

CITY OF MERRITT

**MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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, R. Gage

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

MEDIA: Nicola Valley Voice
Merritt Herald

PUBLIC: 4 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, Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 2, 2000.

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 2, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

4. REPORTS:

A. Public consultation process to review the City of Merritt Five-year Financial Plan for the years 2000-2004.

The City Treasurer gave an overview of the budget process and reviewed the Five-year Financial Plan for Operations and Capital Programs; Property Assessments, Tax Rates and comparison of Property Assessment and Tax Statistics. He also reviewed the significant budget considerations incorporated into the Year 2000+ Budgets.

The public had some questions regarding expenditures in the area of bylaw enforcement, animal control and Grant-in-aid funding.

The Committee of the Whole had concerns about the total amount of the transfer of funds from the surplus and reserve accounts, therefore agreed that the proposed upgrade to Juniper Drive from Nicola Ave. to 1700 Juniper in amount of \$71,000. be moved to the budget year 2001. As well, the Committee of the Whole recommended that sidewalks along Juniper Drive from Nicola Ave. to 1700 Juniper in amount of \$36,000. be moved to the budget year 2001, provided it does not impact the continuation of work on the Millennium Trail System.

Councillor Gage left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

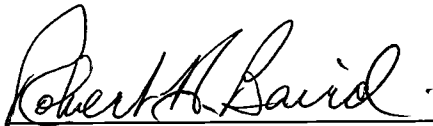
There were no questions from the media present.

Mayor Baird thanked the public and media for attending the meeting and thanked staff and Council for the work that was done to complete the budget process.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. by consensus.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR