

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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, R. Sherwood, E. Reimer,
R. Gage, H. Kroeker, G. Cavaliere

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator
H. Osachoff, City Treasurer
J. E. Barry, City Clerk
J. Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager
C. Bacon, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: NL Radio
Merritt Herald
Shaw Cable
Nicola Valley Voice

PUBLIC: 2 Members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, October 30, 2000.

565/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, October 30, 2000 be adopted with the addition of 9 C.1 vii) Proposal for an Artwalk and the addition under New Business of Remembrance Day.

CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 10, 2000.

566/00 Moved by Councillor Barr, THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 10, 2000 be adopted.

CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, October 16, 2000.

567/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting October 16, 2000 be adopted as amended under Section 5 New Business, Item i) by deleting the text after "Appreciation Night", and replacing with the following: "with respect to protective services and Councillor Gage and Councillor Cavaliere will bring back a recommendation to Council." CARRIED

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, October 17, 2000.

568/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, October 17, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

569/00 Moved by Councillor Kroecker THAT the City engage Urban Systems on the basis of their proposal presented to Council at the October 17, 2000 Committee of the Whole Meeting for a period of up to six (6) months. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

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

7. **BYLAWS:**

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

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

570/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1781, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird proclaimed October 29th to November 4th as Crime Prevention Week and November 5th to November 11th as Veterans' Week. Mayor Baird also commented on the UBCM Convention.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr commented briefly on the UBCM Convention she attended in Victoria from October 24 to 27; advised that the next Access Awareness Committee Meeting will be held on November 16th; and advised that University College of the Cariboo will hold a Super Host Course that will address the needs of the disabled customer.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that last meeting of the Sign Bylaw Committee was held on October 11. He also commented on the UBCM Convention he attended in Victoria, October 24 – 27.

Councillor Kroeker commented on his participation at the UBCM Convention in Victoria; he also advised that the Nicola Valley Tourism Association will be holding a Planning Session on November 7th.

Councillor Gage reported that the UBCM Convention was well worth attending; he also reported on the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) Meeting held October 18th; advised that the Drug Free Zone Program is under way; commented on discussion regarding a Community Crime Stoppers Program; attended the October 19th Chamber of Commerce Meeting and advised that the next big event will be the Santa Claus Parade November 24; advised that the interviews for Deputy Fire Chief would take place on Friday.

Councillor Reimer commented on the UBCM Convention he attended in Victoria. He also reported on the Adopt-A-Road Program and activity to date.

Councillor Sherwood spoke briefly regarding the UBCM Convention and the seminars he attended in Victoria. He gave a brief update of Public Works activity.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Storm Sewer Upgrade – Merritt Avenue; Engineer’s October 24, 2000 Memorandum.

571/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council awards the Storm Sewer Upgrade on Merritt Avenue to Action Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$98,665.77 including GST. CARRIED

- ii) Aquatic Centre Schedule; Recreation Facilities Manager's October 24, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 572/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Aquatic Centre Public Schedule be adjusted to allow public swimming Monday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. effective November 6, 2000. CARRIED
- iii) Accommodation Business Utilities; Treasurer's October 25, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 573/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT water, sewer, garbage utility user rates not be varied due to off season periods in the accommodation industry. CARRIED
- iv) Planning Grant Application.
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- 574/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood at 7:40 p.m. THAT Council resolve into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the Planning Grant Application. CARRIED
- Mr. Steve Frith of Urban Systems spoke briefly to Council regarding the preparation of the Planning Grant Application.
- 575/00 Moved by Councillor Barr at 7:57 p.m. THAT the Committee of the Whole reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED.
- 576/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Planning Milestones 2 and 3a Proposal dated October 2000 be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Community Planning and Development Grant Program. CARRIED
- v) Dissemination and Liquidation of City Assets; Recreation Manager's October 25, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 577/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council authorize staff to disseminate items already removed from the Tourist Information Centre that are useful within the City operations and organize a public process to liquidate all remaining items.
OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood CARRIED
- 578/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council authorize staff to disseminate items stored in the Baillie House basement that are useful within the City operations and organize a public process to liquidate all remaining items. CARRIED

- vi) Supply and Install Civic Centre Carpet; Recreation Manager's October 26, 2000 Memorandum.
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579/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council award the Civic Centre carpet replacement project to Kami Carpets Ltd., for the amount of \$20,686.00 plus GST and PST. CARRIED

- vii) Proposal for an ARTWALK in Merritt – Initial Funding; Administrator's October 30, 2000 Memorandum.
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580/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council refer the proposal for an Artwalk in Merritt to the City of Merritt Economic Development Committee for review. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:** Nil.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) 2001 Pitch-In Canada Week, May 7 – 13; letter dated October 6, 2000.

581/00

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council support the 2001 Pitch-in-Canada Week Campaign, May 7 – 13, 2001 and send the fee for service of \$125.00. CARRIED

- ii) Land Use Contracts; Corporation of Delta; letter dated October 4, 2000.

582/00

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the above item be received as information only. CARRIED

- iii) Nicola Valley Rodeo Association and Fall Fair Association Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Extension; Engineer's October 20, 2000 Memorandum.
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583/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council instruct Staff to provide Council with a report regarding the water and sanitary sewer service extension to this area. CARRIED

B. **Receive for Information:** Nil.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Remembrance Day

Councillor Gage discussed the closure of City Hall for the Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday on November 13th.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

The Media had one question for Council regarding the RCMP staffing levels.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion.

584/00 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 Regular Council Meeting, October 10, 2000.
- B) Minutes, In-Camera Portion of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, October 16, 2000.
- C) Employee Negotiations; (2) items.
- D) Litigation; (2) items.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:24 P.M.

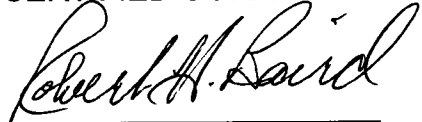
MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 8:56 P.M.

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

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:56 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CITY CLERK