

CITY OF MERRITT

AGENDA FOR THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES AND MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1999, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

*"PLEASE ENSURE PROMPT ARRIVAL AT 6:45 PM TO ATTEND THE PHOTO
SESSION FOR COUNCIL'S PHOTOGRAPH WITH INAUGURAL OFFICIALS"*

AGENDA

1. **PRESENT:**
2. **CALL TO ORDER:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
 - A. Agenda, Inaugural Ceremonies of December 6, 1999.
4. **INAUGURAL CEREMONIES:**
 - a) Mayor's outgoing address.
 - b) The Honourable Judge Rohrmoser – Oaths of Office/Allegiance.
 - c) The Honourable Judge Rohrmoser – Duties & Responsibilities.
 - d) Official passing of the Gavel.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a) 1996 to 1999 Council Members.
 - b) The Honourable Judge Rohrmoser and Staff Sergeant Senft.
 - c) Merritt Youth Ambassador Kristina Klein.
6. **INAUGURAL BUSINESS:**
 - a) Mayor's Address.
 - b) Appointments of Standing Committees.
 - c) Appointments of Select Committees.
 - d) Appointments of Thompson-Nicola Regional District Director and Alternate.
 - e) Appointment of Board of Variance.
 - f) Appointments to the City of Merritt Court of Revision.
 - g) Appointments for 1999/2000 Acting Mayors.
 - h) Appointments of Signing Officers.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

"WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW."

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I. STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration and Finance	Chair – Councillor Reimer Councillor Barr
Human Resources and Youth Advisory	Chair – Councillor Sherwood Mayor Baird
Protective Services	Chair – Councillor Gage Councillor Cavaliere
Economic Development and Planning	Chair – Councillor Kroeker Councillor Reimer Councillor Barr
Recreation and Civic Properties	Chair - Councillor Cavaliere Councillor Kroeker
Public Works	Chair - Councillor Sherwood Councillor Gage

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II. LIAISON TO SELECT COMMITTEES

Emergency Measures	Mayor Baird Councillor Sherwood Councillor Kroeker
Access Awareness	Councillor Barr
Community Justice Centre Board	Councillor Barr
Environmental Advisory	Councillor Reimer
Chamber of Commerce /Sidewalk Business Opportunities	Councillor Gage
Airport Advisory	Councillor Sherwood
Sign Bylaw Review	Councillor Cavaliere
Tourism Advisory	Councillor Kroeker
Critical Incident Stress Management Steering Committee	Councillor Barr
Nicola Valley Development Centre	Councillor Kroeker
Nicola Dam Advisory	Mayor Baird
Community Health and Seniors Advisory	Councillor Barr

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Thompson Nicola Regional District Director	Mayor Baird Councillor Sherwood – Alternate
Board of Variance	Ted Kampa
Court of Revision – Electors and Frontage Rolls	Council of the Whole
Acting Mayors – two months per session/per annum	Councillor Barr Councillor Cavaliere Councillor Gage Councillor Kroeker Councillor Reimer Councillor Sherwood
Signing Authority	Mayor Baird Councillor Reimer Councillor Sherwood Administrator – T. Day City Clerk – J. Barry Treasurer – H. Osachoff

Appointments to Standing Committees and Select Committees as Liaisons are for a one-year term.

Mayor is Exofficio on all committees.

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MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Your Honour, Council, Ambassador Kristina, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our community has come a long way since April 1st, 1952, the official date of the return of the City Charter and Letters Patent from Victoria.

Since that historic date we have witnessed the transferring of the executive authority on many occasions.

The past councils stood and were counted for what they believed in and what they accomplished. Their leadership and direction in large measure is clearly responsible for the uniqueness and character of our city today.

We are fortunate indeed to be able to share this beautiful Nicola Valley with the people of the First Nations, and people of so many cultures to the North, South, East and West of Merritt.

We must cherish the trust and confidence our neighbours and residents have bequeathed to us. Speaking with your new Councillors one on one, I sense they are very team oriented and they share similar visions and goals for this new term of office. A very real and positive example of what sharing visions and goals can produce, will be the appearance and the completion of the new Nicola Valley Institute of Technology/University College of the Cariboo facility in the not too distant future.

No local government deserves, nor should its citizens tolerate, a council that isn't extraordinarily effective and competent in leading the community. Leadership is a process that helps people transform intentions into positive action and visions into reality. Wherever, whenever and whatever our youth are involved in, this council must be creative in their efforts to support and guide their continuous growth and constructive endeavors.

We know diversification of our economic investments will prove to be one of the pillars of success for Merritt, we know also of the very real profits of tourism; but tourism also brings wear and tear of our natural resources and our community resources.

We the people of Merritt and the Nicola Valley must never lose sight of our caretaker role!

Adjusting our sights periodically and fine tuning our focus, will provide us with an acceptable balance when determining the direction for the next three years. Merritt's corporate attitude and public image needs a huge measure of improvement. I'm satisfied this newly elected council is up to the task.

Once again Merritt's Council will entertain the subject of developing a city theme; this time the confidence level is higher; I believe they will succeed. We will be looking to the provincial government to enter partnerships with Merritt to assist us with infrastructure grants, building and developing positive, sustainable enterprises, businesses and employment. I'm hoping to convince our Federal and Provincial Governments to "experience sharing with small communities". It's a win, win for all.

They like to "talk the talk" in Ottawa and Victoria, I think its high time they prove they can also "walk the walk".

Today marks the tenth anniversary of a terrible tragedy in Montreal. This Council has a serious and real concern about creating a safer community for all. We tell our Secondary School Grads annually to "follow their dreams"; maybe we too should practice this more often. My wish for this Council is they transform their joint deliberations and visions into reality. My challenge to this council; I want them to lead the way, I expect them to lead the way; and I'm confident and trusting as I know you are, that they will. Thank you.