

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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, G. Cavaliere, H. Kroeker  
R. Sherwood, E. Reimer, R. Gage

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

MEDIA: NL Radio  
Shaw Cable  
Nicola Valley Voice  
Merritt Herald  
Merritt Morning Market

PUBLIC: 3 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, Regular Council Meeting, July 11, 2000.

370/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, July 11, 2000 be adopted with the addition to Reports: 9 C 1) B. Supply of mid size pick-up. CARRIED

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

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

371/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June 27, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, June 27, 2000.

372/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, June 27, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil.**

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. Nicola Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society; presentation by Larry Henry.

Larry Henry, Chief Executive Officer of the Nicola Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society made a presentation to Council outlining the background, future visions and strategic direction of the NSIFS.

B. Jackie Herman; The Youth Award of Merritt – Presentation of plaque to be displayed at City Hall.

Jackie Herman representing the Nicola Valley Teachers' Union gave a brief history of the Youth Award of Merritt. This award recognizes young people in our community between the ages of 13 and 19 who exhibit a strong sense of leadership and community spirit and whose contributions enhance the quality of life in our community. Jackie presented Council with a plaque, to be displayed at City Hall, recognizing the positive contribution youth have made to the community.

C. Presentation to Council on the Mountain Pine Beetle; Engineer's Report of June 13, 2000.

Pat Byrne, Forest Health Officer, Ministry of Forests, made a presentation to Council regarding the Mountain Pine Beetle in the Merritt area. He reviewed the life-span, options for treatment of infestations and areas in Merritt where there have been signs of the Mountain Pine Beetle.

7. **BYLAWS:**

- A. BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000: Treasurer's July 6, 2000 Memorandum.
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1) BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000.

373/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give FIRST READING to BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000.

CARRIED

374/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give SECOND READING to BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000.

CARRIED

375/00 Moved by Councillor Kroecker THAT Council give THIRD READING to BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000.

CARRIED

376/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000 be SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES.

CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- B. Jackie Herman; The Youth Award of Merritt – Presentation of plaque to be displayed at City Hall.
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377/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council send a letter to the Youth Centre Teen Council encouraging the youth to celebrate their success and expressing congratulations of Council.

CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird commented on the July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day Celebrations, opening of the Rotary Park Bandshell and the BC 2000 Homecoming event.

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

Councillor Barr thanked the Mayor and Council, Paul Varga from the Merritt Herald, and Nancy Chappell from the Nicola Valley Voice for their participation in the Access Awareness Tour of June 24<sup>th</sup>. The next Access Awareness Committee Meeting will be in September.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that there will be a public meeting regarding the SkatePark located at Voght Park, on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Centre; the Sign Bylaw Committee will hold a public meeting regarding the Sign Bylaw on August 16, 2000 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Councillor Kroeker – Nil.

Councillor Sherwood reported on Public Works in progress; line painting is ongoing; crack sealing is complete; lane grading and weeding is ongoing; mosquito control - aerial applications are done and ground applications are ongoing; repairs and cleanup are completed at the works yard and dog pound; capital works projects are upcoming soon. Crack sealing, line painting and repairs to the wind sock have been completed at the Airport. Councillor Sherwood also complimented the Youth of Merritt for their involvement in our community.

Councillor Reimer commented on the Welcome to Merritt signs; property tax collection is 92% collected; positive comments from the public on Interac availability and setup for tax payments in the foyer of City Hall.

Councillor Gage commented on the involvement of various community organizations and City Staff in making Canada Day Celebrations a successful event for 2000.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

A. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Engineering Audit; Engineer's July 5, 2000 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council defer a decision on awarding the Engineering Services contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering Audit until Council and Staff are able to meet and discuss the future agenda for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

B. Supply of mid size pickup; Engineer's July 11, 2000 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council award the supply of a 2000 GMC Sonoma Extended Cab SLS pickup to Brian Dafoe Motorcade Ltd., in the amount of \$20,365.00 including trade-in of equipment (1987 GMC ¾ Ton pick-up – Unite #15) plus all applicable taxes. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

- A. June Building Permit Activity Report; City Planner's July 5, 2000 Memorandum.
- B. June Bylaw Services Activity Report; City Planner's July 5, 2000 Memorandum.

Above two items received as information only.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) BC Energy Aware Committee; Energy Aware Award.

Council directed that the information be forwarded to the City Engineer.

- ii) Merritt Golf & Country Club; Maureen Lorenz, letter dated July 5, 2000.

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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT staff initiate the Development Variance Permit Application as requested by the Merritt Golf & Country Club. CARRIED

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Jo-Anne Chaster, President letter dated May 30, 2000.
- ii) Nicola Valley Community Band; James Clark Treasurer, letter dated June 23, 2000.
- iii) Public Libraries benefit from Provincial Grants; News Release June 29, 2000.
- iv) New Merritt Library Sod Turning Ceremonies; Thompson-Nicola Regional District Memorandum of July 6, 2000.

Above four items received as information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councillor Kroeker provided an update on the planning for the 2001 O.M.M.A. Convention.

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

There were no questions from the media.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion; July 11, 2000.

381/00 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 Regular Council Meeting, June 27, 2000.
- B) Matter containing Third Party Information;
- C) Employee Negotiations: (3) items;

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:43 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA AT 9:09 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