

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2185  
VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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1. **PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT: Councillors H. Kroeker, 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  
Merritt Herald  
Nicola Valley Voice  
NL Radio

PUBLIC: 9 Members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, March 28, 2000.

165/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council adopt the Amended Agenda,  
Regular Council Meeting March 28, 2000. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 14, 2000.

166/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March  
14, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 14, 2000.

167/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 14, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000.

168/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.**

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. G. Prowal, letter to Council March 8, 2000 regarding Waste Management.

Ginny Prowal spoke to Council regarding the Waste Management Plan and indicated her support to Council of the proposed Liquid Waste Management Plan.

B. Tom Lacey, Zone Manager, Merritt Fire Zone; presentation regarding interface burning within City limits to reduce fire hazard.

Tom Lacey, Zone Manager, Merritt Fire Zone made a presentation to Council outlining the wildfire and interface risks to communities that had wildlands within the community and were also situated close to forested areas.

C. F. Rizzardo, Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc., letter dated March 15, 2000 regarding Latecomers Agreement.

Frank Rizzardo, Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc., spoke to Council regarding the Latecomers Agreement between the City of Merritt and Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc., and requested Council's positive consideration of the latecomers agreement.

**7. BYLAWS:**

A. Amendment to Section #24 Fire Limit Areas of Building Bylaw No. 1381, 1993; Building Inspector's March 21, 2000 Memorandum.

1. City of Merritt Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1766, 2000.

169/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1766, 2000. CARRIED

B. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1761, 2000; Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1762, 2000; McLeod – 2845 Neilson Street.; Planning Department March 17, 2000 Memorandum.

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1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2000.
2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1762, 2000.

170/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council supports in principle the development of a campground and RV Park at 2845 Neilson Street; AND THAT staff be directed to initiate a site specific zoning amendment, limiting the permitted uses to those the applicant has proposed:

- RV Park and campground;
- Convenience Store;
- Propane filling station;
- RV wash;
- Minor RV maintenance shop;
- One single family dwelling;
- Mini-golf;
- Outdoor Theatre.

AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare an amendment to the OCP that would designate this property as a development permit area.

CARRIED

171/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Campground Bylaw that would provide guidelines for development and layout of campgrounds in the city.

CARRIED

C. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1764, 2000; Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1765, 2000, Smoluk – 2640 Garcia Street; Planning Department's March 17, 2000 Memorandum.

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1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1764, 2000.

172/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1764, 2000.

CARRIED

173/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1764, 2000.

CARRIED

Council agreed by consensus to schedule a PUBLIC HEARING for City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1764, 2000 for April 25, 2000.

2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2000.

174/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2000.

CARRIED

175/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2000.

CARRIED

Council agreed by consensus to schedule a PUBLIC HEARING for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2000 for April 25, 2000.

CARRIED

- D. Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1767, 2000 Nicola Native Lodge Society – Text Amendment; Development Officer’s March 17, 2000 Memorandum.

1. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2000.

176/00

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2000.

CARRIED

177/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2000.

CARRIED

Council agreed by consensus to schedule a PUBLIC HEARING for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2000 for April 25, 2000.

CARRIED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. G. Prowal, letter to Council March 8, 2000 regarding Waste Management.

Council advised G. Prowal that her comments would be considered in Council discussions when Council meets to discuss the Liquid Waste Management Plan.

- B. Tom Lacey, Zone Manager, Merritt Fire Zone; presentation regarding interface burning within City limits to reduce fire hazard.

178/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council approve interface burning by the Fire Department and Forest Service at selected sites within the City of Merritt. CARRIED

- C. F. Rizzardo, Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc., letter dated March 15, 2000 regarding Latecomers Agreement.

179/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City enter into a Latecomer Agreement with Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc.;

AND THAT the City Council require the owner of the land that is to be subdivided or developed provide the excess or extended services shown on Exhibits "1" and "2", as posted in the Council Chamber and marked with this exhibit number and project number;

AND FURTHER THAT the City Council confirms that Council considers the cost to the City of providing the excess or extended services shown on Exhibits 1 and 2 to be excessive;

AND FURTHER THAT the cost of providing these services shall be paid for by the owner of the land being subdivided or developed;

AND FURTHER THAT the latecomer charges be imposed for excess or extended services, as shown on Exhibits "1" and "2", which are required to be installed as part of the references development project;

AND FURTHER THAT latecomer charges be imposed on the benefiting lands listed in Exhibit "6" in the amounts shown, except for Block C, Section 22, TP21, KDYD (Nicola Valley Affordable Housing Society) which have already paid all outstanding fees);

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Latecomer Agreement with the references developer, incorporating Exhibits "1", "2" and "6" into the agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the City be responsible for notification to the owner of the benefiting lands in writing of the latecomer charges to be imposed on their land;

AND FURTHER THAT the City be responsible for registration on title of all benefiting lands a "Notice of Excess or Extended Services Agreement" in accordance with the form attached as Appendix "J". CARRIED

D. City Advertising; Recreation Facilities Manager's March 2, 2000 Memorandum.

180/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt the following Advertising Policy;

THAT the City of Merritt's statutory advertising be published in one local newspaper only, and that bid proposals be requested every two years in order that the cost to the City remains competitive and allows for a period of review;

AND THAT the City of Merritt request bid proposals from all local print advertising mediums every two years for the non-exclusive provision of the City's non-statutory advertising, and that the City select one print publication to be its primary advertising medium. The City is not restricted to advertising exclusively through this advertising medium for its non-statutory advertising and remains free to advertise in addition to, but not the exclusion of, the primary medium selected through this bid process;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Merritt request bid proposals from all local radio stations every two years for the provision of the City's radio advertising. The City will consider both exclusive and non-exclusive proposals provided the City remains free to advertise on other radio stations in the event of an emergency or for special events as approved by the City Administrator. CARRIED

**REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird attended the Merritt Ambassador Society Coronation 2000. He congratulated all the candidates in this year's Youth Ambassador Program and commended the efforts of members of the community in making the program a success.

1) **Standing Committee Appointment**

Community Health Standing Committee – Councillor L. Barr.

181/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council establish a Healthy Community Standing Committee; AND THAT Council appoint Councillor Barr as Chair of the Healthy Community Standing Committee. CARRIED

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

Councillor Barr advised that the next Access Awareness Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. As Economic Development Committee Acting Chair, Councillor Barr reported that building permits for the NVIT/UCC project and the Diamondvale School expansion have been applied for.

Councillor Cavaliere reported that the Sign Bylaw Review Committee Meeting of March 30<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled to Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Councillor Reimer – Nil.

Councillor Sherwood reported that Public Works crews are continuing to work on street sweeping; three water services have been done; the concrete pad at the Quonset Building is completed; crews are continuing to grade the shoulders; patching is ongoing; spring clean-up in the parks; spraying trees; some sign maintenance is ongoing; the major hydraulic cylinder on the garbage truck has been replaced; the concrete foundation for the Rotary Park Band Shell has been poured and city crews have been doing some work on excavation and servicing; dyking is underway on Main Street and Canford Ave.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- i) Voght Park Grant Application; Recreation Manager's March 27, 2000 Memorandum.

182/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council adopt the Voght Park 2000 Development Plan in principle and to direct staff to submit a grant application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Community Infrastructure and Accessibility Program for funding assistance for the completion of the Voght Park 2000 Development Plan. CARRIED

- ii) Nicola Valley Horseshoe Club; Recreation Manager's March 17, 2000 Memorandum.

183/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council direct the Recreation Manager to meet with the Horseshoe Club to arrange a public input meeting regarding a proposed Horseshoe Facility at N'Kwala Park.

CARRIED

- iii) Latecomers Agreement – Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc.; Engineer's March 22, 2000 Memorandum. Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc.; F.R. Rizzardo, Letter March 9, 2000. Latecomer Agreement

This item was dealt with under Section 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Item C.

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

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses: Nil.**

**B. Receive for Information:**

- i) Proposed Route Changes; Cliff Congdon, Healthcare Coordinator, Letter March 14, 2000.

Received as information only.

**11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.**

**12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

There were no questions from the Media.

**13. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA:**

- 1. Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; March 28, 2000.

184/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer 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, March 14, 2000.
- B) Security of City Property;
- C) Employee Negotiations: items (3)
- D) Land Issue.

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



MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:08 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 9:22 P.M.

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:50 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
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J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR