

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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

ABSENT: Councillor R. Sherwood

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator  
H. Osachoff, City Treasurer  
D. McTaggart, City Engineer  
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager  
R. Kojima, Development Officer  
C. Bacon, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: NL Radio  
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: Nil.

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, October 10, 2000.

542/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, October 10, 2000 be adopted with the addition of item C. Administrative Reports 1. iii) Voght Park Redevelopment; Recreation Manager's October 5, 2000 Memorandum. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, September 26, 2000.

543/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, September 26, 2000 be adopted as amended by changing "Access Aware Committee" to "Access Awareness Committee", in the report by Councillor Barr under Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports CARRIED

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, October 3, 2000.

544/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, October 3, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

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

7. **BYLAWS:**

A) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1772, 2000 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2000 – Weyerhaeuser.

i) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1772, 2000.

545/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1772, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

ii) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2000.

546/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

B) City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1781, 2000.

i) City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1781, 2000.

547/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council give First Reading to City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1781, 2000. CARRIED

548/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council give Second Reading to City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1781, 2000. CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give Third Reading to City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1781, 2000. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird proclaimed October 15 – 21 as the first ever Affordable Housing Week; advised that the next Regular Meeting of Council will be on Monday, October 30, 2000. The Mayor also advised that Councillor Kroeker has been appointed, on an interim basis, to the Tourism Kamloops Commission.

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

Councillor Barr advised that the next meeting of the Access Awareness Committee will be on November 16, 2000 in the downstairs meeting room.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that the Sign Bylaw Committee Meeting will be held on October 11, 2000 in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. He also reported that work has begun on the planned activities for the 1<sup>st</sup> Night Celebrations to be held on December 31, 2000.

Councillor Kroeker advised that he attended the Nicola Valley Tourism Association meeting; gave a brief report on his trip in the bush with the Nicola Similkameen Innovative Forestry Practices Society; advised that the Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>; advised he will be attending the Film Commission Meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Reimer – Nil.

Councillor Gage advised that the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; reported that Rob Godard has been appointed as the City of Merritt Fire Chief and that this week is fire prevention week; next Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is Thursday, October 19, 2000.

Councillor Gage also commented briefly on behalf of Councillor Sherwood regarding public works in progress.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- i) Supply of a 4 Post Lift; Engineer's October 4, 2000 Memorandum.  
550/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council awards the supply of a four-post lift to Merritt Automotive Supplies Ltd. In the amount of \$27,456.11 including applicable taxes. CARRIED
- ii) Carpet Replacement for Civic Centre; Recreation Manager's October 4, 2000 Memorandum.  
551/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the call for proposals for the carpet replacement in Civic Centre and that funds for the project will be taken from the 2000 Capital Budget. CARRIED
- iii) Voght Park Redevelopment; Recreation Manager's October 5, 2000 Memorandum.  
552/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council direct staff to research the options to replace the Voght Park Concession and Washroom building within the current budget allocation of \$71,200.00. CARRIED

**2) Receive for Information:**

- i) Fire and After Hours Telephone Answering; Treasurer's October 3, 2000 Memorandum.  
ii) September Building Permit and Bylaw Services Activity Report.  
iii) August/September Bylaw Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's October 3, 2000 Memorandum.  
iv) Resignation – Dale McTaggart, City Engineer.

Above four items received as information only.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) Call for Resolutions for consideration by the FCM National Board of Directors, December 2000; letter from FCM October 4, 2000.

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Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the letter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be received for information only. CARRIED

- ii) Street closures for 2001; Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce Letter dated August 16, 2000.

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the street closures requested by Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce for 2001 be approved subject to approval of RCMP, Fire Department, BC Ambulance Service and Ministry of Highways if required. CARRIED

- iii) Sale of equipment; John Collett, letter dated September 27, 2000.

Above item received for information only.

- iv) Aggregate Advisory Panel; letter dated September 29, 2000.

Above item received for information only.

- v) Treatment for Autistic Children; District of Kitimat, letter dated September 28, 2000.

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to the Minister of Health requesting him to accept responsibility for providing the necessary treatment for autistic children so that treatment can begin at once. CARRIED

- vi) Utility Tax Reduction during off-season; Sportsman's Motel Memorandum dated October 4, 2000.

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Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the request from the Sportsman's Motel for reduction of Utility Taxes during off-season for the accommodation business owners be referred to Administration to prepare a report regarding possible change to the Bylaw. CARRIED

**B. Receive for Information:**

- i) Amendment to the "Interpretation Act" Town of Golden; letter dated September 20, 2000.
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Above item received for information only.

- ii) Child Services Equality Act; fax received October 1, 2000 from Penny Kellett.

Above item received for information only.

- iii) JEPP Application; Provincial Emergency Program Central Region; letter dated September 27, 2000.
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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council support a submission for a grant application to JEPP to request funding for additional communications equipment. CARRIED

- iv) Funding of Special Programs & Schools to educate those with a Learning Disability; City of North Vancouver; letter dated September 27, 2000.
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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the above item be received for information only. CARRIED

- v) Increase in Royal Canadian Mounted Police; copy of letter to Attorney General Andrew Petter, dated August 24, 2000.
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Above item received for information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

The Media had one question for Council regarding the dates of Affordable Housing Week.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion.

559/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker 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, October 3, 2000.
- B) Minutes, In-Camera Portion of the Regular Council Meeting, September 26, 2000.
- C) Litigation affecting the City (2) items.
- D) Potential litigation affecting the City; (1) Item.
- E) Employee Negotiations; (3) Items.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 8:36 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of the Minutes kept separately).

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 9:16 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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 Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
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 C. Bacon, DEPUTY CLERK