

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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
J. Barry, City Clerk
J. Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager
H. Osachoff, Treasurer
D. Brandy, Recreation Manager
B. Hobbs, Urban Systems

MEDIA: Shaw Cable
NL Radio
Merritt Herald

PUBLIC: 9 Members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, November 14, 2000.

597/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting,
November 14, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

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

598/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October
30, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 599/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Kami Carpets Ltd. supply and install the specified carpet, Kraus Mills Style 1614 Expressions, not the equivalent, for the Civic Centre at the quoted price of \$20,686.00 plus GST and PST or the City will re-award the Civic Centre carpet replacement project to the next highest bidder.
OPPOSED: Councillors Reimer/Kroeker CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- A. Speed Limit Reduction; letter from Dave Keyser.

Dave Keyser spoke to Council regarding the speed signage at the east end of Nicola Avenue that has recently been increased from 50 km/hr to 80 km/hr. He would like to see the signage changed back to the previous speed limit of 50 km/hr for safety reasons.

- B. Community Fund for Merritt; Paddy Harrington, Kamloops Foundation; Fax received October 30, 2000.

Paddy Harrington from the Kamloops Foundation made a presentation to Council regarding the creation of a "Merritt Community Fund" and requested Council to contribute \$500. to give a "jumpstart" to the community fund.

7. **BYLAWS:** Nil.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Speed Limit Reduction; letter from Dave Keyser.

- 600/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council requests Councillor Gage to meet with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Nicola District Highways Office; AND THAT Councillor Gage report back to Council as to why the maximum speed limit was changed from 50 km/hr to 80 km/hr on Nicola Avenue east of Menzies Street. CARRIED

- B. Community Fund for Merritt; Paddy Harrington, Kamloops Foundation; Fax received October 30, 2000.

Council deferred the issue of a Community Fund for Merritt to the next meeting of Council.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird commented on the large turnout of citizens at the Remembrance Day Ceremony and thanked the Legion and those who attended the parade. The Mayor proclaimed November 25 to December 6 as White Ribbon Week.

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

Councillor Barr advised that she met with Jennifer Cody, Chairperson for the Merritt Food Forum regarding the Food Policy Draft; advised that the next Access Awareness Committee Meeting is Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that during the period January 1 – 15, 2001 no bookings will be accepted for the Civic Centre because of the work taking place at that time to replace the Carpet at the Civic Centre; design plans for the new washroom/concession building at Voght Park are underway; First Night Celebrations are coming together; the Volleyball Association has completed the re-screening and leveling of the sand at the Sand Volleyball Courts at Central Park; four vacancies for the Recreation Commission still exist and interested individuals can send a letter to the Recreation Manager since this item will be discussed at the next regular Council Meeting.

Councillor Kroeker advised he attended the Venture Kamloops meeting today; this is part of the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Kamloops Regional District; participated in a survey done by Venture Kamloops, regarding how the community sees economic development and tourism in the region. Advised that the Economic Development Committee has organized the preparations for the Santa Claus Parade float and is seeking funding from Council to assist with decorating the City float and Christmas lights should be up in the next couple of days.

601/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council approve expenditure of up to \$1,000. from the Council Contingency Fund to provide funding to decorate the City float. CARRIED

Councillor Kroeker advised that he received a letter from the Honourable H. Lali, Highways Minister, regarding Sutlej Motors. Councillor Kroeker reported that the Economic Development Committee has advised the Yellowhead Highway Association that the City of Merritt would like to participate in their advertising program.

Councillor Gage met with Staff Sgt. J. Senft on November 2nd regarding policing issues and met the new NCO; advised that the Dare Program will continue and is now expanded to two schools: Diamondvale School and Merritt Bench School; approval has been received for renovations to the existing RCMP building including the addition of 1500 sq. feet; attended the CPAC meeting where discussion arose over concerns about the intersection of Nicola Avenue and Voght Street and parking of large trucks at the interchange at the North end of town. Councillor Sherwood met with Sgt. Steve Frayne of the Highway Patrol and the Highways Department and recommendations from this meeting to be forwarded to Council. Next Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Meeting to be held at 7 a.m. on Thursday.

Councillor Reimer – Nil.

Councillor Sherwood provided an update on Public Works capital projects; commented on the parking of trucks at Gasoline Alley and the participation from Highways and others regarding a solution to that problem and gave a paving progress update. Councillor Sherwood asked Brian Hobbs to speak on paving in cold weather.

Mr. Hobbs also spoke about delaying the Merritt Avenue Storm Sewer Project until the spring and that he will submit a report to Council.

Councillor Sherwood attended a Child and Youth Committee Meeting at the Hospital on November 14; the Night's Alive Program is now up and running; the Child and Youth Mental Health Worker contract has been extended 6 months. He also advised that the repair to the pump at the airport would be done within the next week to ten days.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) SkatePark Relocation Select Committee; Recreation Manager's November 9, 2000 Memorandum.

602/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council appoint the following individuals to the SkatePark Relocation Select Committee:

Tim McClure, Merritt Community SkatePark Club; Harry Little, Merritt Community SkatePark Club; Lloyd Charney, Voght Park neighbourhood resident; Mike Goetz, Voght Park neighbourhood resident; Kelly Turchak, Recreation Commission; Dalyce Brandt, Recreation Manager; Brian Hobbs, Engineering Liaison; Councillor Cavaliere; Councillor Sherwood; Councillor Gage.

CARRIED

Councillor Kroeker left the meeting at 8:33 p.m. and returned at 8:37 p.m.

Councillor Sherwood left the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and returned at 8:36 p.m.

- ii) Baillie House Property – Small House Foundation; Recreation Manager's November 6, 2000 Memorandum.
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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City of Merritt reimburse the Nicola Valley Heritage Society the cost to repair the small corner house foundation in the amount of \$6,184.96 from the Council Contingency Fund. CARRIED

- iii) Civic Centre Fees and Charges; Recreation Manager's November 8, 2000 Memorandum.
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Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council direct the Recreation Manager to hold meetings with user groups and the community at large to discuss proposed changes to the Civic Centre Fees and Charges and changes to the Community Rate Structure. CARRIED

- iv) Restrictive Covenant – Gold Trail Ventures/Superstar Properties; City Clerk's November 9, 2000 Memorandum.
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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council approves the content of the draft Restrictive Covenant dated October 23, 2000 between the City of Merritt, Gold Trail Ventures Inc., Superstar Properties Ltd. and the Bank of Montreal that will be assigned priority registration over the lands and restricts the lands to be developed or built on only in accordance with the conditions specified in the Restrictive Covenant; AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the City. CARRIED

- v) Development Permit 2000-G Smoluk; Development Officer's November 7, 2000 Memorandum and correspondence received.
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The Administrator gave a brief overview of Development Permit 2000-G.

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Development Permit 2000-G Smoluk be deferred to a Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 21, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. CARRIED

vi) Draft Policies; Administrator's November 9, 2000 Memorandum.

607/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve the draft policy regarding Anonymous Letters received by the City. CARRIED

608/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve the draft policy regarding Health and Safety Policy for the City of Merritt. CARRIED

609/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve the draft policy regarding Workplace Violence Prevention. CARRIED

610/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council approve the draft policy regarding Confidentiality. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

i) October Building Permit Activity Report/Inspection Services Department Report; Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services November 7, 2000 Memorandum.

Received as information only.

ii) October Bylaw Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's November 6, 2000 Memorandum.

Council directed the Administrator to plan a future policy workshop to deal with the delivery of bylaw enforcement services.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

i) 2000 White Ribbon Campaign; letter dated October 24, 2000 Jack Layton, Chair.

611/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council purchase 100 White Ribbons in support of the White Ribbon Municipal Campaign in the amount of \$50.00. OPPOSED: Councillors Kroeker, Reimer, Sherwood, Cavaliere. DEFEATED

ii) Celebrate Social Planning Month; Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia, letter dated November 1, 2000.

Received as information only.

- iii) The British Columbia Book; British Columbia 2000, letter dated November 2, 2000.
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Councillor Barr will investigate the possibility of a Coquihalla/Gillis House resident being the last person to sign the BC Book pages in Merritt.

B. Receive for Information:

- i) The Road Improvement Program; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, letter dated November 1, 2000.
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Councillor Sherwood and the Administrator will review ICBC's Road Improvement Program and report back to Council.

- ii) Ministry of Municipal Affairs; letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs, Cathy McGregor dated October 30, 2000.
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Received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

The Media had questions regarding the Drug Free Zone Program and the dollar figure for paving of Voght Street. Comments were also added regarding the speed limit on Nicola Avenue.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion.

612/00 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 Regular Council Meeting, October 30, 2000.
- B) Matter containing 3rd party information.
- C) Solicitor Client Privilege.
- D) Employee Negotiations: (2) items.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:58 P.M.

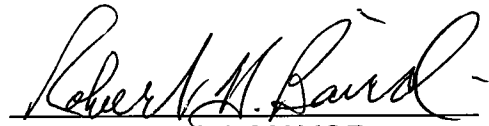
MEETING RESUMED IN-CAMERA: 10:10 P.M.

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

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:20 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CITY CLERK