

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000, AT 6:30 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

MEDIA: NL Radio
Nicola Valley Voice
Merritt Herald

PUBLIC: Nil

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to Order at 6:35 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, December 19, 2000.

691/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council
Meeting December 19, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

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

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

692/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Regular Council
Meeting, December 12, 2000 be adopted with the addition of "Community
Awareness: Councillor Barr" under 9. A(C) Appointment of Select
Committees. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil.

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

7. **BYLAWS:**

A. BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No.1784, 2000 –
Treasurer's December 15, 2000 Memorandum.

1) BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No.1784, 2000.

693/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1784, 2000 be given First Reading.
CARRIED

694/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1784, 2000 be given Second Reading.
CARRIED

695/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1784, 2000 be given Third Reading.
CARRIED

696/00 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1784, 2000 be submitted for the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities.
CARRIED

Council agreed by consensus to hold a Special Council Meeting on December 22, 2000 at 12:45 p.m. to consider adoption of BC Gas Franchise Extension Agreement Bylaw No. 1784, 2000.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil.

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Reports:**

Mayor Baird advised that he attended the final signing of the British Columbia Book and that Vienna Maunu, President of the Resident's Council at Coquihalla/Gillis House, was the final signatory in the Book. Mayor Baird proclaimed National Alzheimer Awareness Month – January 2001 and Falun Dafa Day for Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance – December 31, 2000. The Mayor also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

All members of Council wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councillor Cavaliere remarked on the Civic Centre Rental Charges meetings that were held December 4th and 14th. He advised that very few people attended these two meetings however the Recreation Manager had received comments regarding the building-use philosophy for the Civic Centre.

697/00 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council direct that a third public meeting be scheduled on January 29, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers regarding the rental rates and discussion on the operations of the Civic Centre. CARRIED

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

i) Transit Feasibility Study – City of Merritt; Treasurer’s December 8, 2000 Memorandum.

698/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT a letter be written to BC Transit requesting them to work with the City of Merritt to develop options and costs for providing some form of public transit in the City and regional service area; AND THAT this initiative be undertaken as soon as possible taking into account the fiscal budgeting that needs to take place by all parties. CARRIED

ii) Tourism Guide Map; Administrator’s December 14, 2000 Memorandum.

699/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council receives the report and recommendation from the Economic Development Committee on the matter of the Nicola Valley Tourism Association initiative to develop a tourism guide map of the area; AND THAT Council authorizes funding to the project in the amount of \$2000 to be taken from the 2000 Council Contingency account. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information: Nil.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Review of Water and Sewer portion of Municipal Tax; letter from Robert and Valerie Cox dated July 27, 2000 (received by fax December 12, 2000).
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700/00 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT this item be deferred to the first Council meeting in January. CARRIED

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Designation of Nicola River as a sensitive stream under the Fish Protection Act; letter from Nicola Watershed Community Round Table, December 9, 2000.
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701/00 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT a letter of support be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Land and Parks for the position taken by the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table with copies sent to the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table and to the individuals listed in the December 9, 2000 correspondence. CARRIED

- ii) National Health Summit January 18 – 20, 2001.

702/00 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Staff correspond with the organizers of the National Health Summit to request that a copy of the Summit's findings be sent to the City. CARRIED

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil.

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

13. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

Council agreed by consensus to terminate the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CITY CLERK