

CITY OF MERRITT

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1999, AT 5:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

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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 a 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 2nd 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

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW NO. 1720

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF THE COST OF PURCHASING LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt deems it necessary and appropriate to purchase land to facilitate the provision and construction of a sewage treatment plant;

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost for this purchase, including expenses incidental thereto, is the sum of One Million, One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,170,000);

AND WHEREAS the amount of the assessed value for general municipal purposes of the taxable land and improvements for the current year and for each of the two years immediately preceding the current year were:

1996:	\$369,128,048
1997:	\$384,702,050
1998:	\$408,362,150

AND WHEREAS the amount of the authorized debenture debt of the municipality as at December 31, 1997 is Five Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-eight Thousand, Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$5,398,009) of which Five Million, Three Hundred and Ninety-eight Thousand, Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$5,398,009) is existing outstanding debenture debt and is authorized and unissued debenture debt, and none of the Principal or Interest of the debenture debt of the Municipality is in arrears;

AND WHEREAS the depreciated value of the sewer utility system as at December 31, 1997 is Five Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-two Dollars and No Cents (\$5,984,942);

AND WHEREAS the maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by the bylaw is Twenty (20) years;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 455 of the Municipal Act, the purchase of land to facilitate the provision and construction of a sewage treatment plant conforms to the Municipality's Capital Expenditure Program;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 458 of the Municipal Act a counter petition opportunity has been provided, and more than five percent (5%) of the electors have petitioned against the borrowing authorized by this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the borrowing authorized by this bylaw has received assent of the electors;

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NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Merritt, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "**City of Merritt Sewage Treatment Plant Land Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720, 1999**".
2. That the Council is authorized to purchase the following properties from S.A.L. Properties Ltd.:
 - a). District Lot 176, KDYD, Except (1) Plans H18324 and 34260 (2) part lying south and west of Plan H18324;
 - b). District Lot 126, KDYD, except Coal and Plans B583, 561, 11119, 11987, 12017, M17853, H18324, 38861 and KAP46045; and,
 - c). That Part of District Lot 126 shown on Plan B583, KDYD, Except Plan KAP57206.
3. That the Council is hereby empowered and authorized to borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Million, One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,170,000)

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 12th day of January, 1999.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 12th day of January, 1999.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 12th day of January, 1999.

RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES
this 5th day of February, 1999.

RESCIND THIRD READING THIS 13th day of July, 1999.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 13th day of July, 1999.

RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES
this 5th day of August, 1999.

ADOPTED THIS day of , 1999.

C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR

J.E. Barry, CLERK

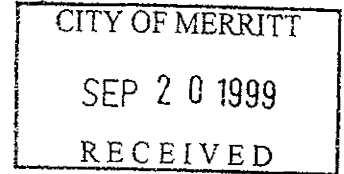
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September 15, 1999

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Attention: Mayor Clara Norgaard and Council

Dear Mayor Norgaard and Council:

We are writing to you concerning the proposed Nisga'a Final Agreement (NFA) which will be presented to federal Parliament later this year. We request that your Council hold a referendum to determine local support for the NFA in conjunction with Council elections this fall.

The NFA sets a precedent for the settlement of treaties throughout British Columbia. Your Council and all those who live in your community will be seriously affected by the outcome of treaty negotiations. Unfortunately, residents involved in the treaty advisory process will tell you that they have generally been ineffective in influencing federal/provincial negotiating mandates. A referendum on the NFA may be the only real opportunity your Council has to influence the outcome of treaty negotiations in your region. Federal and provincial government negotiators and local officials must know whether the residents of the City of Merrit consider the NFA precedent suitable for implementation in their region.

Section 215 of the *Municipal Act* is the perfect vehicle for a referendum on the NFA. We have been advised that the cost for this referendum will be approximately \$500 per 15,000 residents. This cost is immaterial when compared to the multi-billion dollar cost of treaties. The referendum question we suggest is:

Do you support the Nisga'a Final Agreement as it stands today?

Polling by Marktrend and Angus Reid indicates that BC residents have a strong desire for a referendum on the NFA no matter whether they support or oppose the treaty. We hope you will pass an immediate motion in support of a referendum on the NFA. Allow local residents to have their say on a treaty which will change BC forever.

Yours truly,
BC Fisheries Survival Coalition

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Eidsvik".

per:
Phillip Eidsvik



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Agenda
Sept 27th

September 20, 1999

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City of Merritt
P.O. Box 189
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Attention: *Tom Day, Administrator*

RE: COQUIHALLA COMPLETION STRATEGY

This letter, together with various conversations amongst yourself, Councillor McCormack, Mayor Norgaard and the writer provides an opportunity to report on our progress to date. Kindly also find enclosed our monthly account reflective of direct consultations with local government, federal representatives, First Nations, the media and others.

We have had no success at Victoria obtaining the toll records we wanted and the person engaged has been asked to stand down from that effort. No monies have been paid out in that regard. It may be useful to revisit that need in due course, but at the moment we are making good progress without that specific data by simply sticking to the principles Merritt's initiative.

Generally response to our initiative has been positive, with the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District having now unanimously endorsed Merritt's proposal. That endorsement is significant because the OSRD includes Princeton and will be an important player in any trans-border activity that may be moved forward over the next several months. The City of Kamloops formally endorsed Merritt's initiative following a presentation led by Councillor McLean on September 14, 1999.

On September 10, 1999 the Coldwater Indian Band formally advised the Provincial Agriculture Land Commission of its support for the Ministry of Transportation and Highway's Project No. 21361, as well as the fact they assert both general and specific claims to land through which the proposed Kingsvale Cutoff would have to traverse. Conversely Mr. Gardner of the Douglas Lake Cattle Co., on radio, publicly expressed his opposition to Project No. 21361 without first having a study of the Kingsvale Cutoff route. Material before the Land Commission shows clearly the actual impact on agriculture from Project No. 21361 is minuscule, and if they turn down the MoTH request it could only be interpreted as a decision taken for reasons extraneous to land use and agriculture potential for the land that is subject to the specific application.

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September 23, 1999

During our presentation to the City of Kelowna and representatives of the Central Okanagan Regional District, it became clear the highest priority item for that area is the "bridge" across the lake to the Westbank area. Equally, clearly it appears local government leaders recognize any financing for a new crossing will require some regional dynamics both as to timing and resources. The civic leadership in Kelowna, met with on September 7th, disclosed a positive attitude toward Merritt's initiative, in part because it is regional in its scope.

We have not met with Lake Country, Osoyoos, Oliver, Okanagan Falls, or the South Shuswap/North Okanagan communities. Mr. Kuriyama from the Shuswap Regional District advised he has received information from yourself sufficient to inform his Directors about the initiative.

At the UBCM it is understood Merritt will have a "booth" at which delegates can come to discuss the Coquihalla Completion Strategy. We would appreciate it if the City invites administrative staff, particularly, from every affected local government and if possible schedules them for a specific time either alone or in a group to receive the presentation. As well, all local elected people from areas we have not yet presented to, also should be invited. It is important this process happen before the OMMA luncheon I will address at noon on September 29th, so that the audience addressed all have a common base of information.

The goal at the OMMA meeting should be to get that group's endorsement and to set in motion a process to keep the momentum now achieved moving forward. Keeping the momentum going will require financial resources for what now is a regional program from more than simply Merritt and it will require someone being selected to keep building the broad public consensus now emerging into a force that is irresistible by whomever leads government at Victoria.

Looking forward to furthering this growing and important initiative, we remain,

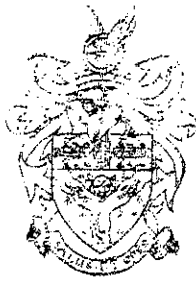
Yours truly,

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Bud Smith, QC
Director and General Counsel

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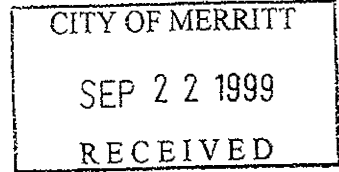
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1999 September 20



Mayor Clara Norgaard and Council
City of Merritt
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Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: Coquihalla Highway System

On 1999 September 14, Kamloops Council received a presentation by Councillor Daryll McLean and Mr. Bud Smith regarding the Coquihalla Highway system.

Kamloops Council passed a motion in support of the City of Merritt's proposal that the Coquihalla Highway tolls not be placed in the Provincial Government General Revenue Fund and that half of the toll funds be used to pay for the completion of the primary Coquihalla Highway with the other half being used for property acquisition, design work and maintenance on the Coquihalla Highway system.

Yours truly,

Handwritten signature of D. M. Fediuk in cursive.

D. M. Fediuk (Mrs.)
Deputy Corporate Administrator

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