

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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, R. Sherwood, R. Gage

ABSENT: Councillors H. Kroeker, G. Cavaliere, E. Reimer

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

MEDIA: NL Radio
Shaw Cable
Nicola Valley Voice
Merritt Herald
Merritt News

PUBLIC: 6 Members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, May 23, 2000.

286/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, May 23, 2000 be adopted with the addition of item 9C (iv) - Fitness Room Equipment; Recreation Facilities Manager's Memorandum of May 23, 2000. CARRIED

B. Presentation of Community Policing Awards:

- Citizens on Patrol – Volunteer of the Year Award 1999-2000
Jack Raikes.
- Merritt Speed Watch – Volunteer of the Year Award 1999-2000
Pat Lunzmann.

S/Sgt. J. Senft from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police introduced the Volunteer of the Year awards for two citizens of Merritt. The Mayor presented a plaque to Jack Raikes, for Citizens on Patrol and Pat Lunzmann for Merritt Speed Watch in recognition of their contribution to the Volunteer Program.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 9, 2000.

287/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting May 9, 2000 be adopted with the addition to motion 257/00 of the list of Grant-In-Aids as approved by Council. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 11, 2000.

288/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 11, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 16, 2000.

289/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 16, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

A. KPMG Chartered Accountants of Kamloops – Auditor for the City of Merritt presented the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1999.

- i) Audited Financial Statements – Year ended December 31, 1999; Treasurer's May 5, 2000 Memorandum.

The Treasurer introduced Gary Crook, Auditor for KPMG who made a presentation to Council and commented on the audit process, financial statements in general terms and future expectations of the auditors, as well as some changes in the financial statements next year.

7. **BYLAWS:**

A. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1708; Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1709; Upper Bench Land Use Plan – Crown Lands, City Planner's May 16, 2000 Memorandum.

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1708, 1998.
 2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1709, 1998.
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The City Planer made a brief presentation to Council regarding Bylaw No. 1708 and Bylaw 1709, 1998.

290/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council defer third reading of Bylaw 1708 and Bylaw 1709 until after further study of the Liquid Waste Management Plan and then schedule another public hearing. CARRIED

B. 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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291/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1761, 2000. CARRIED

2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1762, 2000.
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292/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1762, 2000. CARRIED

C. City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2000; Rotary Park Re-Development.

1. City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2000.
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293/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2000. CARRIED

294/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2000. CARRIED

295/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give THIRD READING to City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2000. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. KPMG Chartered Accountants of Kamloops – City Auditors; presentation of City of Merritt Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1999.

i) Audited Financial Statements – Year ended December 31, 1999; Treasurer's May 5, 2000 Memorandum.

296/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council receive the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1999. CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

The Mayor spoke briefly regarding the BC Homecoming 2000-Marking the Millennium. He reviewed the list of people invited to the Merritt BC Homecoming 2000 and advised that postcards are available at City Hall for anyone wishing to invite friends or family to the July 1st BC Homecoming celebration. The Mayor proclaimed the month of June, 2000 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Month.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Sherwood reported on Public Works that are in progress; general maintenance and park improvement at Voght Park and Claybanks Parks; hookup for water and storm drains at Collettsville School; street sweeping is ongoing. Councillor Sherwood reported that the youth that participated in the May 12th Clean up and Graffiti exercise were to be complimented for the work they completed. A summer worker will be hired for day programs for children 10 – 14 years old.

Councillor Gage attended the May 18th Chamber of Commerce meeting of new Directors. The Chamber is hosting a special session on May 24th from 5 – 8 p.m. called "Getting It Together", at the Val Nicola Hotel banquet room. The focus of the meeting will be economic development in the Nicola Valley. The Merritt

Music Festival and plans for the Street Mall are underway. The Spring Home and Recreation show was a success and a Fall Home Show for October 27-28 is in the planning stage. A Fan Tour of the City of Merritt was provided to the staff of the Coquihalla Information Centre providing them with information they can share with tourists to the valley.

Councillor Barr advised that Councillor Cavaliere was unable to be at the meeting and provided the following information on his behalf; the next Sign Bylaw meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 7th; Recreation Commission met on Wednesday May 17th and the following topics were discussed: Lions Tot Lot Park and removal of equipment that no longer meets CSA approval; Fairley Park Plan revision; H. Norgaard presentation of his vision of the finished Skate park; Millennium project; Voght Park and Collettville Park Master Plan; update of Community Gardens project and Horseshoe Club; request by Recreation Commission to meet with Council.

Councillor Barr reported that the Provincial Access Awareness day is June 3rd and that the Local Access Awareness Committee has chosen June 24th as the day that they will host the Access Awareness Tour. Members from various community organizations will be invited to tour the City using a wheelchair, walker, leg brace or having a vision impairment. Councillor Barr advised that she attended the Biz Tech 2000 Conference in Kamloops on May 12th and 13th. This was a combination of conference, trade show and presentations, bringing together service providers and service users. Councillor Barr advised that next year Merritt would be requesting to host the conference.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Fairley Park; Recreation Manager's May 18, 2000 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt the amended development plan for Fairley Park as presented at the May 23, 2000 Regular Council Meeting subject to the playground meeting all CSA standards of approval. CARRIED

- ii) Volunteer Appreciation/Protective Services Wine & Cheese; Administrative Assistant's May 18, 2000 Memorandum.

Received for information. Council provided direction that the invitations are to include a spouse or guest.

- iii) Development Permit 2000-C – Coldwater Band Office; Development Officer's May 12, 2000 Memorandum.

298/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Development Permit Application 2000-C be approved. CARRIED

- iv) Fitness Room Equipment; Recreation Facilities Manager's May 23, 2000 Memorandum.

299/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council authorize staff to purchase the fitness equipment available from Rocky Mountain Fitness for \$14,000 plus taxes AND THAT Council authorize staff to advertise a sealed bid sale of Aquatic Centre fitness room equipment. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) 1999 Report of Council Remuneration and Expenses.

Councillor Barr requested that the 1999 Report of Council Remuneration and Expenses be updated to reflect her attendance at two UBCM conferences in 1999.

Received for information.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses: Nil.

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Merritt Community Garden; Letter dated May 8, 2000.
- ii) Municipal Leaders' Statement on Climate Change; Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Letter dated May 2, 2000.

Above two items received for information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Gage discussed information received regarding Bill 14; Local Government Statues Amendment Act.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD: Nil.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; May 23, 2000.

300/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood 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, May 9, 2000.
- B) Minutes, In-Camera Portion of the Special Council Meeting, May 16, 2000.
- C) Land matter;
- D) Matter containing Third Party Information;
- E) Employee Negotiations: 4 items

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

MEETING TERMINATED AT 8:22 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA AT 8:35 PM.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately.)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 9:59 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR