

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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,
R. Typusiak

STAFF: T. Day, Administrator
J. Barry, City Clerk
C. Bacon, Confidential Secretary
J. Johnson, City Planner
D. McTaggart, Engineer
H. Osachoff, Treasurer

MEDIA: Shaw Cable, Merritt Herald, NL Radio.

PUBLIC: 9 Members of the 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, November 9, 1999.

The Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, November 9, 1999 was
adopted by unanimous consent of Council. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 26, 1999.

571/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council adopt the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting October 26, 1999 as amended by deleting "Committee in Bloom" on page 4 under report by Councillor McCormack and inserting "Communities in Bloom". CARRIED

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- B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, November 2, 1999.

The Minutes, Special Council Meeting, November 2, 1999 were adopted by unanimous consent of Council. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- A. M.L. Brown, President, M.L. Brown Lumber Ltd. letter dated November 5, 1999.

M.L. Brown, President of M.L. Brown Lumber Ltd. made a presentation to Council regarding Development Permit Application DP1999-C.

7. **BYLAWS:**

- A) 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 a shareholder in a company that owns trucks. Mayor Norgaard immediately left the Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m. and Councillor Barr assumed the chair as Acting Mayor.

572/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1755, 1999. CARRIED

Mayor Norgaard returned to the meeting and assumed the chair at 7:51 p.m.

- B) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1748, 1999.

573/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give First Reading to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1748, 1999. CARRIED

574/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give Second Reading to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1748, 1999. CARRIED

575/99 Moved by Councillor McLean THAT Council Schedule the Public Hearing of City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1748, 1999 for December 14, 1999. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. M.L. Brown, President, M.L. Brown Lumber Ltd., letter dated November 5, 1999.

576/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT M.L. Brown Lumber Ltd. be responsible for the installation of the water line to the north boundary of the south entrance to their property; complete the west half of the road to approved gravel standard along the full frontage of the property; AND THAT the City be responsible for enclosing the open ditch up to the south entrance of the property and completing

the east half of the road to approved gravel standard to the south entrance; AND FURTHER THAT a covenant be registered with the provision that M.L. Brown Lumber Ltd. would be in agreement to improve the west side of the road to a standard acceptable to the Council of the day if there is any future development by adjacent property owners which triggers offsite works; AND FURTHER THAT latecomer's fees apply to the sewer connection.

CARRIED

577/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Development Permit Application DP1999-C be approved. CARRIED

578/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council allocate funds out of the 1999 Surplus Budget to address expenses to complete the east side of Douglas Street to approved gravel standard and enclose the ditch to the south entrance. CARRIED

579/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct the City Engineer to complete an in-house study on the continuation and overall drainage at the north end of Douglas Street. CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Norgaard proclaimed the Week of November 14 – 20, 1999 as Drug Awareness Week and advised that the Forest Policy Review Committee Meeting will be held at the Best Western Inn on Saturday November 13, 1999 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood discussed Public Works progress on Langley/Cleasby Street, installation of new sidewalks, Houston Street corner widening, completion of sidewalk marking, paving on Douglas St., the water system at the Information Centre, signs on Nicola pertaining to the use of Jake Brakes, signage at Central/Lions Park, replacement trees for downtown area, pothole filling, sewer flushing and advised that the sand trucks are ready to go for winter.

Councillor Barr reported on the Handicapped parking and the need for proper signage before winter snow so that Handicapped Signs are visible.

Councillor McLean advised that the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show will be this weekend, November 13-14, 1999.

Councillor Laird reported that the Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, November 10, 1999.

Councillor McCormack – Nil.

Councillor Typusiak reported that there would be a forum hosted by the Workers Compensation Board, Clean Air Coalition and Hospitality Industry, at the Best Western Inn November 16, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the new WCB Regulations that take effect January 2000 concerning Second Hand Smoke.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i. Development Variance Permit Application DVP1999-06 Nicola Valley Institute of Technology memo from City Planner dated November 2, 1999.

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Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT Development Permit application DVL1999-06 be approved by resolution subject to the applicant registering a legally binding agreement which identifies a mechanism to review the parking demands of the campus on an annual basis. CARRIED

- ii. Park Planning and Drawing Preparation – Engineering services memo from City Engineer dated November 1, 1999.

581/99

Moved by Councillor Laird THAT Council award the Engineering Services for the Park planning and drawing preparation of Voght and Colletville Centennial Parks to Stantec Consulting Ltd., in the amount of \$14,943 plus GST. CARRIED

- iii. Lease between City of Merritt and Community Futures Development Corporation of Nicola Valley.

582/99

Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT the City Clerk and Mayor execute the Lease Agreement between City of Merritt and Community Futures Development Corporation of Nicola Valley. CARRIED

- vi. Staff Appointments, Memo from City Clerk dated November 4, 1999.

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Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT Council rescind Bobbie Harrison's appointment as Deputy Clerk; AND THAT Carla Bacon be appointed Deputy Clerk. CARRIED

584/99 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council appoint Harry Osachoff as Signing Officer for the City of Merritt for purposes of banking, investing and all other requirements permitted by statute, bylaw, procedure or policy; AND THAT Harry Osachoff be assigned the responsibility of financial administration for the City of Merritt.

CARRIED

vii. Home and Recreation Show Signs, Memo from City Clerk dated November 8, 1999.

585/99 Moved by Councillor Laird THAT the Bylaw Services Officer be directed to not enforce regulations regarding special event signage on City medians and boulevards; AND THAT the signs be removed by midnight November 15, 1999.

CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:** Nil.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:** Nil.

B. **Receive for Information:**

1. Infrastructure planning grants approved under the Local Government Grants Act, letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs, dated October 21, 1999.

586/99 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT a letter of thanks be sent to Minister Jim Doyle for approval of the grants.

CARRIED

2. Coquihalla Completion Strategy letter from Urban Systems dated October 21, 1999.

587/99 Moved by Councillor McCormack THAT a letter of thanks be sent to Bud Smith.

CARRIED

3. Council of the Town of Osoyoos supports the Regional Transportation Strategy, letter dated October 19, 1999.

4. Millennium Budget: House of Commons Finance Committee Hearings, letter dated October 26, 1999.

5. Letter from Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce dated October 20, 1999.

6. Coquihalla Completion Strategy, letter from City of Revelstoke dated October 27, 1999.

7. Invitation from Harry Lali - 14th Annual N.D.P. Christmas Party.

- 8. Thompson Okanagan – Columbia Shuswap Transportation Initiative, Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association letter dated November 2, 1999.

The above six items were received for information.


11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

588/99 Moved by Councillor Typusiak THAT Council terminate this meeting at 8:55 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


C.R. Norgaard, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CLERK