

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2002 AT 5:30 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Mayor Baird  
Councillors L. Barr, R. Gage, H. Kroeker, E. Reimer,  
R. Sherwood, G. Cavaliere (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator  
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager  
H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager

MEDIA & PUBLIC: Nil

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 9, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 9, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **REPORTS:**

A. 2002 to 2006 Financial Plan for Discussion Agenda; Financial Services Manager's December 18, 2001 Agenda.

The Financial Services Manager, referring to a November 13, 2001 letter from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (MFABC), inquired if the Committee is interested in having Jim Craven, former Executive Director of MFABC, facilitate a strategy session workshop in Merritt. The Committee expressed their interest and the Financial Services Manager advised that he will see what dates are available.

Councillor Cavaliere arrived at 6:05 p.m.

The Financial Services Manager reviewed the General Revenue Fund accounts.

The Committee agreed by consensus to recess at 7:15 p.m.

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Mayor Baird called the meeting back to order at 7:37 p.m.

The Financial Services Manager reviewed the 2001 assessments and tax rates from similar sized communities for comparison purposes.

The Administrator left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The Committee discussed staffing requirements throughout the organization.

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council THAT staff be directed to demonstrate to Council why staffing levels should not be reduced. CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**THAT staff be directed to demonstrate to Council why staffing levels should not be reduced.**

The Committee discussed various accounts from the draft financial plan.

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council THAT the Administrator be instructed to meet with the Management Staff to have a good hard review of the financial plan accounts and to come back with adjustments. CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**THAT the Administrator be instructed to meet with the Management Staff to have a good hard review of the financial plan accounts and to come back with adjustments.** CARRIED

The Committee agreed by consensus to schedule the next budget meeting for 4:30 p.m. on Thursday January 17, 2002.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Barr at 10:10 p.m. THAT the meeting be terminated. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
R.H. Baird, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CORPORATE  
SERVICES MANAGER