

CITY OF MERRITT

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

ABSENT: Councillor R. Gage

STAFF: J. Barry, Acting Administrator
D. McTaggart, Engineer
J. Johnson, City Planner
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager
J. Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager
C. Bacon, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: Shaw Cable
NL Radio
Merritt Morning Market
Merritt Herald

PUBLIC: 15 Members of the public.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

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

211/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting,
April 25, 2000 be adopted. **CARRIED**

B. Presentation to National Juvenile Pairs Silver Medallists Bryn Nyeste and
Stewart Woodman.

Mayor Baird congratulated the National Juvenile Pairs Silver Medallists Bryn
Nyeste and Stewart Woodman and presented them each with a City Pin and
Aquatic Centre pass for the year 2000.

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

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

212/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, April 11, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 17, 2000.

213/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 17, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

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

The City Planner gave a brief overview of Bylaw No. 1764, 2000 and 1765, 2000.

Mayor Baird called the Public Hearing to order and read the statement concerning public hearings.

Ron Dick of 2101 Taylor Place addressed Council and requested the set back from the south side and West Side of the property be 8 metres setback with a buffer zone along the south side. He also requested the building be one level along the south side and requested that if the zoning were approved he would like the Bylaw to conform to the new regulation in the building of the complex.

Charles Wills, of 856 Adventure Bay Road, Vernon and Architect for the project made a presentation to Council. He advised the project would provide housing for independent living for seniors. The design would be of a residential character with multiple rooflines and would incorporate landscaping and a trail system through the complex.

Eleanor Ware of 2675 Garcia Street spoke to Council and voiced her support of the project in principle. Her concern was that the project was in the flood plain, that a three-story structure was not right for the land setting and that it would create extra traffic in the area.

Mayor Baird called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaw and hearing no one declared the Public Hearing closed.

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

The City Planner gave a brief overview of Bylaw No. 1767, 2000 - the Nicola Native Lodge Society.

Mayor Baird called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against Bylaw No. 1767, 2000 and hearing no one, declared the Public Hearing closed.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

A. Clara Norgaard, letter to Council April 17, 2000 regarding Merritt Community Gardens.

Clara Norgaard made a presentation to Council of the proposed Community Gardens business plan, and possibility of the Gardens being situated at N'kwala Park. She outlined the responses of the survey that had been conducted, research of other communities and the need to confirm a site for the project. She advised that a Steering Committee of nine people have been formed to put together a business plan, funding applications and also oversee the development of the Community Garden.

7. BYLAWS:

A. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1764, 2000; Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1765, 2000 – Smoluk – 2690 Garcia Street.

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

214/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1764, 2000. CARRIED

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

215/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2000. CARRIED

B. Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1767, 2000
Nicola Native Lodge Society – Text Amendment.

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

216/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2000. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Clara Norgaard, letter to Council April 17, 2000 regarding Merritt Community Gardens.

217/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council support in principle the idea of a Community Garden; AND THAT Staff meet with proponents of the Community Gardens to identify an appropriate site within the city; AND FURTHER THAT the request to use N’Kwala Park for the site of the Community Gardens be denied. CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor’s Reports:

1. Proclamations

The Mayor proclaimed the following for the month of May:

- i) Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security – Month of May – “Child Care Month in British Columbia”.
- ii) British Columbia Water and Waste Association – May 7th to 13th – “Safe Drinking Water Week”.
- iii) British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Month of May - “Be Kind to Animals Month”.
- iv) Public Works Association of B.C. – “National Public Works Week” May 21st - 27th .

Mayor Baird commented on the upcoming Management Review and advised that the Administrator’s position would be advertised later this month and the position of City Clerk would be retained. He advised that the date for the Court of Revision for Parcel Tax will be held on May 23rd in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. The Court of Revision is comprised of the whole of Council.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr attended the Nicola Valley Community Health Advisory Committee Meeting held April 12, 2000. The meeting was held to discuss operational future plans for health in the Nicola Valley. She also attended the Nicola Native Lodge Society Annual General Meeting held April 19, 2000; reminder that the Community Awareness 10 km run/walk will be held on April 30th to focus awareness of the problems of sexual exploitation and to re-enforce Merritt's zero tolerance.

Councillor Cavaliere attended the Sign Bylaw Meeting on April 12th and advised that the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. He advised that the Tot Lot equipment is in the process of being removed as it no longer meets CSA approval. A plan is in progress to have the park relocated. Councillor Cavaliere also advised that the annual Merritt Dog Show to be held in May was considering a change of location due to ongoing work at Voght Park.

218/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council allow recreation vehicle parking and camping at Central Park as an option for the Merritt Kennel Club to allow them to have the annual dog show in Merritt this year if Voght Park is unsuitable.

CARRIED

Councillor Kroeker advised that the Community Futures of Sun Country Nicola Valley Central Interior First Nations of Shuswap are putting together a document of heritage sites. He also advised that Community Futures sponsored the Youth Fair 2000 at the Civic Centre in Merritt this year for students from Merritt and Princeton. The Tourism Association constitution was approved and is still to be signed; Councillor Kroeker and the Economic Development Officer will be attending an Economic Development Association meeting in Vernon on April 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Councillor Reimer advised that the public presentation of the budget is scheduled for May 2nd at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Councillor Sherwood reported on public works that are in progress; crews are continuing general maintenance; water line repair; street sweeping is completed; park washrooms have been serviced and are open; park sprinklers are serviced and working; crew attended a course on confined entry; pesticide course; hearing tests for all crew members is complete; some cleaning at the Information Centre has been done; the landscaping portion of Cleasby, Langley and Firehall area is complete; dyke work along Main Street, Canford Ave and Coldwater River is close to completion. The Flying Club will be hosting a Fly-in Breakfast on June 25th at 8 a.m. Councillor Sherwood also reported that Councillor Gage advised the Getting It Together meeting scheduled for May 5th has been changed to May 24th.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) City of Merritt - Airport Property; Treasurer's April 19, 2000 Memorandum.
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219/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the city has no objection for the use of the Airport Facilities by the Lower Nicola Fire Department to conduct fire suppression competitions and the apparatus show subject to agreement by the Lower Nicola Fire Department and Merritt Flying Club; AND THAT in the event that the suggested burning of grass be a component of compensation that the Merritt Fire Department and Ministry of Forests be involved as per current "interface" burning policy; AND FURTHER THAT the Lower Nicola Fire Department provide the City and the Flying Club with evidence of comprehensive general liability insurance for no less than \$2,000,000; AND FURTHER THAT the City and Flying Club to be named additional insured for the duration of the event.

CARRIED

- ii) Traffic Line Painting – Contract #5700.02; City Engineer's April 10, 2000 Memorandum.
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220/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council award the Traffic Line Painting Contract #5700.02 for the painting of traffic lines, stop bars, crosswalks and curbs to Aable Marking for the unit prices quoted over a 3 year term with an option to extend the contract an additional 2 years.

CARRIED

- iii) Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce – Lease Agreement; Recreation Manager's April 14, 2000 Memorandum.
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221/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council direct staff to draft a new agreement between the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce and the City of Merritt, with the reduction of the cost per square foot to \$6.39 and the elimination of the janitorial service, AND THAT the agreement be presented to Council at the next Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

- iv) Aquatic Centre Hours of Operation; Recreation Facilities Manager's April 18, 2000 Memorandum.
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222/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt the revised public schedule for the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre, effective May 6, 2000. CARRIED

- v) Development Procedures Bylaw – Proposed Review; City Planner's April 14, 2000 Memorandum.
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223/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council direct staff to conduct a thorough review of the City of Merritt Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 1365 and bring forward a detailed report which identifies issues and proposes amendments for Council's consideration. CARRIED

- vi) Development Permit 2000-B – Coldwater Hotel; Development Officer's April 18, 2000 Memorandum.
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224/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Development Permit Application 2000-B be approved subject to approval of the Liquor Control Board. CARRIED

- vii) City Advertising; Recreation Facilities Manager's April 13, 2000 Memorandum.
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225/00

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council accept the proposal from the Merritt Herald for the provision of the City's statutory advertising for the period of May 1, 2000 – April 30, 2002 for the rate of \$2.80 per column inch; AND THAT Council accept the proposal from the Merritt Herald for the non-exclusive provision of the City's non-statutory advertising for the period of May 1, 2000 – April 30, 2002 for the rate of \$2.80 per column inch; AND FURTHER THAT Council not accept any proposal for the provision of the City's radio advertising; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to invite CJNL to resubmit a proposal that is consistent with the City's advertising policy.

OPOSED: Councillors Barr, Cavaliere, Kroeker, Sherwood
DEFEATED

226/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council direct staff to research other options for City advertising and submit this report to Council at the next Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED

- viii) BC 2000 Homecoming Event; Recreation Manager's April 18, 2000 Memorandum.
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227/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council support the Recreation Commission's desire that all nominees be invited to Merritt's BC2000 Homecoming Event, July 1, 2000. CARRIED

228/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere at 10:05 p.m. THAT the meeting be extended for thirty minutes. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) Quarterly Policing Report – First Quarter Year 2000 – Merritt Municipal Detachment.
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Received as information only.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) 4th Annual Fund-raiser and Fashion Show May 12th; Planet Hair letter dated April 13, 2000.
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Received as information only.

- ii) Summum Uia (the Greatest Procession) May 18th; Merritt Secondary School graduation procession; letter dated April 10, 2000.
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229/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve the processional route of the graduating class from the high school to the arena. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information: Nil.

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

The Media had questions for Council regarding Merritt drinking water; interface burning; Acting Administrator's position; Bylaw Officer position and the Management Review process.

13. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA:

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

230/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere 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, April 11, 2000.
- B) Potential litigation affecting the City.
- C) Employee Negotiations: (3 Items).

AND THAT this meeting be adjourned for five minutes.

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:20 P.M.

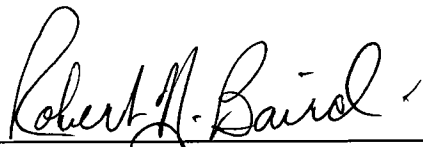
MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 10:26 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR