

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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, G. Cavaliere, R. Gage
H. Kroeker, E. Reimer, R. Sherwood

STAFF: J.E. Barry, Acting Administrator
H. Osachoff, Treasurer
D. McTaggart, Engineer
J. Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager
R. Kojima, Development Officer

MEDIA: Shaw Cable
NL Radio

PUBLIC: 9 members 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, July 25, 2000.

385/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, July 25, 2000 be adopted as amended by deleting items 6 B) and 8 B) and by adding item 3 B) Presentation to Merritt Slo-Pitch Team.

CARRIED

B. Presentation to Merritt Slo-Pitch Team.

Councillor Barr and Mayor Baird presented t-shirts and City pins to representatives of two local Slo-Pitch teams that will be competing nationally. The Merritt Heat will be competing in Edmonton and DWD Logging in Halifax.

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, July 11, 2000.

386/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, July 11, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Court of Revision, May 23, 2000.

387/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Court of Revision, May 23, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2000 – Jackson.

B. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776, 2000 – Jackson

Mayor Baird called the Public Hearing to order and the Development Officer gave a brief overview of Bylaw No. 1775, 2000 and 1776, 2000.

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:**

A. Gary Crooks, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association; letter of June 7, 2000.

Gary Crooks, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association, made a presentation to Council outlining the five principles described in the industry's "Blueprint for Competitiveness".

B. Item deleted upon adoption of Agenda.

7. **BYLAWS:**

- A. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1775, 2000; Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1776, 2000; Jackson; Development Officer's July 18, 2000 Memorandum.

1. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2000.

388/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council give Third Reading to City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2000. CARRIED

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

389/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council give Third Reading to City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776, 2000. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Gary Crooks, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association; letter of June 7, 2000.

390/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council endorses the positive vision for change as outlined in the Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia's "Blueprint for Competitiveness"; AND THAT the Government is urged to take action on the five ideas for improving public forest policy affecting the B.C. forest industry and the people, businesses and communities that depend on it. CARRIED

- B. Item deleted upon adoption of Agenda.

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

391/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council award the Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering Audit to Dayton & Knight Ltd. in the amount of \$24,000 plus GST. CARRIED
OPPOSED: Councillor Cavaliere

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird congratulated the organizers of the Merritt Mountain Music Festival, commented on the recent SkatePark meeting held by the Recreation Commission and advised that he met with Stockwell Day, Leader of the Alliance Party, and took Mr. Day on a helicopter tour over the Merritt Mountain Music Festival site.

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

Councillor Barr announced that the Economic Development Committees of the City and the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce have implemented the First Annual Community Pride Acknowledgement Awards.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that there will be a public meeting on the proposed sign bylaw on August 16; commented on the Skatepark meeting and remarked that the Recreation Commission will be meeting on July 31 to discuss the meeting and prepare a recommendation to Council. He also mentioned the upcoming Harry Potter theme swim and weekend swim meet at the Aquatic Centre as well as the delivery of new fitness equipment on July 31.

Councillor Kroeker referred to the departing Planner's six month report and reminded the public to confirm zoning prior to purchasing property.

Councillor Gage commented on a recent meeting between the Fire Department and members of Council; an upcoming training session in Kamloops for members of the Fire Department; and on a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding the Merritt Mountain Music Festival.

Councillor Reimer discussed the proposed Adopt-A-Block program and advised that a presentation to Council is tentatively set for August 22.

Councillor Sherwood provided an overview of recent activities in the Public Works Department and advised that the Youth Committee received an \$8,000 Nights Alive grant.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Swim Meet Road Closure; Recreation Facilities Manager's July 10, 2000 Memorandum.
392/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the alley on the southwest side of the Aquatic Centre between the Red Top Burger Shop and the pool, be closed on the weekend of July 29 and 30, during the hours of the swim meet (approximately 7:00 am – 6:00 pm). CARRIED
- ii) Minor Hockey Concession Lease Agreement; Recreation Facilities Manager's July 19, 2000 Memorandum.
393/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Merritt and District Minor Hockey to operate the concession at the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena from September 3, 2000 – June 30, 2003 as specified in the lease agreement attached to the Recreation Facilities Manager's July 19, 2000 memorandum. CARRIED
- iii) Water Storage Study; Engineer's July 18, 2000 Memo.
394/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council award the Engineering Services for the Water Storage Study to TRUE Consulting Group, in the amount of \$13,992 plus GST. CARRIED
- iv) Coldwater River Dyking – Phase 2 – Engineering Services; Engineer's July 18, 2000 Memorandum.
395/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council award the Engineering Services for the design and construction administration of the Coldwater River Dyking Improvements (Phase 2) to Stantec Consulting Ltd., in the amount of \$32,435 plus GST. CARRIED

- v) Civic Property Security Contract; Recreation Manager's July 18, 2000 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council award a one year security contract to Nicola Valley Security Ltd. as presented at the July 25, 2000 Council meeting subject to Administration reviewing the security requirements contained in the current Tourist Information Centre contract.

CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

Nil.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Bill 3 (Budget Measures Implementation Act) – Section 56; District of Sicamous letter dated June 28, 2000.

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Moved by Councillor Sherwood that this item be received as information only. CARRIED

- ii) Call for Resolutions for consideration by the FCM National Board of Directors, September 2000; letter dated July 4, 2000.

Received as information only.

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Freshwater Fishing Weekend; Fisheries Management Branch letter dated July 10, 2000.

Received as information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

Questions were raised regarding the SkatePark, Adopt-A-Block, and zoning confirmation when purchasing property.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion: July 25, 2000.

398/00 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, July 11, 2000.
- B) Potential litigation affecting the City; (1) Item.
- C) Labour Relations; (1) Item.
- D) Employee Negotiations: (5) Items.
- E) Matter containing Third Party Information.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:33 P.M.

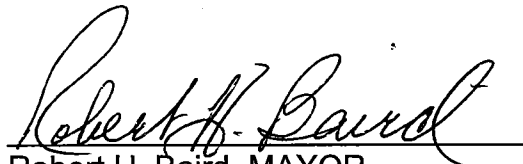
MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA AT 8:50 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately).

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:40 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR