

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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, H. Kroeker,
R. Gage, G. Cavaliere, E. Reimer

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

MEDIA: Shaw Cable
Radio NL

PUBLIC: Two members of the public – Representatives from BC Gas Utility Ltd.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, December 12, 2000.

660/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting,
December 12, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

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

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

661/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting,
November 28, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting November 28, 2000.

662/00 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 28, 2000 be adopted with the deletion of Councillor Cavaliere as being in attendance at the meeting. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting December 5, 2000.

663/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting December 5, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. Presentation by BC Gas Utility Ltd., representatives Ron Baker and Don Fairbairn.

Don Fairbairn, VP, Business Development and Ron Baker, Manager, Development Services from BC Gas Utility Ltd., made a presentation to Council regarding Natural Gas Rates. Their presentation provided an overview of what is currently happening to the price of natural gas, the rate impact, what is being done to protect consumers and what consumers can do.

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.

664/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Community Recreational Facilities Rental Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1782, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Presentation by BC Gas Utility Ltd., representatives Ron Baker and Don Fairbairn.

There was no further discussion.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

A. **Appointment of Acting Mayors 2000-2001.**

December 2000 and January 2001	Councillor Barr
February and March 2001	Councillor Cavaliere
April and May 2001	Councillor Gage
June and July 2001	Councillor Kroeker
August and September 2001	Councillor Reimer
October and November 2001	Councillor Sherwood

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the appointment of Acting Mayors 2000-2001 made by Mayor Baird be endorsed by Council. **CARRIED**

B. **Appointment of Standing Committees and Liaison to Select Committees.**

Mayor Baird announced the following Standing Committee appointments:

Administration and Finance: Councillor Reimer, Chair
Councillor Barr

Human Resources and Youth Advisory: Councillor Sherwood, Chair
Mayor Baird
Councillor Barr

Protective Services: Councillor Gage, Chair
Councillor Cavaliere

Economic Development and Planning: Councillor Kroeker, Chair
Councillor Reimer
Councillor Barr

Recreation and Civic Properties: Councillor Cavaliere, Chair
Councillor Kroeker

Public Works: Councillor Sherwood, Chair
Councillor Gage

Healthy Community: Councillor Barr, Chair

C. Appointment of Select Committees.

Emergency Measures Committee: Mayor Baird
Councillor Sherwood
Councillor Kroeker

Access Awareness Committee: Councillor Barr

Community Justice Centre Board: Councillor Barr

Environmental Advisory Committee: Councillor Reimer

**Chamber of Commerce / Sidewalk
Business Opportunities:** Councillor Gage

Airport Advisory Committee: Councillor Sherwood

Sign Bylaw Review Committee: Councillor Cavaliere

Tourism Advisory Committee: Councillor Kroeker

**Critical Incident Stress Management
Steering Committee:** Councillor Barr

Nicola Valley Development Centre: Councillor Kroeker

Nicola Dam Advisory Committee: Mayor Baird

**Community Health and Seniors
Advisory:** Councillor Barr

Nicola Food Forum: Councillor Barr

Nicola Valley Tourism Association: Councillor Kroeker

**Nicola-Similkameen Innovative
Forestry Practices Association:** Councillor Kroeker

Community Awareness Councillor Barr

Appointments to Standing Committees and Select Committees as
Liaisons are for a one-year term.

Mayor is Exofficio on all committees.

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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the appointments made by Mayor Baird be endorsed by Council. CARRIED

Mayor Baird and Mrs. Baird attended the Senior's Christmas Party. The Mayor advised that the Senior's Grant Application to expand their facilities has been denied. The Mayor also commented that the City Staff Party held on December 8th was well attended and a successful evening.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr advised that she attended the Food Forum Meeting on December 7th and attended the Community Health Advisory Committee Meeting.

Councillor Cavaliere advised that he attended the public meeting on December 4th in Council Chambers regarding Civic Centre Rental Charges. The next meeting to discuss the Civic Centre Rental Charges will be on December 14th at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. He attended the Skatepark Committee Meeting and attended the Recreation Commission Committee Meeting on Monday December 11th. Councillor Cavaliere noted that the Recreation Commission is still looking for one more member and anyone interested should contact the Recreation Manager to apply.

Councillor Cavaliere also advised that the First Night Celebrations are well underway and "buttons" for the event are available at the Aquatic Centre and anyone interested in helping with the event should call Jeff Norburn, Recreation Facilities Manager.

Councillor Kroeker advised that he attended the Venture Kamloops meeting on December 12; attended the Innovate BC meeting at University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops and also attended a conference at Whistler, BC on December 5th regarding Sustainability – Natural Step Formula.

Councillor Gage attended the Business after Business Session held at Bloom's Nurseryland on December 12th; he will be attending the Board Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday at 7 a.m. and he also attended the Community Policing Advisory Committee Meeting.

Councillor Cavaliere left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Councillor Cavaliere returned to the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Councillor Reimer commented on the next budget meeting. Mayor Baird advised that he and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District rural representatives would be unable to attend the December 13, 2000 budget meeting. Council agreed to postpone the December 13, 2000 budget meeting to December 19, 2000 following the regular meeting of Council.

667/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the start time for the regularly scheduled council meeting on December 19, 2000 be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to be followed by a Committee of the Whole Budget meeting. CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood discussed the availability of funding through ICBC that would provide the possibility of funding to small communities to enhance police activities.

668/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Staff investigate the possibility of funding through the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia to enhance police activities in our community. CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood provided an update on Public Works Capital Projects and activities. He also requested that any comments or concerns regarding the 90 trial for changes to signage at the following locations be directed to Councillor Sherwood or the City Clerk:

- ◆ Four Way Stop at the corner of Quilchena and Charters;
- ◆ Removal of No Left Turn signage at the corner of Quilchena and Voght Street;
- ◆ Removal of No Left Turn signage into Seven-11.

Councillor Sherwood advised that the pump repairs at the Airport have been delayed pending arrival of the pump and that the recent helicopter crash at the Airport is being investigated. Councillor Sherwood noted that excess funding not used for the Outreach Program Street Worker could be transferred to the Late Night Activities funding.

669/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT surplus funds in the Outreach Program be transferred to the Late Night Program. CARRIED

The Mayor distributed a copy of a letter dated December 8, 2000 from Canadian Pacific Railway regarding the CPR right-of-way to Council for their information.

670/00 Moved by Councillor Barr that the letter dated December 8, 2000 from CPR be placed under Section 11. New Business of this meeting's agenda. CARRIED

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) 2001 Regular Council Meeting Dates; City Clerk's November 27, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 671/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the September 25, 2001 Regular Council meeting be rescheduled for September 18, 2001.
CARRIED
- ii) Baillie Property Letter of Request; Recreation Manager's November 28, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 672/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council donate the following items to the Nicola Valley Heritage Society for Baillie Property operational uses only, and not for resale:
- i) One folding banquet table;
 - ii) One small fridge;
 - iii) One lunch table;
 - iv) One large wooden table with drawer;
 - v) One office desk
 - vi) Nine wooden chairs.
- CARRIED
- 673/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council adopt the Addendum to the Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Nicola Valley Museum Archives Association as presented to Council December 12, 2000, and that the document be prepared for signing by the Mayor and City Clerk.
CARRIED
- iii) Council Indemnities; City Clerk's November 30, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 674/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council defer discussion on Council Indemnities to 2001 budget discussions. CARRIED
- iv) Deputy Merritt Emergency Program Coordinator; Administrator's December 5, 2000 Memorandum.
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- 675/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council appoints Joe Barry as Interim Deputy Merritt Emergency Program Coordinator effective December 1st, 2000.
CARRIED

- v) Cat Loader Major Repairs; Treasurer's December 5, 2000 Memorandum.
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Councillor Reimer left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Councillor Reimer returned to the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

676/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Cat loader Unit No. 12, pursuant to the recommendation from the mechanic be rebuilt as recommended in his November 21, 2000 report, with a total cost estimate of \$35,130. CARRIED

- vi) Recreation Commission Appointment; Recreation Manager's December 6, 2000 Memorandum.
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677/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council appoints Ms. Marlene Allgrove to the Recreation Commission for a three year term commencing December 12, 2000. CARRIED

- vii) CP Rail – Proposed Rezoning and Subdivision of Right of Way; Administrator's December 5, 2000 Memorandum.
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678/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the letter from CP Rail that was added as Section 11. New Business, Item C. vii) be discussed with the above Memorandum. CARRIED

The Administrator provided an overview of her Memorandum.

679/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Staff arrange a meeting for Council with Mr. Baker of CP Rail to discuss options that could be available regarding the CP Rail right-of-way.
OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIA) Renewal; Treasurer's December 6, 2000 Memorandum.
ii) November Bylaw Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's December 5, 2000 Memorandum.
iii) November Building Permit Activity Report / Inspection Services Department Report; Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services December 7, 2000 Memorandum.

Above three items received as information.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) Increase in BC Gas Rates; November 23, 2000 letter from District of Hope.
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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council instruct Staff to compose correspondence to the Provincial Government regarding possible assistance to residents of our province and region to assist in gas costs AND THAT a copy be sent to the Premier of the Province, Harry Lali, MLA, all Municipalities, BC Gas Utility Ltd., and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. CARRIED

- ii) Community to Community Joint Forum; Union of British Columbia municipalities December 1, 2000 Memorandum.
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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve expenses for up to two Councillors to attend the Community to Community Joint Form on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 in Vancouver, B.C. CARRIED

- iii) Merritt Minor Hockey Association Annual "Parade of Players" letter dated December 5, 2000.
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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council grant permission to the Merritt Minor Hockey Association to conduct the annual "Parade of Players" on January 20, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. CARRIED

- iv) Improve Housing in Your Community Through ACT; Federation of Canadian Municipalities letter December 5, 2000.
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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council receive the letter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated December 5, 2000 regarding the Affordability and Choice Today Program; AND THAT the Economic Development Committee research it further and report back to Council. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Business Licence; letter from Judy Hiller, November 12, 2000.

Above item received as information.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Remaining CPR land in Merritt, Canadian Pacific Railway; letter dated December 8, 2000.

This item was dealt with under Item C. Administration Reports 1) vii).

- B. Implementation of 911 Service.

Councillor Sherwood provided the Mayor with information concerning the proposed 911 Service and requested that he take these documents and his concerns to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Meeting and report back to Council.

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

684/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood 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 28, 2000.
B) Potential litigation affecting the City: (2) Items.
C) Employee Negotiations; (2) Items.

AND THAT this meeting be adjourned until after the Committee of the Whole Meeting. CARRIED


Meeting adjourned to In-Camera at 9:55 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of the Minutes kept separately)

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 11:45 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor R.H. Baird



J.E. Barry, CITY CLERK