

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL,  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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

ABSENT: Councillors R. Sherwood, E. Reimer, R. Gage

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

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

PUBLIC: 4 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, Special Council Meeting, August 15, 2000.

407/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Special Council Meeting, August 15, 2000 be adopted as amended by adding under Correspondence Section, A ii) letter from Nicola Valley Heritage Society dated August 14, 2000.

CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, July 25, 2000.

408/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, July 25, 2000 be adopted as amended by adding "Economic Development Committees of the" after "that the" to Councillor Barr's Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- A) Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee - Gord Johnson; Adopt-A-Road Program for Merritt.

Gord Johnson from the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee presented a proposal to Council requesting the Adopt-A-Road program for Merritt be approved.

- B) Ron Sanders of Benchlands Development Ltd. and Frank Rizzardo of Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc.; presentation to Council regarding NVIT/Latecomer Agreements.

Ron Sanders of Benchlands Development Ltd. outlined to Council the development process of the North Bench area and his expectations regarding the Latecomers Agreement. He commented on the proposed subdivision of NVIT/UCC lands and the effect this will have on their ability to recover costs associated with the Latecomers Agreement.

Frank Rizzardo was unable to attend and submitted a letter dated August 15, 2000.

- C) Barry Gowing, True Consulting Group; presentation regarding subdivision of NVIT/UCC lands.

Barry Gowing of True Consulting Group and a member of the NVIT/UCC design team, made a presentation to Council regarding the NVIT/UCC subdivision proposal. He outlined the background of the project, the budget considerations at the time, and inquiries of Benchlands Development Ltd. regarding Latecomers fees.

7. **BYLAWS:**

- A) BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000 – Treasurer's August 1, 2000 Memorandum.

- 1) BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000.

409/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1777, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

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- B) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1772, 2000 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1773, 2000 – Weyerhaeuser.
  - 1) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1772, 2000.
    - 410/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1772, 2000 be given first reading. CARRIED
    - 411/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1772, 2000 be given second reading. CARRIED
  - 2) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2000.
    - 412/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2000 be given first reading. CARRIED
    - 413/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2000 be given second reading. CARRIED
    - 414/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT a Public Hearing be scheduled for City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1772, 2000 AND City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2000 at the regular meeting of Council on September 12, 2000. CARRIED
  
- C) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1775, 2000 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1776, 2000 – Jackson – Development Officer’s August 2, 2000 Memorandum.
  - 1). City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1775, 2000 – Jackson.
    - 415/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1775, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED
  - 2. City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776 – Jackson.
    - 416/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1776, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A) Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee - Gord Johnson;  
Adopt-A-Road Program for Merritt.

Councillor Kroeker read a Memo to Council from Councillor Reimer requesting Council approve the Adopt-A-Road Program for Merritt.

- \*417/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City enter into an agreement with the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce to proceed with the Adopt-A-Road program for Merritt; AND THAT the City contribute up to \$3,000 from the 2000 budget. CARRIED

**\*Note: Motion 417/00 was rescinded by Motion 441/00 at the Regular Council Meeting of August 22, 2000 and replaced by Motion 442/00.**

- B) Ron Sanders of Benchlands Development Ltd. and Frank Rizzardo of Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc.; presentation to Council regarding NVIT/Latecomer Agreements.

- 418/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council receive the letter dated August 15, 2000 from Frank Rizzardo, President & General Manager of Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc. CARRIED

The Acting Administrator read the August 15, 2000 letter from Merritt Plateau Holdings Inc. for the record.

- 419/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Planning Department enable a round table discussion to take place as soon as possible by all parties involved in the NVIT/UCC Latecomers Agreement; AND THAT this discussion to take place by September 15, 2000. CARRIED

- C) Barry Gowing, True Consulting Group; presentation regarding subdivision of NVIT/UCC lands.

This item was dealt concurrently with item B).

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird advised that Merritt Youth Ambassadors Kristina Klein and Tiffany Rose will represent Merritt at the Miss BC 2000 Pageant being held in Penticton from August 16 – 19. The Mayor requested Councillor Barr to attend the

pageant on behalf of the Mayor and the Citizens of Merritt. Councillor Barr advised that she would be pleased to attend on the Mayor's behalf.

1. Active Mountain Entertainment – Council resolution regarding Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation's rezoning application to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

\*420/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council supports the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendments for the Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation's development subject to completion of the Traffic Impact Study; AND THAT the City of Merritt, Thompson-Nicola Regional District and Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation enter into a tri-party agreement prior to issuance of a Development Permit to secure off-site works identified in the Traffic Impact, Storm Water Management, Noise Propagation and Water & Sewer Studies. CARRIED

**\*NOTE: Motion #420/00 was rescinded by Motion 443/00 at the August 22, 2000 Regular Council Meeting and replaced by Motion 444/00.**

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

Councillor Barr advised that the next meeting of the Access Awareness Committee is scheduled for September 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at City Hall.

421/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council endorse the Community Pride Acknowledgement Awards initiative brought forward by the joint Economic Development Committees of the City of Merritt and the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce. CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere advised that the Sign Bylaw Committee Open House meeting will be held on August 16, 2000 from 7 – 9 p.m. in Council Chambers to allow the public an opportunity to review the draft of the Sign Bylaw.

Councillor Kroeker advised that a bid to host the 2002 Annual Conference of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association in Merritt has been submitted. He also reported that the Economic Development Committee sent a letter of support to Mr. Lali, Minister of Highways for his continued efforts to complete the four laning of the Coquihalla Highway; a letter to the Chamber of Commerce requesting they also send a letter of support to the Minister of Highways and to Liberal representative David Chutter requesting his support for the completion of the four laning of the Coquihalla Highway.

422/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council send a letter to Mr. Lali, Minister of Highways expressing support of his efforts to complete the four-laning of Highway 97C. CARRIED

Councillor Kroeker also commented on the newspaper article in the Kamloops Daily News on July 28, 2000 "New tourism manager wants image for city". He expressed his concern that the comments by the Venture Kamloops agency who represent tourism marketing of the entire Thompson-Nicola Regional District focused on the City of Kamloops rather than the tourism-dependant businesses across the region.

Council agreed to put forward a motion regarding this matter under New Business later on the agenda.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

i) Merritt SkatePark; Recreation Manager's August 1, 2000 Memo.

423/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council defer this item until the next regular meeting of Council when a larger majority of Council members are in attendance.

OPPOSED: Councillor Barr

CARRIED

ii) Rodeo Day Parade; Recreation Manager's August 2, 2000 Memo.

424/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council authorize road closures for the Annual Labour Day Parade from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000 as shown in the Recreation Manager's August 2, 2000 Memorandum. CARRIED

iii) Development Variance Permit 2000-02 – Merritt Golf and Country Club; Development Officer's August 2, 2000 Memorandum.

425/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council approve Development Variance Permit application DVP2000-02 subject to the size of the varied sign being not larger than the existing sign. CARRIED

**2) Receive for Information:**

i) July Building Permit Activity Report; Development Officer's August 2, 2000 Memorandum.

ii) July Bylaw Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's August 10, 2000 Memorandum.

ii) Business License Control List; Administrative Assistant's August 9, 2000 Memorandum.

Above three items received as information only.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Voght Park Redevelopment Plan – Local Government Grants; Ministry of Municipal Affairs letter dated July 27, 2000.

Received as information only.

- ii) Silent Auction, August 19, 2000; letter dated August 14, 2000 from Nicola Valley Heritage Society.

426/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council approve a donation of a six month pool pass to the Nicola Valley Heritage Society to support the Silent Auction to be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>. CARRIED

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Beverage Container Stewardship Program Regulation; Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, letter dated July 14, 2000.
- ii) Increase to Municipal Policing Detachment; Ministry of Attorney General, letter dated July 25, 2000.
- iii) Merritt North Bench proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1708 and proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1709; British Columbia Assets and Land Corporation letter dated June 13, 2000.
- iv) Letter dated August 3, 2000 Cathy McGregor, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Above four items received for information only.

- v) Public Private Partnerships for Multilevel Care Facilities; City of Armstrong letter dated August 3, 2000.

Councillor Barr advised that she will provide a report to Council on the subject of Public Private Partnerships for Multilevel Care Facilities prior to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in October.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Venture Kamloops - Tourism Marketing, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

427/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT our Thompson-Nicola Regional District Director advise the TNRD Board of our concern with the Kamloops focus put forth by Venture Kamloops who provide tourism marketing for the Thompson-Nicola

Regional District, as Merritt and other municipalities are paying for this service and therefore the focus should be more regional. CARRIED

**12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

Questions were raised regarding Active Mountain Development and the Coquihalla Completion Strategy.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion August 15, 2000.

428/00 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 25, 2000.
- B) Potential litigation affecting the City; (1) Item.
- C) Employee Negotiations: (5) Items.
- D) Matters containing Third Party Information: (2) items.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:48 P.M.


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

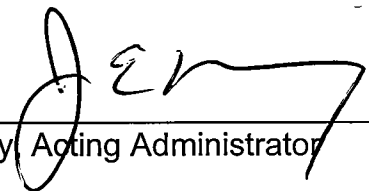
(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately).

**14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:42 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
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J.E. Barry, Acting Administrator