 14, 1999 was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, August 24, 1999

The Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, August 24, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

### 6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A. Memo, September 2, 1999, Bylaw No. 1744 - Municipal Ticketing  
1) City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1744, 1999.

478/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council **ADOPT CITY OF MERRITT MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1744, 1999.** CARRIED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.**

**9. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard announced that an Advance Poll for the September 25, 1999 referendum will be held on September 15, 1999 and that it is important for the public to come out and cast their ballot in the referendum to purchase land for expansion of the City's rapid infiltration ponds.

Mayor Norgaard attended the TNRD Board meeting on September 9 and 10 and advised that the TNRD will be drafting a bylaw to prepare an emergency preparedness plan which will consist of evacuation plans only; that Eli Mina, Registered Parliamentarian, will be contracted to do a workshop for the Board in January at a cost of \$2,000 per day plus expenses; that the TNRD is developing a strategy to deliver services to the public more efficiently and effectively; that the TNRD will be forming a film commission which will be established by bylaw and that the proposed budget in the first year will be \$125,000 and \$100,000 in subsequent years; and that the TNRD supported in principle a smart community demonstration project with participation from Community Futures, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Organizations, F.R.B.C., U.C.C. and other business organizations and skill training centres.

Mayor Norgaard also attended the Nicola Valley Health Advisory Committee meeting on September 8 and remarked that the operational review of the Nicola Valley General Hospital is ongoing but both NVHAC and the City are requesting the opportunity to review the report before implementation; the NVHAC expressed the need for a transit system; there is an new physiotherapist from South Africa at the Hospital; ultra sound procedures will be transmitted to Kamloops RIH for instant reading two days per week.

Mayor Norgaard reported that she has proclaimed September 21, 1999 as 1999 Day for Child sponsored by Subway; the week of October 4-10 as National Family Week; and September 26, 1999 as Rivers Day in the City of Merritt.

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

Councillor Barr – The next meeting of the Access Awareness Committee is on September 23, 1999. The Community Action Team report has been delayed due to a member's personal difficulties.

Councillor Sherwood – Reported that the Langley/Cleasby improvements are well underway and that the crews have undertaken some street patching and replacement of street signs.

Councillor Laird – Highlighted the reports prepared by Hilary Tomlin, Special Events and Water Conservation Coordinator.

Councillor McLean – Attended Kamloops' City Council meeting to present the Coquihalla Completion Strategy.

Councillor Typusiak – Has left 4 messages with the Ministry of Environment regarding the Air Quality Study and has received no reply to date.

Councillor McCormack – Attended meetings with the Merritt Ambassador Society and the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee; discussed the Coquihalla Completion Strategy as well as the response from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways regarding scenic lookouts on the Coquihalla Highway.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

a) Memo, August 25, 1999, Redundant, Outdated Bylaws.

479/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council review and approve the list of bylaws in preparation for a bylaw to rescind outdated and redundant bylaws. CARRIED

b) Memo, September 1, 1999, St. Michael's Anglican Church.

480/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT St. Michael's Anglican Church continue to be charged at the commercial rate for water, sewer and garbage service. CARRIED

c) Memo, September 7, 1999, Remuneration of Election Officials.

481/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council approve the following Election Official remuneration for the September 25, 1999 referendum and also for the 1999 General Local Election: Chief Election Officer, \$445; Deputy Chief Election Officer, \$325; Poll/Counter Clerks, \$12/hr. CARRIED

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- d) Memo, September 8, 1999, Scheduling Conflict - Council Meeting & UBCM Convention.
- 482/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT the September 28, 1999 Council meeting be rescheduled to Monday September 27, 1999. CARRIED
- e) Memo, September 8, 1999, Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Arbitration.
- 483/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council receives and accepts the Arbitration decision attached to the Treasurer's September 8, 1999 memorandum regarding the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre. CARRIED
- f) Memo, September 8, 1999, Development Variance Permit 1999-04- Merritt Plateau Holdings.
- 484/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Development Variance Permit application DVP1999-04 be refused by resolution. CARRIED
- 485/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council direct staff to meet with interested developers to discuss the feasibility of a common billboard sign.  
OPPOSED: Councillors Sherwood, Typusiak CARRIED
- g) Memo, September 9, 1999, Extension of 1998 Tax Sale Redemption Period.
- 486/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT Council direct staff to draft a bylaw to extend the redemption period for property #4711-001 acquired by the City of Merritt by one year. CARRIED
- h) Memo, September 13, 1999, Coldwater River Dyking – Phase 1 – Engineering Services.
- 487/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council award the Engineering Services for the design and construction administration of the Coldwater River Dyking Improvements (Phase 1) to Stantec Consulting Ltd., in the amount of \$47,960 plus GST. CARRIED
- i) Memo, September 14, 1999, Lease to Community Futures.
- 488/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate a five year lease with Community Futures for the existing space and the portion of space currently occupied by the large storage area on the main floor; AND THAT the City's portion of the costs to renovate the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor not exceed \$1,500. CARRIED

j) Memo, September 14, 1999, Northeast Sector Specified Areas.

489/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT the City continue to charge Specified Area Charges based on the developable area of each of the properties located in the specified areas as defined by Bylaws 1547 and 1548; AND THAT the Northeast Specified Areas be treated as single specified areas as per Bylaws 1461 and 1462. CARRIED

**2) Receive for Information:**

a) Memo, August 31, 1999, Special Events Report.

490/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT the Special Events Coordinator's August 31, 1999 memorandum be included as part of the new Council orientation package. CARRIED

b) Memo, August 31, 1999, Blue Thumb Report.

Received as information only.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

1) Fisheries and Oceans, August 17, 1999, Consultation in Advance of a Proposed Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction.

Received as information only.

2) Mental Health Centre, August 19, 1999, Community Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

Councillor Barr volunteered to sit as Council's representative on the steering committee.

3) Merritt Food Forum Steering Committee, August 30, 1999, Merritt Food Forum.

Received as information only.

4) UBCM, September 2, 1999, Proposed Business Summit/UBCM MOU.

Received as information only.

5) Merritt & District Youth Resources Society, September 7, 1999, \$5,000.00 Grant for Outreach Program.

491/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve a \$5,000 grant to the Merritt & District Youth Resources Society for their Outreach Program. CARRIED

6) FCM, September 7, 1999, Community Leaders Partnership Program.

492/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council submit an Expression of Interest for FCM's Community Leaders Partnership Program. CARRIED

**B. Receive for Information:**

- 1) Minister of Environment, August 17, 1999, Park Act.
- 2) Minister of Labour, August 17, 1999, Charitable Bingo Gaming.
- 3) Coquihalla Completion Study.
  - i) Urban Systems, August 17, 1999
  - ii) Nelson Riis, MP, August 23, 1999
- 4) Carol Whiting, August 23, 1999, Public Works Department.
- 5) Corporation of the District of North Vancouver, August 24, 1999, A Sound Approach to Tax Reduction.
- 6) District of Invermere, September 1, 1999, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y).
- 7) BC Hydro, September 2, 1999, Year 2000 Preparations.
- 8) Cheryl Taneda, September 4, 1999, Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre.
- 9) Ministry of Transportation and Highways, August 30, 1999, Scenic Lookouts on Coquihalla Highway.

These nine items were received as information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

493/99 Moved by Councillor McLean that Council terminate the Regular Council Meeting at 8:55 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CLERK