

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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, R. Gage

STAFF: J. Barry, Acting Administrator
H. Osachoff, Treasurer
D. McTaggart, Engineer
J. Johnson, City Planner
J. Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager
B. Kelsey, Fire Chief
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager
C. Bacon, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: Shaw Cable
NL Radio

PUBLIC: 9 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. Amended Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, February 22, 2000.

95 /00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt the Amended Agenda by adding under Section 11. New Business: Request by Merritt Centennials. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 8, 2000.

96/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 8, 2000 be adopted as amended by deleting from Motion 70/00, "THAT Council recommend rebuilding", and inserting "THAT there was a recommendation from the Access Awareness Committee that the City rebuild".
CARRIED

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B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 15, 2000.

97/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 15, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

98/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT staff review the City's Advertising Policy and report back to Council; AND THAT the City extend the current contract with the Merritt Herald which is due to expire on February 28, 2000, on a week by week basis, until after a policy decision is made and can be implemented.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

Council dealt with the Petitions/Delegations out of order to accommodate Tim McClure from the Community SkatePark Committee who was late in arriving.

B. Item deleted on Amended Agenda.

C. Liquid Waste Management Plan;

1. Mr. Tim Forty, P. Eng., Municipal Section Head, Southern Interior Region, Ministry of Environment, Lands, Parks.
 2. Presentation by Dr. Al Gibb, P. Eng., and attendance by Mr. Harlan Kelly, P. Eng., Partner, Dayton & Knight Ltd., Consulting Engineers.
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Tim Forty, from the Ministry of Environment, Lands, Parks, made a slide presentation to Council on the process required for a Liquid Waste Management Plan.

Dr. Al Gibb from Dayton & Knight Ltd., also made a presentation to Council regarding a Liquid Waste Management Plan.

A. Tim McClure, Chairperson, Merritt Community SkatePark Committee; Letter dated January 24, 2000.

Tim McClure, Chairperson, Merritt Community SkatePark Committee made a presentation to Council thanking them for their past support of this project and requested that the City renew their support of the SkatePark project by budgeting \$10,000 for the year 2000.

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7. BYLAWS:

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

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1671, 1999

99/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council adopt the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1671, 1999. CARRIED

2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1672, 1999

100/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt the City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1672, 1999. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Tim McClure, Chairperson, Merritt Community Skate Park Committee; Letter dated January 24, 2000.

101/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the letter from Merritt Community Skate Park Committee be referred back to the Recreation Commission for consideration and recommendation to the budget process. CARRIED

B. Item deleted on Amended Agenda.

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102/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council defer a decision on creating a Waste Water Treatment Plan until the meeting of Council March 14, 2000. OPPOSED: Councillors Gage, Barr, Kroeker CARRIED

103/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere at 8:15 p.m., THAT Council recess for a five-minute break. CARRIED

Meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Baird congratulated agencies in our community for looking after the cast and crew that are in Merritt filming the movie "The Pledge". He advised the film crew would be back in the Merritt area to make a presentation to a community group at a later date. The Mayor also commented briefly on the completion of Council's Advancement Workshop this past weekend

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood reported on the continuing maintenance work; the Quonset building in the City Works Yard is now finished; crews are preparing for the spring runoff and are doing an inventory of street signs that need to be fixed or replaced; the water system at the Information Centre has been recharged; crews are continuing to service fire hydrants and water leaks; winter works shift schedule is over February 21, 2000 and crews will return to their regular shifts. Councillor Sherwood advised the interior painting of the airport building is almost complete and the fencing repaired; they are preparing budget items to discuss with the Flying Club. The Flying Club requested that the City Treasurer continue to act as the liaison with the Flying Club. The Treasurer indicated he would be in favour of continuing this procedure. Councillor Sherwood spoke on the development of a Youth Action Committee which would involve Merritt RCMP, PAC parents, six youth from the community and one Council member. The focus of the group will be to enable youth in the community to express their concerns regarding City facilities and their use.

104/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council support the development of a Youth Action Committee. CARRIED

Councillor Reimer advised that the City Department Heads are working towards a five-year financial plan that must be adopted by May 15th and will be presented to Council March 20, 2000. Provincial legislation requires the Mayor and Council to develop a format for public consultation on the financial plan. As part of the City Financial Plan, Council will be deliberating on Grant-In-Aid submissions submitted last November from societies, clubs, and community organizations. Direct deposit for City employees is now in effect.

Councillor Gage advised that Protective Services will hold a special meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee March 1, 2000 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. Councillor Gage reported that the meeting with S/Sgt. Senft set for March 6th was not possible and it was agreed that the meeting be rescheduled to March 14th at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Regular Meeting of Council.

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Councillor Barr advised she attended the Community Justice Board Meeting this past week. They discussed the restorative justice process and other issues the board is involved with. The next meeting will be in March and Councillor Barr will attend.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that the Sign Bylaw Meeting will be February 23, 2000 at 7 p.m. He attended the Recreation Commission Meeting Feb. 17th where the Recreation Manager presented the second draft for the Voght Park layout; the Recreation Commission will host a meeting February 28th and invite representatives from the SkatePark Committee and residents to identify and resolve issues surrounding the situation of the SkatePark. Councillor Cavaliere also advised that the Ice Arena Allocation Meeting will be held April 13th and a meeting regarding the Lions Tot Lot Park will be held March 16th at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councillor Kroeker – Nil

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

Items i) and iv) were dealt with at the same time.

- i) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Hours of Operation; Recreation Facilities Manager's February 8, 2000 Memorandum.

- iv) Recommendations from the February 17, 2000 Recreation Commission; Recreation Commission Memorandum February 21, 2000.

105/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council consider at budget discussion, the recommendation from the Recreation Commission to reduce the hours of operation at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre as presented in the Recreation Facilities Manager's Memo dated February 8, 2000. CARRIED

- ii) FRBC Contract; Development Officer's February 16, 2000 Memorandum.

106/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an Amendment Agreement between the City of Merritt and Forest Renewal BC, Thompson-Okanagan Region dated January 27, 2000. CARRIED

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- iii) Tourist Information Centre Food Services Lease Operation;
Recreation Manager's February 16, 2000 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council approve the signing of the Operating Agreement between the City of Merritt and Manjit Ahuja of Dixie Lee Superior Pizza and Bakery as presented in the memo from the Recreation Manager dated February 16, 2000.

CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) January Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's February 11,
2000 Memorandum.

Received for information.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) Symposium on New Local Government Legislation; March 1-2, 2000.

108/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council support up to two people to attend the Symposium on New Local Government Legislation on March 1-2, 2000.

CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Resurfacing Merritt Tennis Complex, Merritt Bench Tennis Courts and the Merritt Bench Multi-Use Play area; Harry Lali, MLA, Letter dated February 11, 2000.

Received for information.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request by the Merritt Centennials

Councillor Gage advised that he was contacted by a member of the executive from the Merritt Centennials regarding a grant application to purchase and install a community sign/leader board.

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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council send a letter of support to the Merritt Centennials regarding their grant application for a Community Spirit Grant to purchase and install a community sign/leader board.

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12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Al Clarke from Radio NL had questions regarding the four options that had been presented regarding sewer treatment; Council Advancement Workshop held the previous weekend; and community policing meeting in March with S/Sgt. Jim Senft.

13. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA:

1. Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; February 22, 2000.

110/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council deems 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, February 8, 2000.
- B) Potential litigation affecting the City;
- C) Employee Negotiations (3 Items)

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

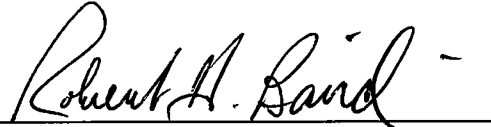
MEETING ADJOURNED 9:07 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA 9:38 P.M.

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED 11:20 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR