

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Mayor R.H. Baird
Councillors R. Sherwood, R. Gage,
G. Cavaliere, H. Kroeker, E. Reimer

ABSENT: Councillor L. Barr

STAFF: J.E. Barry, Acting Administrator
Harry Osachoff, City Treasurer
Dale McTaggart, City Engineer
Jason Johnson, City Planner
Jeff Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager
Dalyce Brandt, Recreation Manager
Carla Bacon, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: NL Radio
Merritt News
Nicola Valley Voice

PUBLIC: One member of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, June 27, 2000.

336/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting
June 27, 2000 be adopted with the deletion of items 6B; 7B; 8B; 9C 1. (iv) AND
the addition to New Business: 11 a) Disposal of Equipment. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June 13, 2000.

337/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June
13, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- A. Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee – Presentation by Gord Johnson; Adopt-A-Block Program for Merritt.

Gord Johnson from the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee made a presentation to Council regarding the Adopt-A-Block program for Merritt. He was seeking Council's approval in principal of the Adopt-A-Block Program to allow the committee to pursue further steps necessary to implement the program.

- B. Item deleted from Agenda.

7. BYLAWS:

- A. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1775, 2000; Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1776, 2000; Jackson; Development Officer's June 19, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2000.

338/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2000. CARRIED

339/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2000. CARRIED

- 2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776, 2000.

340/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council give FIRST READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776, 2000. CARRIED

341/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council give SECOND READING to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776, 2000. CARRIED

342/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT a Public Hearing be scheduled for the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2000 AND City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776, 2000 at the regular meeting of Council July 25th, 2000. CARRIED

- B. Item deleted from the Agenda.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee – Presentation by Gord Johnson; Adopt-A-Block Program for Merritt.
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343/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council approve in principal the Adopt-A-Block Program presented by the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee; AND THAT the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee and the City's Economic Development Committee report back to Council. CARRIED

- B. Item deleted from Agenda.

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Baird spoke briefly about the letter sent to Premier Ujjal Dosanjh regarding the four-laning of the Coquihalla Highway. He also advised that his comments regarding the Access Awareness Tour he attended on June 24th would be forthcoming at the next Council Meeting. The Mayor also commented on the Protective Services and Community Volunteer's Appreciation Night held on June 23rd.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Cavaliere reported that the next Sign Bylaw Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 28th at 7 p.m.; the opening celebrations of the Rotary Bandshell would be in conjunction with Canada Day Celebrations, July 1st.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the Canada Forest Accord – National Forest Strategy Coalition Memorandum. He advised that Mr. DeBoice, District Manager of the Merritt Forest District, recommended that Council endorse the accord in principal and that final support from Council be given once they see details of the final document.

344/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council support in principal the request from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding the Canada Forest Accord – National Forest Strategy Coalition. CARRIED

Councillor Kroeker spoke briefly regarding Bloom's Nurseryland application for a temporary use permit and outlined proactive options that may be available for further consideration.

- 345/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council instruct staff to pursue other options with Bloom's Nurseryland to use road right of way property adjoining their property on a temporary basis, based on the condition that the property be used for parking AND THAT their parking area be used to store goods now stored on property that is zoned R4 (High Density Residential) AND FURTHER THAT staff bring back a proposal to Council for approval. CARRIED

Council also requested that staff poll the adjoining property owners for their comment.

Councillor Kroeker attended a meeting at the Civic Centre which involved a discussion paper on development of policy regarding regional community development and various initiatives government is considering in that regard.

Councillor Kroeker as Chair of the Community Development Committee also commented briefly on a letter that was sent to Premier Ujjal Dosanjh regarding the four-laning of the Couquihalla Highway.

- 346/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council send a letter of support for Mr. Lali's stand on the four-laning of the Coquihalla Highway to Premier Ujjal Dosanjh. CARRIED

Councillor Gage advised that he was unable to attend the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting in June; the next meeting will be July 13th 7 a.m. at the Val Nicola Banquet Room. He also advised that a letter has been sent to request an increase of one RCMP Constable for the City of Merritt.

Councillor Reimer – Nil.

Councillor Sherwood reported that the Flying Club hosted a successful Fly-in breakfast in June. Councillor Sherwood reported on Public Works in progress; line painting has been started; crack sealing to take place; mosquito control is ongoing with three aerial applications to date; water valve at Phelan House repaired; three new parking signs have been posted; street sweeping is ongoing; garbage cans in downtown area have been bolted down; City to partner with Forestry regarding control of noxious weeds in the area; public works crew has completed WHMIS program.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Fitness Room Equipment; Recreation Facilities Manager's June 20, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 347/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the City of Merritt ACCEPT the bid from Kevin Peters to purchase the Bench Press Machine, Lat Pulldown/Tricep Pushdown Station, and Universal Gym from the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre "as is/ where is" for the total price of \$375.00 including all taxes. CARRIED
- 348/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the City dispose of the Leg Extension/Hamstring Curl Machine and the Hack Squat/Standing Calf Raise Machine. CARRIED
- 349/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the City store the Seated Arm Curl Machine, until such time as it can be donated or sold to another party. CARRIED
- ii) Upgrade Downtown Street Signs; Engineer's June 16, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 350/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct Staff to use the street sign pattern as shown on Proposal "A" for outlying areas (white background with black lettering and small green stripe on the top and bottom); and proposal "D" for downtown areas (green background with yellow lettering and City Shield). CARRIED
- iii) Latecomers Agreement – Merritt Benchlands (1996) Ltd.; Engineer's June 19, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 351/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City Council require the owner of the land that is to be subdivided or developed provide the excess or extended services shown on Exhibits "1" and "2", as posted in the Council Chamber and marked with this exhibit number and project number; AND THAT the City Council confirms that Council considers the cost to the City of providing the excess or extended services shown on Exhibits 1 and 2 to be excessive; AND FURTHER THAT the cost of providing these services shall be paid for by the owner of the land being subdivided or developed; AND FURTHER THAT the latecomer charges be imposed for excess or extended services, as shown on Exhibits "1" and "2",

which are required to be installed as part of the referenced development project; AND THAT latecomer charges be imposed on the benefiting lands listed in Exhibit "6" in the amounts shown, except for land owned by Merritt Plateau Holdings Ltd. and designated A13 on drawing #1D1 and A1, A2, A3, B10, B11, B12 and B13 on drawing #1H1 which have already paid all latecomer fees; AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Latecomer Agreement with the referenced developer, incorporating Exhibits "1", "2" and "6" into the agreement; AND FURTHER THAT the City be responsible for notification to the owner of the benefiting lands in writing of the latecomer charges to be imposed on their land; AND FURTHER THAT the City be responsible for registration on title of all benefiting lands a "Notice of Excess or Extended Services Agreement" in accordance with the form attached as Appendix "J". CARRIED

iv) Item deleted from Agenda.

2) **Receive for Information:** Nil.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

i) Statement of Support – Smoke Free Environment;Thompson Health Region letter dated June 9, 2000.

352/00

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT a statement of support from Council to the Clean-Air Coalition be postponed to a future meeting date pending results of public hearings being held in other areas of the province. CARRIED

ii) Five Year Review of RCMP Policing Agreements; UBCM Memorandum of May 31, 2000.

Councillor Gage advised that he will review the RCMP Policing Agreements as requested by UBCM and report to Council any comments or concerns from that review.

iii) Merritt Community SkatePark Committee; letter dated June 16, 2000.

Council directed Staff to send a letter to the Merritt Community Skatepark Committee advising the process to obtain public input on the long-term development plan for the Skatepark.

- iv) School District No. 58, Drug Free Zone Program; letter Dated June 21, 2000.
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353/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council endorse the Drug Free Zone Program and cost share with the school district to have the signage installed within a two block radius of Merritt Senior Secondary School and Coquihalla Middle School; AND THAT the City's portion not exceed \$1000. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Dispute Resolution for Municipalities/Regional Districts; UBCM letter dated May 17, 2000.
ii) Grant-in-Aid to Community Justice Centre; Merritt & District Community Justice Centre, letter dated June 8, 2000.
iii) Grant-in-Aid to Nicola Valley Museum Archives Association, letter dated June 15, 2000.

Above three items received for information.

- iv) Provincial Grants; Ministry of Municipal Affairs; News Release dated June 16, 2000.
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354/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Yale-Lillooet MLA Harry Lali thanking them for the grants received. CARRIED

- v) Flood Protection Funding; Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks; News Release.
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355/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Mayor and Clerk enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks for the \$187,500. grant to upgrade existing dikes along the Coldwater River to improve flood protection. CARRIED

356/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and Yale-Lillooet MLA Harry Lali thanking them for the grant received. CARRIED

- v) Yellowhead Highway 5 Designation; letter Ministry of Transportation and Highways, letter dated June 19, 2000.
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Above item received for information only.

- vii) Senior Award 2000; The Brock House Society, letter dated June 9, 2000.

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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Councillor Barr approach the seniors regarding nominations for the British Columbia Senior Award for 2000.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Equipment Replacement; Engineer's June 21, 2000 Memorandum.

Council considered a recommendation from the June 27, 2000 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

358/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council authorize the purchase of a new pickup to replace Unit #15 – ¾ ton 1987 GMC pickup and replace with a smaller pickup; AND THAT Council authorize the disposal of the following equipment by sealed bid process with upset prices as shown:

- Unit #17 Single Axle Dump Truck; (\$5,000.00)
- Three (3) used furnaces from the outdoor pool;
- Front Mount Snow Plow; (\$8,500.00)
- Approximately Eight (8) Electric motors;
- Vibrating Compactor;
- Two (2) storage tanks filled with asphalt AC-10;
- Two (2) Fifth Wheel Transport Trailers – (40 foot);
- Two (2) Asphalt tar spreaders;
- Sewage Sludge Tank and Spreader (1000 gallon tank);
- Two (2) storage tanks (1000 gallons each) and one (1) Storage tank (1500 gallons);
- Waste Water Treatment Plant – two (2) drum screens;
- Scrap Metal – There is a number of items at the works yard that should be disposed of for the scrap metal value including two (2) steel hoppers, a number of old hydrants, water fittings and roller.

CARRIED

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

The Media had questions of Council regarding the Latecomers Agreement; UCC/NVIT project and a letter read to Council by Councillor Kroeker.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; June 27, 2000.

359/00 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, June 13, 2000.
- B) Potential litigation affecting the City; (2) items.
- C) Employee Negotiations: (4) items.
- D) Matter containing Third Party Information; (2) items.

AND THAT this meeting be adjourned for five minutes. CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:50 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA AT 9:02 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately.)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 11:30 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR