

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY JANUARY 08, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Mayor Baird  
Councillors L. Barr, G. Cavaliere, R. Gage, H. Kroeker  
E. Reimer, R. Sherwood

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator  
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager  
H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager  
C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: Merritt Herald  
NL Radio  
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 5 members of the public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 08, 2002.

001/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting,  
January 8, 2002 be adopted with the deletion of Item 13, Adjournment to  
In-Camera. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 17, 2001.

002/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Committee of the  
Whole Meeting, December 17, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, December 18, 2001.

003/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting,  
December 18, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2001 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2001.

Mayor Baird called the Public Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and read the statement concerning Public Hearings.

The Administrator presented summary information regarding the application process for the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1805 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2001.

Karl Woodman made a presentation to Council of the proposed plans with regards to building, signage and access to Voght Street and Lindley Creek Road. The proposed square footage of the convenience store is 1024 square feet. Hours of operation are proposed 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The laundry facility will be of the nature of 1 or 2 washers and dryers for the use of the long haul truckers, residents of Claybanks RV Park and the shower facilities would be available for the truckers with the parking for the truckers being at Tolko.

Laurie Fontaine, 1791 Lindley Creek Road has no objection to the project, her only concerns being visibility around the corner.

Joe Astleford, Merritt Drycleaners and Coin Laundry commented on the number of convenience stores and laundromats in Merritt that are for sale. The National average statistics indicate that Merritt already has more laundromats per capita than the National average.

The Mayor read the Closing Statement and called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaws and hearing no one, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:** Nil

7. **BYLAWS:**

- i) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2001.

004/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2001 be given third reading.  
CARRIED

ii) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2001.

005/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2001 be given third reading.  
CARRIED

iii) Heyes Road Closure Bylaw No. 1808; Administrator's December 19, 2001 Memorandum.

006/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City of Merritt Heyes Road Closure Bylaw No. 1808, 2002 be given first reading.  
CARRIED

007/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the City of Merritt Heyes Road Closure Bylaw No. 1808, 2002 be given second reading.  
CARRIED

008/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City of Merritt Heyes Road Closure Bylaw No. 1808, 2002 be given third reading; AND THAT Council directs Administration to provide notice of the proposed road closure and advice to persons who consider they are affected by the proposed road closure on how they may make representation to Council.  
CARRIED

iv) City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1809, 2002; Administrator's December 24, 2001 Memorandum.

009/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1809, 2002 be given first reading.  
CARRIED

010/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1809, 2002 be given second reading.  
CARRIED

011/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1809, 2002 be given third reading AND THAT City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1809, 2002 be held over for adoption on January 22, 2002.  
CARRIED

v) City of Merritt Officers, Employee and Council Member Indemnification Bylaw No. 1810, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's December 21, 2001 Memorandum.

012/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Officers, Employee and Council Member Indemnification Bylaw No. 1810, 2002 be given first reading.  
CARRIED

013/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Officers, Employee and Council Member Indemnification Bylaw No. 1810, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

014/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Officers, Employee and Council Member Indemnification Bylaw No. 1810, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and reported on the very successful First Nite. Mayor Baird advised that he would like to schedule a meeting in the near future with Council to consider Council's Vision for the balance of 2002.

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

Councillor Barr reported that the next Access Awareness Meeting will be held January 10, 2002 and the next Communities in Bloom Meeting will be held January 21, 2002.

Councillor Cavaliere wished everyone a Safe and Healthy 2002, reported that the Recreation Commission now has a full compliment and thanked Janet Rooks and all the sponsors for a very successful First Nite. The Recreation Guide is now available at the Aquatic Centre and a Family Fun Day is being planned for February 16, 2002.

Councillor Kroeker wished everyone a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Councillor Gage reported the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual General Meeting on January 22, 2002 and their Annual Business Awards Banquet on February 13, 2002. Councillor Gage also reported that the Merritt Fire Department was given a tour of the new UCC/NVIT campus.

Councillor Reimer wished everyone a Happy New Year and advised that the next public Budget Meeting is set for January 9, 2002.

Councillor Sherwood reported Public Works is currently carrying out hydrant and sign maintenance; he attended a very positive "Nights Alive" meeting and announced Denita Burns is the new co-ordinator. The airport will be having their first meeting of the New Year in January. Councillor Sherwood wishes everyone a Peaceful, Happy and Healthy New Year.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- i) Legislative Development Process – Community Charter; Administrator’s December 24, 2001 Memorandum.

015/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council directs Administration to write to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities advising of Council’s support for and recommending adoption of an inclusive process in order to facilitate meaningful input by UBCM membership in the Community Charter development process and future legislative change. CARRIED

- ii) Recreation Commission; Councillor George Cavaliere’s January 02, 2002 Memorandum.

016/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council appoints Shirley George and Rick Isbister to the Recreation Commission as voting members from the Greater Merritt community at large for a term of three (3) years. CARRIED

**2) Receive for Information:**

- i) Inspection Services Report Summary and Review for the Year 2001; Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services January 2, 2002 Memorandum.  
ii) 2002 Assessments; Financial Services Manager’s January 03, 2002 Memorandum.  
iii) Monthly Bylaw Services Report – November/December 2001; Bylaw Services Officer’s January 02, 2002 Memorandum.

The above three items were received as information only.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

- i) Lease Arrangements; Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter received December 2001.

Council agreed by consensus to deal with this item in conjunction with Item 10 B ii); British Columbia Buildings Corporation’s letter of January 02, 2002.

**B. Receive for Information:**

- i) Community Planning and Development Grant; George Abbott, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services letter received December 18, 2001.

Council directed Administration to send a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Minister Abbott.

- ii) Lease 4072 – 1500 square feet of space located at 2185 Voght Street, Merritt; Stephen R.L. Marguet, Lease Manager, Real Estate Development Group, British Columbia Buildings Corporation's letter of January 02, 2002.

Council directed Administration to send a letter to British Columbia Buildings Corporation acknowledging their notice of lease termination and directed Administration to review the lease prior to termination.

Council agreed by Consensus to discuss City Hall's vacant first floor space at the January 15, 2002 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- iii) British Columbia Aviation Council Annual Conference; G.N. Lloyd, President and Chief Executive Officer, British Columbia Aviation Council's letter of December 18, 2001.

Council directed Administration to respond to G.N. Lloyd's letter advising that the City plans to send a representative to their Annual Conference and to extend an invitation that the City of Merritt would be interested in hosting one of their future Annual Conferences.

- iv) 2002 Assessment Roll; Doug Rundell, Chief Executive Officer, Assessment Commissioner, BC Assessment's letter of December 21, 2001.
- v) Cancellation of ILMA 2002 Conference; Gary Crooks, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association's letter of December 17, 2001.
- vi) Regional Film Commission's Assistance Program; Rick Thorpe, Minister, Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise's letter of December 18, 2001.
- vii) Proposed Casino; Rev. Ruth Cairns, Merritt Christian Ministerial President, Merritt Christian Ministerial Association's letter of December 14, 2001.
- viii) Community Charter Council; Barry O'Neill, President, CUPE, BC's letter of December 28, 2001.
- ix) Audit of Forest Planning and Practices; Forest Practices Board letter.

- x) Wind Monitoring Equipment; Mary Algar, Community Relations, Thompson, Okanagan, Upper Columbia, BC Hydro's press release of January 02, 2002.
- xi) Select Standing Committee on Health; Anne Stokes, Committee Clerk, Office of the Clerk of Committee's letter of November 23, 2001.

The above eight items were received as information only.

- xii) Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award; Shelley Dooher, Manager, Volunteer Initiatives Human Investment Programs', Human Resources Development Canada's letter of December 21, 2001.

Council directed staff to post the Theresa Casgrain Volunteer Award information on the City Hall bulletin board and copy to the media.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

Councillor Barr reported on the January 7, 2002 meeting with Alan Dolman, Interior Health Authority Board Chair that was organized by the Interior Health Authority. This meeting was an opportunity to meet and listen to the Interior Health Authority Board Chair and Chief Operating Officer, Martin McMahon.

Council decided to have a Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding health issues in the near future.

**12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

In response to a question from Radio NL, Mayor Baird advised that the Committee of the Whole Meeting date regarding Health Issues has not yet been set.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**


Adjournment to In-Camera deleted upon adoption of agenda.

**14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

017/02 Moved by Councillor Gage at 8:55 p.m. THAT the meeting be terminated.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT

  
R.H. Baird, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CORPORATE  
SERVICES MANAGER