

CITY OF MERRITT

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.**

1. PRESENT:

COUNCIL: Mayor R. H. Baird
Councillors, L. Barr, G. Cavaliere, H. Kroeker,
E. Reimer, R. Sherwood

ABSENT: Councillor Gage

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

MEDIA: NL Radio
Shaw Cable
Merritt Herald

PUBLIC: 6 Members of the public

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 25, 2000.

33/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 25, 2000 as amended with the deletion of item 9 C (1) (ii) Closure of Douglas Street – Ardeu Wood Products Ltd.; City Clerk's January 19, 2000 Memorandum. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 11, 2000.

34/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council adopt the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 11, 2000 as amended by changing the following under Section 11A: "she attended" to "she, Councillors Kroeker and Reimer, and staff attended"; "had sent" to "was being sent"; and "has met" to "was meeting".

CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 18, 2000.

35/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council adopt the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 18, 2000. CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT council accept the draft Water and Sewer Servicing Agreement dated January 11, 2000 between the City of Merritt and the Lower Nicola Indian Band.

36/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Motion be amended by adding in principle and that such acceptance in principle not to exceed the three year term of the present Council. CARRIED

37/00 Voting resumed on the Main Motion as amended:

THAT Council accept the draft Water and Sewer Servicing Agreement dated January 11, 2000 between the City of Merritt and the Lower Nicola Indian Band in principle; AND THAT such acceptance in principle not to exceed the three year term of the present Council. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

A. Claude Lelievre, Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation; Letter dated January 6, 2000.

Claude Lelievre of Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation made a presentation to Council regarding the unresolved land development issues on Lot A.

- B. Rick Passmore, Merritt News; Letter dated January 10, 2000.

Rick Passmore of the Merritt News made a presentation to Council regarding their proposal to present the views of Mayor and Council in a weekly feature of the Merritt News called "The Last Word".

7. BYLAWS:

- A. Superstar Properties; City Planner's January 19, 2000 Memorandum.

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1671, 1999 – **SUBMITTED FOR ADOPTION.**
2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1672, 1999 – **SUBMITTED FOR ADOPTION.**

38/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council defer adoption of City of Merritt Bylaw No. 1671, 1999 and Bylaw No. 1672, 1999 to the Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled February 15, 2000. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Claude Lelievre, Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation; Letter dated January 6, 2000.

39/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council meet with representatives from Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation after Council has time to deliberate on documentation provided by Staff AND THAT this issue be scheduled for the Committee of the Whole Meeting February 15, 2000. CARRIED

- B. Rick Passmore, Merritt News; Letter dated January 10, 2000.

40/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council proceed with the proposal from Merritt News to run a weekly feature and cooperate in this program. CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

- A. Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Baird reported that he attended a meeting with Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State at the Merritt Secondary School; he and Mrs. Baird attended the annual cultural event – Robbie Burns night. A proposal was put forth by Dr. Donald McLeod, President of the Nicola Highland Keltic Club that Merritt Pipe Band is available to the City at our request. He advised he will be attending a meeting on January 26th with the Liberal Caucus in Kamloops regarding infrastructure grants among other issues

and he will report back to Council at a later date. Mayor Baird and Mrs. Baird attended the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #96 Installation of Officers meeting.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood reported that he attended the Child and Youth Committee Meeting at the Hospital; issues discussed included the Observation Unit Proposal; full time Child Youth Worker at the Mental Health Office within the next month; Mother Goose Program through the Health Unit for new parents. He also advised that the DARE Program is up and running in the schools; the Teen Centre received additional funding to extend their hours to be open six nights per week. The Youth Fair will be held at the Civic Centre January 26; the Airport Club held their annual elections January 12th. Elected were Ed Gott, President, Ian Gordon, Vice-President, Terry Porter, Treasurer and Madeline Rose, Secretary, along with three directors. He advised the meeting concerning Truck Route issues would be held Wednesday evening; dyking on the Coldwater River to start in February; mentioned concerns about stockpiling across the bridge in Collettsville and possible clean up of the area with the contractors; crews are working on snow removal, hydrant maintenance, shop maintenance, water repairs; redoing sewer connection; sign maintenance; cleaning storm drains.

Councillor Reimer – Nil.

Councillor Barr reported that she attended the Nicola Valley Community Health Advisory Committee Meeting held January 25, 2000; information was received regarding Continuing Care within the region; renovations to Coquihalla/Gillis House to multi-level care standard; Nicola Native Lodge; received minutes and reports from Thompson Health Regional Board; and spoke on the Transit Study and requested staff to provide each Councillor with a copy of the Transit Study prior to council retreat. The Critical Incident Stress Management Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for January 26th.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that he met with the Planner for an orientation session regarding the Sign Bylaw; next meeting is scheduled for February 2nd.

Councillor Kroeker and the Economic Development Committee met with First Nations, Lower Nicola Indian Band Economic Development Committee and discussed issues regarding signs along the freeway during the election; advised that the LNIB was applying for the contract to be server for the 911 system for the Regional District; met with Economic Development Committee from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Sign Kiosk at the entrances to the City; adopt a road maintenance program to be in place this spring. He also advised the next Tourism Advisory Committee meeting will be February 2nd and will include Lower Nicola Indian Band, Community Futures, and the Chamber of Commerce. He also met with Community Futures who advised they will be

hosting the B.C. Community Futures Convention September 17th – 20th this year and they will be host to two junior golf tournaments in Merritt in August.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Corporate Credit Cards; Treasurer's January 19, 2000 Memorandum.

41/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council instruct staff to make application to the Royal Bank of Canada for Visa corporate credit cards with limits of \$10,000 in the name of Bob Baird, Harry Osachoff and Joe Barry.

OPPOSED: Councillors Sherwood, Reimer, Cavaliere DEFEATED

- ii) Closure of Douglas Street – Ardew Wood Products Ltd.; City Clerk's January 19, 2000 Memorandum.

Deleted from the Agenda by Motion #33/00.

- iii) Collettsville Centennial Park Free Crown Grant; Recreation Manager's January 19, 2000 Memorandum.

42/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council continue to lobby specifically the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Office and MLA Harry Lali regarding Collettsville Centennial Park; AND THAT the Mayor report back to Council. CARRIED

- iv) Application for Permanent Change to Liquor Licence; City Clerk's January 18, 2000 Memorandum.

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council supports the Middlesboro Neighbourhood Pub's application for permanent change to Liquor Licence dated January 6, 2000 to allow for off-premise sales.

43/00

Moved by Councillor Reimer that this matter be deferred until after a neighborhood survey is undertaken by the Middlesboro Neighbourhood Pub.

OPPOSED: Councillors Barr, Cavaliere, Sherwood
DEFEATED

44/00

Voting Resumed on the Main Motion:

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council supports the Middlesboro Neighbourhood Pub's application for permanent change to Liquor Licence dated January 6, 2000 to allow for off-premise sales.

OPPOSED: Councillors Barr, Cavaliere, Kroeker, Reimer

DEFEATED

- v) Merritt Lawn Bowling Club; Recreation Manager's January 20, 2000 Memorandum.

45/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council support the Merritt Lawn Bowling Club in their application for grant funds to construct a patio adjacent to the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse as presented in the memo from the Recreation Manager at the January 25, 2000 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) Year-end report for 1999; Fire Chief's January 10, 2000 Memorandum.
- ii) City of Merritt Building Permits by Classification for the Month Ending December 1999; City of Merritt Building Permits – December 1999.
- iii) Community Action Team – Final Report; Development Officer's January 11, 2000 Memorandum.

The above three items were received as information only.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) New Century Campaign, letter from Royal Inland Hospital Foundation December 20, 1999.

Received as information only.

- ii) Merritt Morning Market letter dated January 12, 2000.

46/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council review the request from Merritt Morning Market regarding the City of Merritt's use of advertising at the Council Retreat.

CARRIED

- iii) Venture Capital Fund for Agri-Business in B.C., letter from Thal S. Poonian January 12, 2000.

Received as information only.

- iv) Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce letter January 17, 2000.

Councillor Kroeker indicated that each member of the Economic Development Committee should attend the proposed joint organization meeting.

47/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council send a letter of support to the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce for their proposed joint organization meeting in April. CARRIED

48/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council send a letter to Robyn Cunningham congratulating her on her appointment as the new Manager of the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce; AND THAT Council is looking forward to working with her. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) New Federal Funding for Homelessness, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Members' Advisory.

Received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Paul Varga from the Merritt Herald and Al Clarke, from Radio NL had questions regarding Colletville Park; clarification regarding the survey in the area of the Middlesboro Pub; update on the Sulej Motor Company; questions on the Middlesboro Bridge design; and the wording of the amendment to the draft Water and Sewer Servicing Agreement Motion.

13. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA:

1. Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; January 25, 2000.

49/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council deem it necessary to close this meeting to the public in order to deal with the following items In-Camera:

- A) Minutes, In-Camera Portion of the Regular Council Meeting, January 11, 2000.
- B) Employee Negotiations; 5 items.
- C) Labour Relations.
- D) Land Acquisition.

AND THAT this meeting be adjourned for five minutes to resume in the Boardroom of City Hall. CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:13 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA 9:30 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED: 11:05 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CITY CLERK