

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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, E. Reimer, R. Sherwood, R. Gage,
H. Kroeker, G. Cavaliere

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

MEDIA: Merritt Herald
NL Radio
Merritt Morning Market
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 15 Members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 11, 2000.

191/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 11, 2000 with the addition of Item 4. C) Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 10, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

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

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

192/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 28, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 4th and 5th, 2000.

193/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 4th and 5th, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 10, 2000.

194/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 10, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

A. Nicola Valley Heritage Society; Feasibility Study of the Baillie Property; letter of April 6, 2000.

Jane Yeadon from the Nicola Valley Heritage Society introduced Mr. Ken Scopick, Heritage Consultant to present to Council the Baillie Preservation Project.

195/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council instruct Staff to begin discussion with the Baillie Property Committee and the Nicola Valley Heritage Society to continue the process required to establish a long term lease, heritage designation and proper zoning for this project to proceed. CARRIED

7. BYLAWS:

A. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1761, 2000 Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1762, 2000 McLeod – 2845 Neilson Street; Planning Department's April 4, 2000 Memorandum.

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2000 McLeod – 2845 Neilson Street.

196/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2000. CARRIED

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Gage advised he attended the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce; he will be attending the "Getting It Together" planning meeting scheduled for May 5th; he also attended the Nicola Valley Emergency Services meeting March 16th and advised that their next meeting will be April 19th.

Councillor Reimer advised that Budget deliberations are in progress and the next meeting regarding budget discussions will be April 17th and 18th.

Councillor Sherwood reported on public works that are in progress; crews have finished charging all irrigation systems in parks; fixing water leaks; pruning; Information Centre has been vacated; some members of the public works crew have taken First Aid Courses and Water Works courses; the retirement of Jim Tingle after 34 years with the City; inventory for line painting in progress; preventative burning in progress; dyking project at Voght Park is 85% complete. Councillor Sherwood reported on the Child and Youth Committee and advised that the Mental Health Worker for youth may be hired within the next couple of weeks; Merritt Secondary School is in the process of developing an on-site infant daycare for students. He also advised that the next regular meeting of the Airport Committee would be Wednesday evening.

Councillor Barr attended the Access Awareness Committee meeting on April 6th and advised that the Committee will be working on the upcoming Access Awareness Week in June. The next Access Awareness Committee meeting will be held on May 11th. Councillor Barr also attended the Laurie Guichon Memorial Grasslands Interpretive Site meeting; will attend the Community Health Advisory Council Strategic Planning meeting; advised that April 30th will be the Community Awareness Committee 10 km run.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that the next Sign Bylaw meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday in Council Chambers; there will be a public meeting hosted by the Recreation Commission regarding N'kwala Park and the Community Garden at the Civic Centre on April 17 at 7 p.m. He advised that the BC Homecoming Event is July 1st and to date the Recreation Commission has received two nominations for a famous person to return to Merritt and that entries may be submitted until April 17th. He also attended the Arts Umbrella Dance Company presentation at Merritt Senior Secondary; advised that the Easter Egg Hunt would be held on April 23rd from 1 – 3 p.m. at Central Park.

Councillor Kroeker: Nil.

The Fire Chief gave Council a verbal report on the interface burning that is currently underway.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP); Engineer's March 8, 2000 Memorandum.

202/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council authorize staff to prepare a "Request for Proposals" for preparation of a Liquid Waste Management Plan in accordance with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks guidelines; AND THAT Council authorize staff to make application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for revenue sharing to undertake preparation of a Liquid Waste Management Plan. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) March Building Permit Activity Report; City Planner's April 4, 2000 Memorandum.
ii) Merritt Fire/Rescue Department Monthly Inspection Report for March 2000.

The above two items were received as information only.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Nicola-Canford Elementary School; letter April 4, 2000.

Received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

203/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt the Vision Statement developed by Council which outlines their vision for the City of Merritt during 2000 – 2003; AND THAT this document be available for the public to view at City Hall. CARRIED

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

The Media had questions for Council regarding the interface burning that is currently underway and the Air Quality Study by the Ministry of Environment.

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

1. Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; April 11, 2000.

204/00 Moved by Councillor Barr 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 28, 2000.
- B) Potential litigation affecting the City;
- C) Employee Negotiations: 4 items.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:32 P.M.


MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 8:47 P.M.

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 11:43 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR