

CITY OF MERRITT

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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
G. Cavaliere, H. Kroeker, E. Reimer

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

MEDIA: Nicola Valley Voice
Merritt Herald
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 1 member 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, Regular Council Meeting, June 13, 2000.

314/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting June 13, 2000 be adopted with the addition of item 10 A (iv) – Application for Permanent Change to Liquor Licence. **CARRIED**

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

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

315/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 23, 2000 be adopted. **CARRIED**

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 25, 2000.

316/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 25, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

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

7. **BYLAWS:**

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

317/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1771. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird commented briefly about the implementation of the 911 Emergency Number in Merritt and advised that there would be a full report to the community within the next six months. He will be attending the dedication of the Southern terminus of the Yellowhead Highway 5 in Hope on Friday June 16th. The Mayor attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in London Ontario from June 2 – 5. The Mayor proclaimed the following dates for the month of June:

- Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus for Month of June.
- National Aboriginal Day, June 21st, 2000.

Mayor Baird requested nominations from Council to form a committee to organize the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Conference scheduled to be held in Merritt in 2001. Councillor Barr nominated Councillor Kroeker as Chair of the Committee, which he accepted. Councillors Barr, Cavaliere, Gage, Reimer and Sherwood all advised they would participate as members of the Committee involved in organizing the event.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr attended the Community Health Advisory Council Meeting on May 24th and advised that the next meeting will be held in September. On June 7th she attended the Merritt and District Community Justice Society meeting. The Block Parent Program will be moving to the RCMP detachment from the Community Justice Office to be with the other community policing initiatives. She also advised that the Aboriginal Justice Program will be undertaking the Restorative Justice component in partnership with the Community Justice Board to provide restorative justice. The Community Justice Centre will provide the trained facilitators and provide restorative justice to both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people within our community.

The Access Awareness Tour has been scheduled for June 24th and plans are well underway.

Councillor Cavaliere reported that the Rotary Park Bandshell Grand opening is slated for July 1st; the Recreation Commission has asked to meet with Members of Council and the Mayor in the near future to discuss various issues; Sign Bylaw Committee met last week and the next meeting will be on June 28th with a public meeting to be scheduled within the next couple of months; the Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2000 at the Best Western - Inglenooks.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the Nicola Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society Meeting and advised that a presentation will be made to Council at the July 11th Council Meeting. Councillor Kroeker reported on the Yellowhead Highway Association Conference he attended in Winnipeg from May 25th to the 27th. Councillor Kroeker also presented to Council a draft brochure promoting Merritt.

Councillor Gage attended the Chamber of Commerce Conference, "Getting it all Together". They were able to share ideas, visions, goals and the 2003 City of Merritt Vision. June 15th will be the date of the next Business after Business event to be held at the Home Hardware; the Chamber of Commerce has a mobile stage that is available for rental for community events; the interview process for the new Fire Chief will begin shortly; Annual Protective Services and Community Volunteers Wine and Cheese will be held at the Civic Centre on June 23rd.

Councillor Reimer advised that the property tax notices for the City of Merritt were mailed out May 26th.

Councillor Sherwood reported on public works in progress. The Dyking project has had a final inspection; crack sealing of streets and at the airport ongoing; line painting will begin next Monday; three major water repairs and three plugged sewers were repaired; shouldering of streets ongoing; several roads prepared for the application of dust control/stabilization; concrete nopost guard rails installed at the golf course; some hazardous trees removed and Engineer to contact arborist to look at various areas to assess hazard; three students have been hired for the summer; patching is ongoing; dyke inspections are being done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until spring runoff is over; playground equipment at Lions Park has been removed; residential access to sidewalks in the 1800 block of Granite have been installed; clean-up and repairs at the works yard are completed; modifications to street sweeper are complete; Chris Heppner has been hired and is training on the residential garbage truck. Councillor Sherwood reported that a new Youth Mental Health worker has been hired; the summer program for youth ages 10 – 14 is now in place and is located across from the Railyard Mall in the 2100 Block Coutlee. Councillor Sherwood attended the Community Youth Committee Meeting at the Hospital and one of the topics discussed was the importance of a theatre in Merritt. The next monthly meeting of the Airport Committee is Wednesday June 14th.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Arena Refrigeration Plant Maintenance; Recreation Facilities Manager's Maintenance; June 6, 2000 Memorandum.

318/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council accept the proposal from Norlock Refrigeration to perform annual maintenance on the refrigeration plant at the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena for the spring/summer of 2000 and 2001. CARRIED

- ii) Supply of a Wide Wing Rotary Mower; City Engineer's June 6, 2000 Memorandum.

319/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council awards the supply of a wide wing rotary mower (demo Toro Model 5800) to Oakcreek Golf & Turf Inc. in the amount of \$49,113.48 including trade-in of equipment and all applicable taxes. CARRIED

- iii) Concrete Forming and Finishing – Contract #5700.03; City Engineer's June 6, 2000 Memorandum.
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320/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council award the Concrete Forming and Finishing Contract #5700.03 for the construction of curb and gutters and sidewalks to Valley Curbing Ltd. for the unit prices quoted over a 3 year term with an option to extend the contract an additional 2 years. CARRIED

- iv) Development Permit 2000-D – Crystal Gardens Restaurant Development Officer's June 6, 2000 Memorandum.
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321/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Development Permit Application 2000-D be approved subject to the applicant submitting an approved Access Permit from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. CARRIED

- iv) Bloom's Nurseryland Zoning Issue; City Planner's June 5, 2000 Memorandum.
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322/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council send a letter to Ms. MacDonald indicating that an application has been received from Bloom's Nurseryland for an amendment to the Official Community Plan; AND THAT she would have an opportunity to voice her concerns at the Public Hearing. CARRIED

- vi) Merritt Emergency Social Service's Director; Administrative Assistant's June 6, 2000 Memorandum.
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323/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council accept the resignation of Betty Ann McDonnell as Merritt Emergency Social Service's Director and send a letter of appreciation for her volunteer work for the past four years on behalf of the City of Merritt; AND THAT Council appoint Clara Norgaard as the new Merritt Emergency Social Service's Director effectively immediately. CARRIED

- vii) SkatePark Long Term Plan; Recreation Manager's June 8, 2000 Memorandum.
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324/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council defer a decision on the recommendation of the Recreation Commission regarding the Skatepark long term development plan pending input from Voght Park area residents and community members interested in providing feedback to Council. CARRIED

325/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Recreation Commission host a meeting to obtain public input on the long term development plan for the SkatePark. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) Economic Development Committee Report – May 2000; Development Officer's June 6, 2000 Memorandum.
- ii) May Building Permit Activity Report; City Planner's June 5, 2000 Memorandum.
- iii) May Bylaw Services Activity Report; City Planner's June 5, 2000 Memorandum.
- iv) Mountain Pine Beetle Report; City Engineer's June 7, 2000 Memorandum.

Above four items received for information only.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) Merritt's 4th Annual Toy Run – September 17, 2000; letter from D. Mihura dated May 29, 2000.
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326/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council direct staff to send a letter advising their support of this request for the Toy Run subject to motor vehicles remaining in the parking area. CARRIED

- ii) Evelyn Armstrong; letter dated May 17, 2000.
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Council directed staff to send a letter to Ms. Armstrong advising that whenever possible the City uses only environmentally friendly controls in the maintenance of City facilities.

- iii) Canada Forest Accord – National Forest Strategy Coalition; UBCM Memorandum dated May 30, 2000.
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Council requested Councillor Kroeker to review Canada Forest Accord – National Forest Strategy Coalition Memorandum with various other groups and forward any comments to UBCM.

- iv) Application for Permanent Change to Liquor Licence; Acting Administrator's June 13, 2000 Memorandum.
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327/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council supports the Grand Pub and Grill's application for Permanent Change to Liquor Licence dated June 13, 2000 to open on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., one hour earlier than the existing time of 11:00 a.m. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Council 2000 Summer Broadcast Schedule; Shaw Cable letter dated May 23, 2000.
- ii) Cigarette Smoking; Office of the City Clerk, City of Vancouver; letter dated June 1, 2000.

Above two items received for information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

The Media requested clarification on the Skatepark Motion.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

- 1. Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; June 13, 2000.

328/00

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 Special Council Meeting, May 23, 2000.
- B) Minutes, In-Camera Portion of the Special Council Meeting, May 25, 2000.
- C) Employee Negotiations: (1) item.

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

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 9:16 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA AT 9:37 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately.)


14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 11:45 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR