

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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, H. McCormack, D. McLean, R. Sherwood, D. Laird

ABSENT: Councillor R. Typusiak

STAFF: T. Day, Administrator
J. Barry, Clerk
C. Bacon, Confidential Secretary
J. Johnson, City Planner
B. Kelsey, Fire Chief
D. McTaggart, Engineer
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager

MEDIA: Shaw Cable, NL Radio, Merritt Herald, Merritt Morning Market

PUBLIC: 22 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, October 12, 1999.

513/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Amended Agenda Regular Council Meeting, October 12, 1999 be adopted as amended with the addition of 9. NEW BUSINESS: A) Two appreciation letters – Councillor McLean. CARRIED

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

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

The Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, September 27, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1708, 1999.

B. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1709, 1999.

Mayor Norgaard called the Public Hearing to order at 7:32 p.m. The Planner presented the background to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1708, 1999 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1709, 1999. Mayor Norgaard read the statement concerning public hearings and called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaw.

1. Peter Walters, Regional Manager Land Sales Division of B.C. Assets and Land Corporation, thanked Council, City Staff and the people of Merritt for this long term planning project.
2. Jane Mastin from B.C. Assets and Land Corporation presented a history of the project. She addressed concerns that had been previously raised related to Development Cost Charges, Ministry of Transportation and Highways approval, transportation, sensitive neighborhood integration and development phasing. She concluded by thanking Council, City Staff and residents of Merritt for working with them on this project.
3. Claude Lelievre, Active Mountain Entertainment indicated that he was opposed until the economic situation in Merritt improves.
4. Joe Brkich of 3375 Boyd Rd., Merritt, stated he was concerned that access to the lane remain. He did not indicate whether he was for or against the project.
5. Pat Lamb, 1950 Garcia Street, Merritt, indicated that she was opposed to the project and recommended that rezoning not be done until all current on-going subdivisions and developments are totaled for the current impact on our existing system. In addition the DCC background report and DCC Bylaw should be updated to recognize that these lands pay for incremental upgrading, sanitary sewer treatment, and/or Bench sewer line, roads and water availability.
6. Jim Rabbitt, Ponderosa Pine Land Development, Merritt was opposed to the project and voiced concerns about the proposed layout of the project, specifically two dead end cul de sacs and the impact of future development on DL 180. He also felt the Environmental issue should be dealt with first. He asked if Council has considered entering into discussion with Crown Lands on a joint venture so that they share in the profit that the rezoning and change in the OCP will give Crown Lands. He also raised concern about the impact of arterial traffic on Juniper Drive from Walters Street and Grimmatt Street
7. Keith Simmonds, 1851 Granite Ave. referred to the Municipal planning results in Kamloops and Kelowna. He stated that a planning process was very important for the long term. He did not indicate whether he was for or against the project.

8. John Graham, 3451 Pineridge Drive, raised several issues regarding the creation of a new R1A zone; smaller Single Family Residential with 3 metre frontage setback and residential parking on a small lot; no access to Lot 180; lanes and walkways should not follow the same route as the streets; and he would like to see smaller park areas within walking distance of residential areas. He asked Council not to adopt these Bylaws at this time until some of these concerns have been addressed.
9. Richie Gage, 1776 Juniper Drive indicated concerns with the heavy traffic along the lane down to Juniper Drive which is a very narrow street. He was also concerned about expansion of Bench Elementary School in the future and the impact of increased traffic. As well Grimmatt Street has a very steep slope and driving is hazardous in winter. He is opposed and felt more study was needed.

Mayor Norgaard called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaw and hearing no one, declared the public hearing for Bylaw No. 1708 and Bylaw No. 1709 closed at 8:30 p.m.

Council, by unanimous consent, ADJOURNED the meeting for a short break at 8:31 p.m.

MEETING RESUMED: 8:34 p.m.

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

7. **BYLAWS:**

A. City of Merritt 1999 Amended Budget Bylaw No. 1751, 1999.

514/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 AMENDED BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1751, 1999.** CARRIED

515/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 AMENDED BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1751, 1999.**
CARRIED

516/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT 1999 AMENDED BUDGET BYLAW NO. 1751, 1999.**CARRIED

B. City of Merritt Repealing Bylaw No. 1652, 1999.

517/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT REPEALING BYLAW NO. 1652, 1999.** CARRIED

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519/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT REPEALING BYLAW NO. 1652, 1999.** CARRIED

C. City of Merritt Tax Sale Redemption Period Extension Bylaw No. 1752, 1999.

520/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council adopt **CITY OF MERRITT TAX SALE REDEMPTION PERIOD EXTENSION BYLAW NO. 1752, 1999.** CARRIED

D. Memo October 1, 1999, Community Economic Development

1. City of Merritt Sign Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1749, 1999.

521/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SIGN CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1749, 1999.** CARRIED

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523/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT SIGN CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1749, 1999.** CARRIED

524/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council direct staff to advise Mrs. Garthwaite to cover sign until approved. CARRIED

E. Memo, October 5, 1999, Upper Bench Land Use Plan – Crown Lands.

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1708, 1999.

525/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report comparing the capacity of the City Sewer Treatment Plant to the demand that existing approved development and this proposal places on the sewer system, prior to Council considering this application for **THIRD READING.** CARRIED

2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1709, 1999.

526/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report comparing the capacity of the City Sewer Treatment Plant to the demand that existing approved development and this proposal places on the sewer system, prior to Council considering this application for THIRD READING. CARRIED

- F. City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1753, 1999.

527/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council **GIVE FIRST READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1753, 1999.** CARRIED

528/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council **GIVE SECOND READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1753, 1999.** CARRIED

529/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council **GIVE THIRD READING TO CITY OF MERRITT TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1753, 1999.** CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard reported on the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention she attended from September 28 to October 1, 1999.

Mayor Norgaard also declared the Week of October 18 – 24 as TNRD Library Week as the TNRD Library System is celebrating it's 25th Year of Service.

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

Ron Sherwood – Reported that the work on Cleasby and Langley Street is progressing and paving will start this Friday or Monday. Colletville Park is to be seeded this fall.

Councillor Barr – Nil.

Councillor McLean – Reported on his and Councillor McCormack's meeting with Air Transport (ATAB) at the UBCM Convention.

Councillor Laird – Nil.

Councillor McCormack – Reported on his meeting with the Deputy Minister of Environment O'Reardon. He also advised that B.C. Environment would be looking at hiring staff this year in reference to the Air Quality Study.

He advised that the Coquihalla completion strategy received support from other areas within the province. Highways Minister H. Lali committed to providing the Committee made up of the five Regional Chairs with staff support from Highways Ministry as well as the Provincial Transportation and Finance Authority.

Councillor McCormack also referred to the Economic Development fees and costs information report that shows where Merritt fits in relation to fee comparison, development cost charges and average residential property taxes.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i. Memo, September 28, 1999 – Merritt SkatePark.
530/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council direct staff determine the process for referring items to the Community Justice Centre and to request that the referral happen. CARRIED
- 531/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT signs recommending that children under the age of 12 be accompanied by a responsible adult be posted at the SkatePark. CARRIED
- ii. Memo, September 24, 1999 – Old Computer Components.
532/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council donate the following components to Sunrise Rotary Club to repair and donate to local students 13 keyboards; 12 monitors; 11 hard drives; 3 printers. CARRIED
- iii. Memo, October 6, 1999 – Development Variance Permit Application DVP1999-04-Merritt Plateau Holdings – Sign Bylaw Variance – Delegation.
533/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council direct staff to refund Mr. Rizzardo's Development Variance Permit Application fee AND advise staff to direct Mr. Rizzardo to apply for a Community Economic Development Sign as proposed in Sign Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1749. CARRIED

- iv. Memo, October 1, 1999 - Development Variance Permit Application DVP99-05 – Superstar Properties.

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Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council approve development variance permit application DVP1999-05 by resolution.

CARRIED

- v. Item Deleted upon adoption of Agenda.
- vi. Verbal Report from Administrator – Y2K Readiness.

The Administrator provided an update on the Y2K readiness being undertaken by the City.

- vii. Memo, October 7, 1999 – SkatePark Gate.

535/99

Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council direct staff to distribute notices to all Voght Park residents, notifying them of the request submitted by the Merritt Community SkatePark Committee to change the regulation to open and close the facility, and to request feedback; AND THAT the results of the notice to change the open and close regulation be presented to Council at the November 9, 1999 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Receive for Information:

- i. Building Permits Report for August 1999.
- ii. Building Permits Report for September 1999.
- iii. Memo, October 4, 1999 – Economic Development Committee Report – July-September 1999.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- 1. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, September 15, 1999 - 3rd Annual Santa Claus Parade.

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Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council authorize the Parade Route as described in the Chamber's September 15, 1999 letter. CARRIED

2. Merritt Christian Ministerial Association, June 9, 1999
– White Ribbon Against Pornography Week.

Mayor Norgaard proclaimed the week of October 24th to October 31st as White Ribbon Against Pornography Week.

3. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, October 6, 1999 – All Candidates Meeting.

537/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council waive the rental fee for the use of the Civic Centre on October 27th and Council Chambers for October 28th, 1999. CARRIED

4. Giselle Strodl, October 4, 1999 – Path request.

1. Engineer's Letter of response – March 16, 1999.

538/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council direct staff to send the same response as sent in March to Giselle Strodl regarding her request for a path. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

1. B.C. Hydro, September 29, 1999 – Council Concerns – Meeting of June 30th with Mayor and Council.
2. Thank you card – Alec and Marilyn Hunchak.
3. Thompson Health Region, September 9, 1999 – Review of Nicola Valley Health Services.
4. Kootenay Conference on Forest Alternatives Workshop, November 4 – 6, Nelson, B.C.

The four items listed above were received as information.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

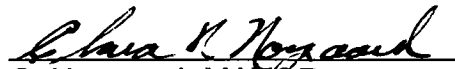
- A) Two appreciation letters – Councillor McLean.

539/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council direct staff to send a Thank You letter to the British Columbia Laboratory Technicians for holding their Convention in Merritt; AND THAT staff send a letter to the Lariat Motel owner for demolishing a portion of their building. CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT:

540/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council terminate this meeting at 10:05 p.m.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C. Norgaard, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CLERK