

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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, R. Gage  
H. Kroeker, E. Reimer, R. Sherwood

STAFF: J.E. Barry, Acting Administrator  
H. Osachoff, Treasurer  
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager  
R. Kojima, Development Officer

MEDIA: Merritt News  
NL Radio  
Nicola Valley Voice

PUBLIC: 3 members of the public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, August 22, 2000.

440/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council  
Meeting, August 22, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, August 15, 2000.

441/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council rescind motion #417/00.  
CARRIED

442/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the City endorse the Adopt-A-Road  
Program as presented at the August 15, 2000 Special Council Meeting;  
AND THAT the City contribute up to \$3,000 from the 2000 budget.  
CARRIED

443/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council rescind motion #420/00.  
CARRIED

444/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City of Merritt supports the proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendments for Active Mountain Entertainment's Development subject to the City of Merritt approving Active Mountain Entertainment's comprehensive development plan prior to issuance of a development permit. CARRIED

445/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, August 15, 2000 be adopted by amending motion #421/00 to read "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 and District Chamber of Commerce". CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

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

7. **BYLAWS:** Nil.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) Merritt SkatePark; Recreation Manager's August 1, 2000 Memorandum.

446/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the SkatePark be moved from its temporary location to a permanent location to be determined by Council as soon as possible; AND THAT the existing facility remain in use until a new facility is constructed.

OPPOSED: Councillors Barr and Kroeker CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird commented on the upcoming Pro Rodeo being held on the Labour Day weekend; advised that the next Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association executive meeting is being held in Merritt on September 20; and remarked on the sale of the Bank of Montreal to the Thompson Valley Savings Credit Union.

447/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT a letter be sent to the Federal Government regulatory body expressing Council's disappointment with the sale of the Merritt Branch of the Bank of Montreal and the process by which it was done; AND THAT copies of the letter be sent to the Bank of Montreal and the Thompson Valley Savings Credit Union.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Barr commented on her attendance at the Miss B.C. Pageant held in Penticton.

Councillor Cavaliere commented on the August 16, 2000 Sign Bylaw Review Committee Open House and advised that the Committee would be meeting on September 6, 2000 to discuss the concerns that were raised at the Open House. He also provided an update on the Aquatic Centre concerning new fitness equipment, upcoming special events, and the September 5 to 25 closure for annual maintenance.

Councillor Kroeker advised that he had received a letter from Minister Lali indicating that the contract for the four laning of Highway 97C has been issued and that construction should be starting within a few weeks. He also mentioned that he recently met with Tammy Campbell regarding a regional perspective for Tourism initiatives.

Councillor Sherwood provided an update on Public Works capital projects and other Public Works activities. He also mentioned that the Merritt Airport was used as the main base for fighting the Brookmere forest fire and that there will be a fly-in breakfast on September 24, 2000.

Councillor Reimer thanked Council for endorsing the Adopt-A-Road proposal.

Councillor Gage thanked Councillor Kroeker for attending the recent Chamber of Commerce executive meeting; advised that the next Business after Business session will be held on September 13, 2000; and indicated that signage requests from the RCMP would be coming forward soon. Councillors Gage and Sherwood will work together on the signage requests.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- i) Development Permit 2000-E – Grand Hotel; Development Officer’s August 15, 2000 Memorandum

448/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Development Permit Application 2000-E be approved subject to the applicant submitting an acceptable landscaping plan and bond. CARRIED

- ii) Development Variance Permit 2000-01 – Kneller; Development Officer’s August 15, 2000 Memorandum

449/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Herman Kneller be allowed an opportunity to speak to Council regarding Development Variance Permit 2000-01. CARRIED

Herman Kneller was in attendance to address Council and indicated that he was unaware of the Clapperton road issue when he bought the property and that he considers the property to be non-sellable as a result of this issue.

450/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City and Herman Kneller share equally in the costs of completing the required works on Clapperton Avenue; AND THAT his building permit be issued if this proposal is agreeable to Herman Kneller. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:** Nil

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Nicola Watershed Stewardship Coordinator, August 15, 2000 correspondence re: Watershed Stewardship Forum.

451/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Councillor Barr be appointed as Council’s representative at the Watershed Stewardship Forum to be held on September 23, 2000. CARRIED

- ii) Pat Lunzmann re: Playground signs, August 15, 2000 letter.

\*452/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT both Playground and School Zone signs be installed on the same pole. CARRIED

**\*Note: Motion 452/00 was rescinded by Motion 476/00 at the Regular Council Meeting of September 12, 2000.**

- iii) Ted Nebbeling, MLA West Vancouver – Garibaldi, August 9, 2000 correspondence re: Private Member’s Bill.

453/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the August 9, 2000 correspondence from Ted Nebbeling, MLA West Vancouver – Garibaldi be received as information only. CARRIED

- iv) Workers' Compensation Board, August 3, 2000 letter re: Workers' Memorial Project.

454/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the August 3, 2000 letter from the Workers' Compensation be received as information only.  
CARRIED

- v) Minister Cathy McGregor, Municipal Affairs, August 14, 2000 correspondence re: Scheduling Appointments for UBCM Convention.

455/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City apply for a meeting with Minister McGregor at the UBCM Convention; AND THAT Councillors supply a list of discussion topics to the Acting Administrator by September 10, 2000. CARRIED

**B. Receive for Information:**

- i) Coyote Bluffs, Benchlands Development Ltd., letter dated August 16, 2000.

Received as information only.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Merritt SkatePark

456/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council proceed with the formation of an Select committee to determine an alternative site for the Merritt SkatePark and to explore various opportunities for raising funds; AND THAT the Recreation Manager bring forward a report on this matter.  
CARRIED

**12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD: Nil.**

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion.

457/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere 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, August 15, 2000.
  - B) Employee Negotiations: (5) Items.
  - C) Matters containing Third Party Information: (1) items; AND THAT this meeting be adjourned for five minutes to resume in the Boardroom of City Hall.
- CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:35 P.M.

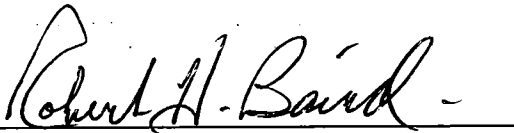
MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 9:56 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately).

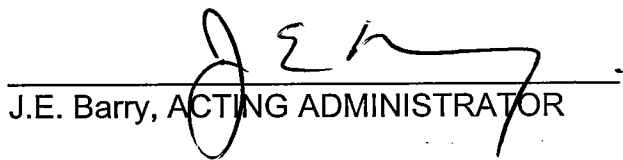
14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED: 11:23 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR