

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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, R. Sherwood, H. Kroeker, G. Cavaliere,  
R. Gage

ABSENT: Councillor E. Reimer

STAFF: J. E. Barry, Acting Administrator  
J. Johnson, City Planner  
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager  
H. Osachoff, City Treasurer  
C. Bacon, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: NL Radio  
Shaw Cable  
Merritt Herald

PUBLIC: 7 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. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, May 9, 2000.

233/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, May  
9, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

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

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

234/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, April  
25, 2000 be adopted as amended by changing the last word in motion 218/00  
from "suitable" to "unsuitable". CARRIED

- B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 2, 2000.

235/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 2, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2000 - McLeod – 2845 Neilson Street.
  - B. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1762, 2000-McLeod – 2845 Neilson Street.
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The City Planner gave a brief overview of Bylaw No. 1761, 2000 and 1762, 2000.

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

Erick Norgaard of 1601 Ponderosa Way, Merritt addressed Council regarding the proposed bylaws. He stated that he was not opposed to development in the City but indicated that he felt the noise from an industrial site so close to a recreational commercial site would eventually cause problems.

Frank Larre of #1 – 1098 Houston spoke in support of the project. He stated that a buffer zone could be created by planting trees and fencing the area. He felt it would increase the tax base for Merritt and pointed out that environmentalists do not encourage industrial development along property fronting the river.

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

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil.**

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1761, 2000 Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1762, 2000 – McLeod – 2845 Neilson Street.
    - 1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2000.
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236/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2000.

CARRIED

2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1762, 2000.

237/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1762, 2000. CARRIED

B. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1764, 2000 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2000 – Smoluk – 2690 Garcia Street.

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

238/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1764, 2000. CARRIED

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

239/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council Adopt City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2000. CARRIED

C. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2000 Nicola Native Lodge Society – Text Amendment.

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

240/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2000. CARRIED

D. City of Merritt Five-year Financial Plan – Bylaw No. 1768, 2000.

1. City of Merritt Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1768, 2000.

241/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1768, 2000. CARRIED

242/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1768, 2000. CARRIED

243/00

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1768, 2000. CARRIED

E. City of Merritt 2000 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1769, 2000.

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244/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt 2000 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1769, 2000. CARRIED

245/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt 2000 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1769, 2000. CARRIED

246/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt 2000 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1769, 2000. CARRIED

F. City of Merritt Expenditure of Monies in the Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment reserve fund bylaw No. 1770, 2000.

1. City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1770, 2000.

247/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give FIRST READING TO City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve fund bylaw No. 1770, 2000. CARRIED

248/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give SECOND READING TO City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve fund bylaw No. 1770, 2000. CARRIED

249/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council give THIRD READING TO City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve fund bylaw No. 1770, 2000. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. City Advertising; Acting Administrator's Memorandum.

250/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Merritt Herald be selected as the City's exclusive provider of statutory advertising for the period of May 15, 2000 to May 15, 2002 at the rate of \$2.80 per column inch. CARRIED

251/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT CJNL Radio be selected as the exclusive provider of the City's local radio advertising for the period of May 15, 2000 to May 15, 2001 at the monthly rate of \$416.67 with an option to renew for the period May 15, 2001 to May 15, 2002; AND THAT the City's advertising policy be amended by replacing "special events" with "special events of interest to non-local residents". CARRIED

252/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Merritt Herald be chosen as the primary advertising medium for the City's non-statutory advertising for the period of May 15, 2000 to May 15, 2002 at the rate of \$2.80 per column inch. CARRIED

B. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce Lease Agreement; Recreation Manager's May 1, 2000 Memorandum.

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253/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council approve the renewal of the Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce as presented at the May 9, 2000 Regular Council Meeting, and that the agreement be prepared for signing by the Mayor and City Clerk. CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird welcomed the Big Book Tour to Merritt on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This book will be displayed at the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria on January 1, 2001. The Mayor attended the welcome address of the Merritt Division of the Women's Institute of Kamloops last week; attended with Councillor Barr the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Awareness Committee 10 km run. Mayor Baird spoke briefly regarding the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Convention hosted by the District of Salmon Arm and advised that Merritt will be hosting this convention in 2001.

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

Councillor Sherwood announced May 6 – 12 as Youth Week. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that this has been celebrated. He also advised that part of the Youth 2000 week was a community clean-up project on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Lions Park.

Councillor Sherwood reported on public works that are in progress; street repairs, shouldering work and sidewalk repairs are ongoing; Voght Park track has been graded, watered and packed; the 6 bag limit for garbage pickup was successful; the wash bay at the works yard is done; two students have been

hired on the Summer Works Program. Rotary Park improvements are well under way; the bandshell will be completed within next couple of weeks; Rotary Club has completed the new kids playground, this is an ongoing project over the next year or two. Dyking project is almost complete, awaiting inspections. Councillor Sherwood advised that the Flying Club would be hosting a Fly-in Breakfast on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at the airport. The next meeting of the Airport Committee will be May 10<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Sherwood also spoke briefly regarding the OMMA Convention and advised that Mayor Baird has been elected to the OMMA executive.

Councillor Gage: Nil.

Councillor Barr attended the Community Justice Board Regular Meeting of Directors on April 27<sup>th</sup>. A report was presented on the Restorative Justice Program and Councillor Barr advised that she has available a 15 minute video that explains the Restorative Justice Program. The next Community Justice Board Meeting is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Barr reported on the Community Awareness Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 10 km run. The next Access Awareness meeting will be on May 11, 2000. Councillor Barr also commented on her attendance at the OMMA Convention hosted by the District of Salmon Arm.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that the next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. He also advised that the Sign Bylaw Committee meeting was cancelled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and rescheduled for this week.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the Economic Development Association of BC Conference which he attended with the Economic Development Officer, held in Vernon on April 27-29, 2000. He advised that Merritt would be lobbying to have the conference in Merritt in 2002. Regarding the Tourism Association; they are waiting for confirmation of their grant and are now ready to register their society. The Economic Development Committee will be scheduling a planning session now that the budget is finalized. Councillor Kroeker advised that starting on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> the Nicola Valley Tribal Council is hosting a forestry symposium at the Civic Centre; he will be attending a meeting in Princeton on May 10<sup>th</sup> for the Nicola Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society; update on NVIT/UCC building permit application - there are still some issues to be resolved. Councillor Kroeker advised that pamphlets are available to the public regarding information on Building Permits and Development Cost Charges. Pamphlets on Fire Sprinklers and Subdivision Applications are still to be done.

Mayor Baird announced that Councillor Kroeker has been authorized to attend on behalf of Council, the Yellowhead Highway Association Fifty-Forth Annual Conference in Winnipeg on May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- i) Senior Citizen/Museum Complex Agreement; Recreation Manager's April 26, 2000 Memorandum.
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254/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council approve the renewal of the Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt Senior Citizen Association as presented at the May 9, 2000 Regular Council Meeting, AND THAT the agreement be prepared for signing by the Mayor and City Clerk. CARRIED

255/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council approve the renewal of the Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Nicola Valley Museum Archives Association as presented at the May 9, 2000 Regular Council Meeting, and that the agreement be prepared for signing by the Mayor and City Clerk. CARRIED

- ii) Douglas Street Closure; Acting Administrator's May 6, 2000 Memorandum.
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256/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council accept the offer of \$26,500 per acre from Ardeu Wood Products Ltd. for the purchase of that portion of Douglas Street that was closed by Bylaw No. 1424, 1994; AND THAT staff be directed to finalize this matter. CARRIED

- iii) Community Grants-in-Aid for 2000; Treasurer's April 28, 2000 Memorandum.
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257/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve the following grants-in-aid to community organizations for the year 2000, pursuant to section 176 (1)c of the Municipal Act. CARRIED

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Grants-In-Aid for the Year 2000

| Organization                                  | Amount Request | Amount Approved | General Purpose   |
|---|----------------|-----------------|---|
| Merritt Humane Society                        | 5,000          | 2,500           | Spay & Neuter & vet program low income assistance   |
| Nicola Valley Arts Council                    | 5,000          | 5,000           | operations  |
| Nicola Valley Museum Archives Assoc.          | 35,000         | 25,000          | operations  |
| Nicola Valley Community Band                  | 1,000          | 500             | Arranging band music for theme song "Beautiful Nicola Valley"   |
| Merritt and District Minor Hockey Assoc.      | 1,400          | 600             | Purchase banners depicting hosted historic events   |
| MADD Nicola Valley                            | 3,000          | 500             | operations and services   |
| Merritt and District Community Justice Centre | 3,000          | 1,500           | operations - to provide additional service hours  |
| Merritt Ambassador Society                    | 3,500          | 1,500           | Civic centre rent forgiveness and operations  |
| Merritt and District Youth Resources Society  | 10,000         | 1,000           | Operating   |
| Nicola Valley Fall Fair & Rodeo Associations  | ??             | 5,000           | Installation of water and sewer facilities- Conditional on Associations raising matching funding on their own |
| Rotary Club of Merritt (noon club)            | 3,300          | 3,300           | Grant in kind for Rotary Park Band Shell  |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>70,200</b>  | <b>46,400</b>   |   |

- iv) Bylaw Enforcement Officer Appointment; Acting Administrator's May 3, 2000 Memorandum.

258/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Marguerite Kempin be appointed as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to City of Merritt Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw No. 1487, 1994; AND THAT when this Limited Duration Bylaw Services Officer position ends, this appointment terminates. CARRIED

- v) Special Meeting of City Council to Adopt Bylaws; Treasurer's May 4, 2000 Memorandum.

259/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT a Special meeting of Council be held May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for purposes of adopting the following bylaws:

1. City of Merritt Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1768, 2000.
2. City of Merritt 2000 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1769, 2000.



3. Bylaw Authorizing the Expenditure of monies in the Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund No. 1770, 2000. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

- i) April Building Permit Activity Report; City Planner's May 2, 2000 Memorandum.

Received as information only.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:** Nil.

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Funding Available for Regional "Community to Community" Forums, Memorandum from UBCM dated May 1, 2000.  
ii) Merritt Water Quality, letter dated April 20, 2000 from Environmental Health Division.  
iii) Auxiliary Constable Program of British Columbia, letter dated April 20, 2000 from Royal Canadian Mounted Police.  
iv) The Corporation of the Village of Lytton; letter dated April 30, 2000 from Mayor Chris O'Connor.

Above four items received as information only.

- v) Cheryl Hanslien; letter dated May 4, 2000.

260/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council authorize the donation of the seven pieces of stage equipment for use at the benefit dance on behalf of the Pierce family who recently lost their home to a fire. CARRIED

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

The City Treasurer gave a brief overview of the City of Merritt press release that outlined some of the year 2000 operational budget highlights, Capital Program, and Property Taxes.

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

The Media had questions for Council regarding the Bylaw Officer position; the Suttlej Motors proposal and the Merritt and District Youth Resources grant-in-aid.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; May 9, 2000.

261/00 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 25, 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 TERMINATED AT 9:15 p.m.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 9:30 p.m.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately.)

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 11:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR