

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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
H. Osachoff, Treasurer
J. Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager
D. Brandt, Recreation Manager

MEDIA: Shaw Cable
Radio NL

PUBLIC: 5 Members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Mayor Baird called on the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to the new Administrator.

Oath of Office – Administrator

The Administrator for the City of Merritt read and signed the Oath of Office.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, November 28, 2000.

627/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting November 28, 2000 be adopted with the addition of 9. C. 1) ii) TNRD Active Mountain Development Applications; 10 A. iv) Community Economic Development Officer; and item 10. A. v) Green Streets Canada Grant.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

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

628/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, November 14, 2000 be adopted.

CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole, November 21, 2000.

629/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole,
November 21, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Special Meeting of Council, November 21, 2000.

630/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Special Meeting of Council,
November 21, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. Website Presentation by Atsushi Yasuda from the Yasuda Group Inc.

Atsushi Yasuda from the Yasuda Group Inc. made a presentation to Council outlining what makes an effective website and gave a brief overview of the City of Merritt Website.

7. **BYLAWS:**

A) Aquatic Centre Fees and Charges; Recreation Facilities Manager's October 23, 2000 Memorandum.

1) City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1782, 2000.

631/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council give First Reading to the
City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates
Amendment Bylaw No. 1782, 2000. CARRIED

632/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council give Second Reading to the
City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates
Amendment Bylaw No. 1782, 2000. CARRIED

633/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council give Third Reading to the City of
Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw
No. 1782, 2000. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Website Presentation by Atsushi Yasuda from the Yasuda Group Inc.

634/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Mr. Yasuda meet with the Administrator to discuss how the Website is to be administered over the next few months and formulate a process which allows Council to provide input to the development of the City of Merritt Website. CARRIED

- B. Community Fund for Merritt; Paddy Harrington, Kamloops Foundation.

635/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council consider the Community Fund for Merritt in the 2001 budget discussions. CARRIED

Development Permit 2000-G Smoluk.

636/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Development Permit 2000-G SMOLUK, as presented at the November 28th Council Meeting, be approved. CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird, on behalf of Council, thanked members of staff who decorated the Council Chamber for the holiday season and commented on the OMMA Executive Meeting he attended in Kelowna. The Mayor also noted that the 911 Service for the area will be in operation in April of 2001. He also advised that the Santa Claus parade was very well attended and thanked the organizers and participants whose involvement made it a very successful event. Mayor Baird also expressed Council's wishes for a complete recovery to Victor York, Chief of the Lower Nicola Indian Band.

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

Councillor Barr attended the Community Health Advisory Meeting on November 15th; she also attended the Access Awareness Committee Meeting on November 17th and noted that the snow removal program is now underway and advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Access Awareness Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2001. She also attended the Critical Incident Stress Management Steering Committee Meeting on November 23rd. Councillor Barr advised that the BC 2000 Book final signatory will be Vienna Maunu, the President of the Resident's Council of Coquihalla/Gillis House.

637/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council support Vienna Maunu as the last Merritt resident signatory in the BC 2000 Book. CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere advised that the first meeting of the Skatepark Relocation Select Committee will be held on December 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Centre. Public meetings concerning Civic Centre Fees and Charges have been scheduled for Monday, December 4th and Thursday, December 14th at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Councillor Kroeker thanked everyone who participated in working on the float entered by the City of Merritt in the Santa Claus Parade; advised that the Christmas Lights are up around the City and advised that the new General Manager for the Community Futures Development Centre is Joe Zadorozniak. Councillor Kroeker also advised that he attended the Forest Renewal BC meeting in Kamloops on November 22nd and that he met with the Economic Development Committee and Urban Systems regarding Economic Development for the City of Merritt.

Councillor Gage commented on the RCMP Third Quarter Report; advised that the Block Parent Program still requires volunteers for their program and that the next Community Policing Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 6th in Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Councillor Gage also advised that the D.A.R.E. Program and the Drug Free Zone Program are underway. He noted that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 30th and that he will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting on December 14th at 7 a.m. Councillor Gage also congratulated the parade committee on a successful entry in the Santa Claus Parade.

Councillor Reimer advised that the first 2001 Budget Meeting will be on December 5th at 7 p.m.

Councillor Sherwood provided an update on Public Works Capital Projects and activities and mentioned that he attended a Child and Youth Committee Meeting regarding the Night's Alive program and activities.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Recreation Commission; Recreation Manager's November 22, 2000 Memorandum.

638/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council accept the resignations from two Recreation Commission Members, to thank those members who have completed their term and will not be re-appointed, and to appoint Don Jones, Carrie St. Marie and Jean Anderson to the Recreation Commission for a three year term.

CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere also noted that there are still two vacancies on the Recreation Commission and anyone that is interested in these positions can send a letter to the Recreation Manager.

- ii) TNRD Active Mountain Development Applications; Planning Consultant's November 20, 2000 Memorandum.

639/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT TNRD Application Nos. OP-NV-N-12; RZ-N-23 and LRC-L-70 (Active Mountain Entertainment Corporation) be recommended for approval to the TNRD Board of Directors subject to the following conditions:

1. THAT the City of Merritt approve Active Mountain Entertainment's comprehensive development plan prior to the issuance of a development permit;
2. That the TNRD, subject to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, delete the parking requirement for golf courses and deal with this comprehensively at the development permit stage, or, alternatively, reduce the parking standard to 75 parking spaces per golf course;
3. THAT the TNRD include a development permit guideline to encourage the development to reflect the unique history, heritage and landscape of the Nicola Valley;
4. AND THAT the TNRD amend the Development Permit Area Guidelines to include a pedestrian and bicycle circulation and access network as part of the proponent's comprehensive access and traffic management plan.

CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) Third Quarter Policing Report, Merritt Municipal Detachment; S/Sgt. J. Senft's November 7, 2000 report.

640/00

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Third Quarter Policing Report, Merritt Municipal Detachment, be received as information only.

CARRIED

- ii) Employee Recognition; City Clerk's November 22, 2000 Memorandum.

641/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT staff be directed to bring forward a draft policy to acknowledge long term service by employees of the City of Merritt.

CARRIED

- iii) Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association – RV Storage; Bylaw Officer's November 22, 2000 Memorandum.
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Councillor Kroeker questioned the zoning for Recreational Vehicle Storage at this site prior to entry into the City. Councillor Kroeker remarked that he will be investigating this matter further.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, letter Dated November 7, 2000.

Council dealt with the letter from the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce and item 10. A. iv) Letter from Community Futures Development Centre dated November 27, 2000 together.

642/00

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Staff arrange a meeting with both organizations and Council to discuss this matter further. CARRIED

- ii) Appointment of Municipal Directors (and alternates); Thompson-Nicola Regional District's letter dated November 15, 2000.

643/00

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Mayor Baird continue to be the City of Merritt's Director on the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board; AND THAT Councillor Sherwood continue to be the Alternate Director.

CARRIED

- iii) Tourism Guide Map; Nicola Valley Tourism Association letter dated November 21, 2000.

644/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct the City of Merritt Economic Development Committee to review the proposal for a Nicola Valley Tourism Map and report back to Council. CARRIED

- iv) Community Economic Development Officer; letter from Community Futures Development Centre.

This item was dealt with under item i).

- v) Green Streets Canada Grant; Recreation Manager's November 28, 2000 Memorandum.

645/00

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT WHEREAS the Tree Canada Foundation's Green Streets Canada program provides financial assistance to Canadian municipalities for tree planting programs in urban areas;

AND WHEREAS Green Streets Canada requires municipal Council to commit to a tree planting program that will enhance the Corporation's existing tree planting program, foster community involvement and enhance public awareness of the benefits of trees;

AND WHEREAS the City of Merritt has detailed an enhanced planting program that, with funding assistance from Green Streets Canada, will see tree planting in the City of Merritt increase by approximately 50 trees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirms the City of Merritt's commitment to Green Streets Canada, thereby confirming that the municipal funding will be available, if the City of Merritt's application to Green Street Canada is successful, as outlined in the City's application.

CARRIED

646/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to arrange a meeting with the Honourable Harry Lali, Minister of Highways, to deal with funding for the acquisition of Colletville Park, devolution of Voght Street and funding for the entrances to Merritt.

CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Payment of 2000 grants-in-lieu; Ministry of Finance and Corporation Relations, letter dated November 14, 2000.
- ii) Planning for Housing: An Overview of Local Government Initiatives in British Columbia; letter from Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security, dated October 31, 2000.
- iii) Local Responses to Homelessness: A Planning Guide for BC Communities, letter from Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security dated October 31, 2000.
- iv) Annual Report for Nicola Valley Community Human Services Association, letter received November 14, 2000.
- v) Proposed Subdivision, Merritt, BC; letter from Paragon Engineering Ltd., dated November 20, 2000.

Above five items received as information.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting with Honourable Harry Lali, Minister of Highways.

647/00

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council include Highway Rescue as the fourth item to be added to the meeting with the Honourable Harry Lali.

CARRIED

2. Telephone Book recycling.

Mayor Baird raised the issue of what the public should do with the old 2000 telephone books now that the 2001 books are being issued.

648/00

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to investigate what can be done to recycle old telephone books and advertise on NL Radio to advise the public as to what is available.

CARRIED

3. Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Convention.

Mayor Baird advised that Bud Smith of Urban Systems has arranged to have Chief Manny Jules as a speaker at the OMMA Convention in May of 2001.

4. Nicola Native Lodge

Mayor Baird inquired about the status of the Nicola Native Lodge development. Councillor Barr advised that this project is still in the planning stage.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Al Clarke of Radio NL had one question regarding the name of the person who will be the last signatory in the 2000 BC Book.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera Motion.

649/00

Moved by Councillor Reimer 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, November 14, 2000.
B) Minutes, In-Camera Portion of the Special Council Meeting, November 21, 2000.
C) Employee Negotiations: (1) Item.

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

CARRIED

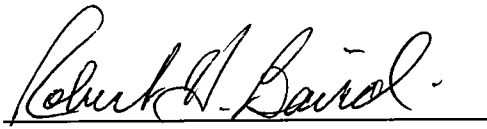
MEETING ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 9:12 P.M.

(In-Camera portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 11:45 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CITY CLERK