

# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1999, AT 7:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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### 1. PRESENT:

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

STAFF: T. Day, Administrator  
J. Barry, Clerk  
C. Bacon, Confidential Secretary  
J. Johnson, City Planner  
L. Simpson, Bylaw Services Officer  
B. Kelsey, Fire Chief  
D. McTaggart, Engineer

MEDIA: Shaw Cable, Merritt Herald, Radio NL.

PUBLIC: 5 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 26, 1999.

The Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, October 26, 1999 was adopted by unanimous consent of Council.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 12, 1999.

545/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council Adopt the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 12, 1999 as amended with the deletion of J. Norburn from staff members present. CARRIED

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

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**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- A. Paddy Harrington, Kamloops Foundation.

Paddy Harrington from the Kamloops Foundation made a presentation to Council regarding the proposal of the creation of a "Merritt Community Fund".

- B. Jim Rabbitt.

Jim Rabbitt of Merritt made a presentation to Council regarding the City Truck Route. Mr. Rabbitt requested Council to exempt trucks on Voght Street from Section 311 of Traffic Bylaw No. 1264, 1989 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. seven days a week. He presented Council with a ninety-one name petition.

**7. BYLAWS:**

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

546/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Sign Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1749, 1999. CARRIED

- B. City of Merritt 1999 Amended Budget Bylaw No. 1751, 1999.

547/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt City of Merritt 1999 Amended Budget Bylaw No. 1751, 1999 CARRIED

- C. City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1755, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 231 of the Municipal Act, Mayor Norgaard declared she was unable to participate in discussing or voting on City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1755, 1999 due to being employed in the trucking industry. Mayor Norgaard immediately left the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m. and Councillor Barr assumed the chair as Acting Mayor.

548/99 Moved by Councillor R. Sherwood THAT Council give First Reading to City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1755, 1999. CARRIED

549/99 Moved by Councillor R. Typusiak THAT Council give Second Reading to City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1755, 1999. CARRIED

550/99 Moved by Councillor R. Typusiak THAT Council give Third Reading to City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1755, 1999. CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard returned to the meeting and assumed the chair at 8:16 p.m.

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

551/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Repealing Bylaw No. 1652, 1999. CARRIED

E. City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1753, 1999.

552/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1753, 1999. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Paddy Harrington, Kamloops Foundation.

553/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT the information provided by the Kamloops Foundation regarding endowment funds be provided to the New Council for consideration of grant-in-aid during budget time; AND THAT the information be circulated to service groups in Merritt. CARRIED

B. Jim Rabbitt.

554/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council members and staff meet with the truckers committee and draft an acceptable proposal for preparation of a Bylaw. CARRIED

555/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT the Bylaw Services Officer be directed to not enforce regulations against unloaded logging trucks travelling off truck routes. OPPOSED: Councillor McLean CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Norgaard declared the Week of November 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> as Crime Prevention Week and the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> as Veterans Week.

Mayor Norgaard also advised that the NVIT/UCC College Campus sod turning ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

Councillor Barr reported on the Forest Policy Committee Review Workshop she attended in Kamloops on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Councillor Barr reported on the Critical Incident Stress Management Steering Committee Meeting she attended on behalf of Council on October 20, 1999. There will be a two day training seminar in Critical Incident Stress Management to be held November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> for all members of the Steering Committee. Councillor Barr requested City Staff be given the opportunity to have 1 – 2 Staff attend training as she would be unable to attend. The training is sponsored by the First Nations Emergency Services B.C.

Councillor Barr advised that the next Access Awareness Committee meeting will be held December 9<sup>th</sup> in the downstairs meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

556/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the number of Bylaw Enforcement personnel and programs be referred to budget discussions. CARRIED

557/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Contribution Agreement between the City of Merritt and Forest Renewal BC, Thompson-Okanagan Region dated September 30, 1999. CARRIED

Councillor Barr advised that a Summary report from the Community Action Team has been received and will be circulated to Council once it has been circulated to the Team members.

Councillor McLean provided an overview of the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce upcoming events for October and November 1999.

Councillor Typusiak – Nil.

Councillor Sherwood discussed park signage, headstones, Langley/Cleasby finishing touches, street patching, marking of uneven sidewalk spots, tree replacement, fall seeding of Colletville Park and sidewalk replacement on Canford and Houston Street.

Councillor Laird – Nil.

Councillor McCormack reported the Committee has been meeting with the Economic Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the projects being; Sign Kiosk Program, Adopt a Block, Communities in Bloom Project. He noted unofficially that a company was moving to town in concert with one of the mills currently operating and they will be establishing a plant which will create three direct jobs and five indirect jobs.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

i. Employee Recognition - Administrator's October 12, 1999 Memo.

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Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Council amend the Current Administration/Council – Staff Policy to increase the City's contribution of the jacket to be no more than \$100.00 (1999 cost, taxes and embroidery included); AND THAT the employee can choose their own style, size and or color of jacket and pay the difference to the City prior to the jacket being ordered. CARRIED

ii. Community Action Team Funding - Development Officer's October 19, 1999 Memo.

Dealt with under 9B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports by Councillor Barr.

iii. Street Lighting – Juniper Drive - Engineer's October 19, 1999 Memo.

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Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council award the construction of street lighting on Juniper Drive to Hack Electric Ltd. in the amount of \$22,481.59 and an additional sum of \$1,391.00 for each additional street light all including GST. CARRIED

vi. Application for Economic Development Signs – Merritt Plateau Holdings and Garthwaite, Planning Department October 19, 1999 Memo.

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Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council approve Merritt Plateau Holdings' Community Economic Development Sign application. CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council approve Garthwaite's Community Economic Development Sign application. CARRIED

vii. Development Permit Areas – Planner's October 19, 1999 Memo.

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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct the Planning Department to review the recommendations set-forth in the Planner's memorandum of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1999 as part of the Official Community Plan review in 2000. CARRIED

- viii. Latecomer Agreement Policy and Procedure – Engineer's October 19, 1999 Memo.

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**RESCINDED**

Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council by resolution endorse the revised Latecomer Policy and Procedure attached to this report.  
CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the latecomer agreements currently under review be exempted from Section 1.02.6 of the Policy.  
CARRIED

**2) Receive for Information:**

- i. Christmas 1999 - City Hall Office Hours - Administrator's October 19, 1999 Memo.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

1. Regional District Legislation – Corporation of the City of Rossland letter of October 5, 1999.
2. Christmas Food Hamper Sponsor Request – Conayt Friendship Society letter of October 15, 1999.

The above two items were received as information only.

**B. Receive for Information:**

1. 1999 – 2000 UBCM Executive.
2. Disposition of Resolutions Considered at the 1999 UBCM Convention – Member Release of October 8, 1999.
3. Ministry of Health Letter dated October 12, 1999 from John Herbert, Senior Financial Officer.
4. Thompson Okanagan Transportation Initiative – Regional District of Central Okanagan letter of October 6, 1999.
5. Royal Canadian Mounted Police - letter dated October 12, 1999.
6. Jim Doyle, Minister of Municipal Affairs letter dated October 14, 1999.

The six items listed above were received for information.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Norgaard advised that the City has received two \$10,000 grants from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs:

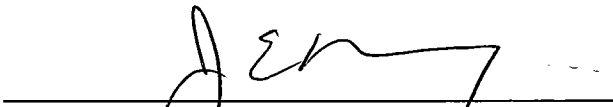
Sewer Treatment Plant Feasibility Study  
Inflow/Infiltration Study of Sanitary Sewer System

12. ADJOURNMENT:

565/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT Council terminate this meeting at 9:13 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
C. R. Norgaard, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CLERK