

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT: Councillors G. Cavaliere, R. Gage

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

MEDIA: Merritt News
Nicola Valley Voice
NL Radio
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 24 members of the public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 22, 2002.

018/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, January 22, 2002 be adopted with the deletion of Item 6 D) Civic Centre Operations Select Committee and the deletion of Item 8 D) Civic Centre Operations Select Committee. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 8, 2002.

019/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 8, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 9, 2002.

020/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 9, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

Business Arising:

021/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT staff be directed to demonstrate to Council why staffing levels should not be reduced. CARRIED

022/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood 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

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 15, 2002.

023/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 15, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

Business Arising:

024/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Staff be instructed to contact the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce to bring forward a written proposal containing a floor plan showing space requirements, the dollar amount they are willing to pay; and the type of services they would provide. CARRIED

025/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT a Request For Proposals with P3 zoning criteria be drafted for the space occupied by the Mental Health Office. CARRIED

D. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 17, 2002.

026/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 17, 2002 be adopted by amending Item 4 A) 2002 to 2006 Financial Plan for Discussion to reflect that the Nicola Valley Arts Council's Grant-In-Aid was a late submission and not eligible. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- A. ICBC Lisa Nemetz Memorial Award; Merritt Speed Watch letter received January 15, 2002.

Angela Warren, I.C.B.C. Regional Coordinator of Road Safety reviewed the origin and criteria of the Lisa Nemetz Memorial Award and presented

the Lisa Nemetz Memorial Award to Pat Lunzmann. Ms. Lunzmann thanked all the volunteers of the Merritt Speed Watch.

Mayor Baird congratulated and thanked Ms. Lunzmann on behalf of the citizens and Council of Merritt.

- B. Bicycle Recycle; Dan Tupper and Pastor Chuck Brewer's letter received January 14, 2002; Page 12, City of Merritt Traffic Bylaw No. 1264, 1989

Dan Tupper, Bicycle Recycle; a non-profit organization presented his request for the use of unclaimed bicycles to be recycled to help the needy.

- C. BC Assessment Authority; Bruce Tasaka, Area Assessor.

Bruce Tasaka, Area Assessor for the BC Assessment Authority summarized the role of BC Assessment Authority and reviewed the 2002 assessments.

- D. Deleted upon adoption of the Agenda.

7. BYLAWS:

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

027/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

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

028/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

- iii) City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1809, 2002.

029/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1809, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

- iv) City of Merritt Officers, Employee and Council Member Indemnification Bylaw No. 1810, 2002.

030/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Officers, Employee and Council Member Indemnification Bylaw No. 1810, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. ICBC Lisa Nemetz Memorial Award; Merritt Speed Watch letter received January 15, 2002.

Council directed staff to send a letter of congratulations from the Mayor and Council to Pat Lunzmann.

- B. Bicycle Recycle; Dan Tupper and Pastor Chuck Brewer's letter received January 14, 2002; Page 12, City of Merritt Traffic Bylaw No. 1264, 1989

Council agreed by consensus to deal with item 10 A i) Bicycles; Jack and Rosemary McNeil; Claybanks RV Park in conjunction with this item.

031/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City donate unclaimed impounded bicycles to Bicycle Recycle and the operators of the Claybanks RV Park; AND THAT staff bring forward an amendment to City of Merritt Traffic Bylaw No. 1264, 1989. CARRIED

- C. BC Assessment Authority; Bruce Tasaka, Area Assessor.

032/02 Moved by Councillor Barr that a letter of thank you be sent to Bruce Tasaka, Area Assessor, BC Assessment Authority. CARRIED

- D. Deleted upon adoption of the Agenda.

9. REPORTS:

- A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baird commented on the Provincial Government restructuring, adding it was a sad day in British Columbia as again the City is being asked to do more with less. The Provincial Government should have had the courtesy to consult with the City since there will be impacts. Mayor Baird expressed his strong disappointment on the announcement that the Provincial Government will consider the feasibility of a private toll road to bypass Merritt for Okanagan travelers and also on the decision not to include Merritt at an upcoming Mayor's Provincial Congress.

Mayor Baird also commented on the informative meeting Council had last week regarding Emergency Planning in the Nicola Valley.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr reported on the Communities in Bloom Meeting; advised that future meetings of the committee will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month and reminded everyone of the Health Fair on February 9, 2002 with a speaker from the Interior Health Authority.

On behalf of Councillor Cavaliere, Councillor Barr advised everyone about the Recreation Commission Meeting on January 28, 2002.

Councillor Kroeker voiced his feelings with regards to the state of the Provincial Health system and the proposed Coquihalla Connector bypass route from Kingsvale to Aspen Grove; advised investors are interested in heavy industrial land and that the City needs more land zoned as such; and that NT Air has already been to Merritt to view sites. Councillor Kroeker also commented on Community Futures and the positive responses from funding providers on the arrangements Community Futures and the City of Merritt have accomplished.

Councillor Reimer reminded everyone of the Budget Meeting January 24, 2002 at which time the 5-year capital budget will be discussed.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the many Public Works maintenance projects underway; the Community Youth Council Meeting and the Flying Club Meeting he attended.

Councillor Sherwood also announced the Liquid Waste Management Plan Public Advisory Committee open house on January 30, 2002.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) 2002 Yellowhead Highway Association Membership; Councillor Kroeker, EDC Chair's January 10, 2002 Memorandum.

033/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council authorize renewal of City of Merritt membership (2002) with the Trans Canada Yellowhead Association at a fee of \$763.10.

CARRIED

- ii) Professional Services Procurement Policy; Corporate Services Manager's January 17, 2002 Memorandum.

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt the Professional Services Procurement Policy as attached to the Corporate Services Manager's January 17, 2002 memorandum.

034/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the motion be amended by adding, "as amended by stating that the services of qualified locally business licensed establishments will be preferred in the last sentence under Policy Goal". CARRIED

VOTING RESUMED ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

035/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopt the Professional Services Procurement Policy as attached to the Corporate Services Manager's January 17, 2002 memorandum as amended by stating that the services of qualified locally business licensed establishments will be preferred in the last sentence under Policy Goal. CARRIED

2) Receive for Information: Nil

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

i) Bicycles; Jack and Rosemary McNeil; Claybanks RV Park, letter of November 26, 2001.

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting in conjunction with Item 8 B).

ii) Civic Centre Sponsorship; Amanda Brown, Tourism Development Coordinator, Nicola Valley Tourism Association letter of January 14, 2002.

036/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council sponsor the Friday Lunch Entertainment for Closing Ceremonies in the amount of \$600.00 for the Licence Inspectors Bylaw Officer Association Conference 2002; AND THAT the funds be taken from Council Contingency. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information: Nil

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Sherwood commented on correspondence received from the District of Hope; Provincial Congress – February 26, 2002.

- 037/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT staff be directed to send a letter of support to the District of Hope; AND THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the Premier advising that the City of Merritt is not happy with the decision not to include representation from smaller municipalities at the Provincial Congress on February 26, 2002; AND FURTHER THAT a copy be sent to each Cabinet Minister, MLA Dave Chutter and UBCM.

CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood commented on the TNRD Budget and the costs proportioned to the City of Merritt.

- 038/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Administration be directed to write a letter to the TNRD requesting a full explanation for the 54% increase to the General Administration account; AND THAT the TNRD be advised that the City of Merritt expects to be consulted and given input on the TNRD budget in future years

CARRIED

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Councillor Kroeker clarified for Radio NL that the airline interested in Merritt is NT Air and that the disposition of the bicycles can begin immediately.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera:

- 039/02 Moved by Councillor Barr at 8:50 p.m. 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, December 18, 2001;
- B) Labour Relations; (1) Item;
- C) Employee Negotiations; (1) Item;

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

CARRIED

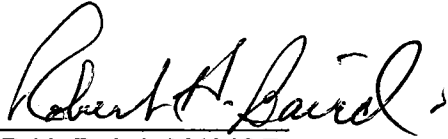
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:50 p.m.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

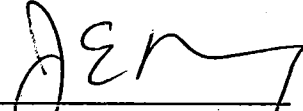
14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 9:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R.H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER