

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT: Councillor R. Sherwood

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

MEDIA: Nicola Valley Voice
Radio NL

PUBLIC: 13 members of the public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, February 12, 2002.

044/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting February 12, 2002 be adopted by correcting Item 6 B and Item 8 B to read Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Board of Directors. CARRIED

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

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

045/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, January 22, 2002 be adopted by amending Councillor Barr's report on page 5 by deleting the word "reminded" and replacing with the word "advised". CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 24, 2002.

046/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 24, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

Business Arising:

047/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Councillor Kroeker be authorized to attend the UBCM Forest Policy Conference in Vancouver. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 29, 2002.

048/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 29, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

D. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 05, 2002.

049/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 05, 2002 be adopted as amended with the addition of the motion "Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council THAT Council endorses the recommendation of the Civic Centre Select Committee that Council contract management of the Civic Centre to Nicola Valley Tourism Association; AND THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a facility management contract based on the recommendation as presented; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to undergo a Policy and Procedure review including the public user groups in that process. CARRIED" CARRIED

Business Arising:

050/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council endorses the recommendation of the Civic Centre Select Committee that Council contract management of the Civic Centre to Nicola Valley Tourism Association; AND THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a Facility Management Contract based on the recommendation as presented; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to undergo a Policy and Procedure review including the public user groups in that process. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

A. 2nd Annual Merritt Artwalk; Julie Charbonneau, Pro Motions Consulting letter of January 27, 2002.

Julie Charbonneau summarized the 1st Annual Artwalk and presented the advantages to the community, artists and businesses of the 2nd Annual Artwalk tentatively set for June 22, 2002 to July 19, 2002. Ms. Charbonneau outlined the goals for the 2nd Annual Artwalk and advised that the Artwalk would be advertised on the website, with cross promotion with other Artwalks in B.C. and cooperatively advertised with the Mountain Music Festival.

Ms. Charbonneau requested a Corporate Sponsorship from the City of Merritt.

- B. Nicola Valley Institute of Technology/UCC Board of Directors; Official opening of new campus.

John Chenowith, Victor Tom, and Patty Dempster from the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and Janice Riley from the University of the College of the Cariboo were in attendance to invite City Council to the Official Opening April 26, 2002.

7. BYLAWS: Nil

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. 2nd Annual Merritt Artwalk; Julie Charbonneau, Pro Motions Consulting letter of January 27, 2002.

Council agreed by consensus to address this sponsorship during Budget deliberation.

- B. Nicola Valley Institute Board of Directors; Official opening of new campus.

051/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council direct staff to respond in writing thanking the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and the University College of the Cariboo for the kind invitation to attend the Official Opening and expressing gratitude for the personal touch of attending in person to a Council Meeting.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

- A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baird proclaimed February 14 – 18 Heritage Week 2002, March Kidney Month and April 22 – 28 Pitch-In Canada Week, commented on the Public Health Forum and the Public Health Fair held February 10 and congratulated all organizers and volunteers, and reminded Council that March 01, 2002 is the resolution deadline for submissions to be considered at the OMMA Convention which is being held at Silverstar this year.

Mayor Baird advised Council would be Moving the Vision Forward with a Public Open House on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 where a final draft of Vision 2003 will be displayed.

Mayor Baird also advised he is convening a Coquihalla Task Committee to be proactive in the completion of the Coquihalla Highway notably straightening and asphaltting by the SX Ranch.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr advised the Health Fair Committee will have a debriefing session on February 14, 2002; commented on the strong support from the public and the over 50 exhibitors and thanked everyone for their attendance; and advised the Communities in Bloom Committee will have a meeting on February 18, 2002 to discuss planning of projects for this year.

Councillor Cavaliere thanked the members of the Recreation Commission for their assistance at the Health Fair and reported on the Recreation Commission Meeting held on January 28, 2002 commenting that the Recreation Commission reviewed their role and direction and the members are more focused and proactive.

052/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council appoint Kelly Turchak, Lloyd Charney, Peggy Luker, Phil Rankin, Mike Goetz and Councillor Cavaliere to the Youth Park Committee with Councillor Sherwood as an alternate.
CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere reported the mandate of the Youth Park Committee is to design, fundraising and construction of the Youth Park.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the UBCM Forestry Policy Workshop he attended on February 7 – 8 at which Minister Michael de Jong addressed the delegation.

Councillor Gage reported the Fire Department attended the Health Fair with the Safety House and advised that a letter has been sent to Fire Underwriters with regards to the ladder truck; advised of the Community Policing Advisory Meeting which will be held on February 20, 2002 and announced the upcoming Chamber of Commerce events being the Business after Business session on February 13, 2002 and the Awards Banquet on February 20, 2002.

Councillor Reimer advised the next Budget Meeting dates are on February 25, 2002 and the Public presentation of the Budget will be on March 19, 2002.

Councillor Reimer gave an update on the Drinking Water Protection Committee.

053/02

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Reimer and up to two staff members to attend the BC Groundwater Association Annual Conference in Kelowna. CARRIED

C. **Administration Reports:**

1) **Requires Council Action:**

- i) Conversion of Previously Occupied Buildings Into Strata Units; Administrator's February 04, 2002 Memorandum.

054/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council adopts in principle the draft Policy titled "Conversion of A Previously Occupied Building Into Strata Titled Units" as Policy; AND THAT Council endorses in principle the draft Procedure titled "Conversion of A Previously Occupied Building Into Strata Titled Units"; AND FURTHER THAT Council schedule a Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 11, 2002 to finalize this Policy and Procedure. CARRIED

- ii) Development Permit 2002-A – Gage; Administrator's February 04, 2002 Memorandum.

Pursuant to Section 231 of the Local Government Act, Councillor Gage declared he was unable to participate in discussing or voting on this issue as his son is directly involved with the application. Councillor Gage immediately left the Council Chambers at 8:31 p.m.

055/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Development Permit No. DP2002-A is approved.

CARRIED

Councillor Gage returned to the Council Chambers at 8:32 p.m.

- 2) **Receive for Information:** Nil

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Support for the "Bid Submission for the 2005 American Indigenous Games"; Bernard Manuel, Upper Nicola Indian Band and Interior Zone for the Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Association of BC letter of January 21, 2002.

056/02

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support to Bernard Manuel for the Bid Submission for the 2005 American Indigenous Games. CARRIED

- ii) 1 Hour Parking in Downtown Core; Alice Kanayama letter of January 21, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the request to increase the 1 hour maximum parking limit in the Downtown Core be referred to the Access Awareness Committee for comment.

057/02

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the motion be amended by adding "and to the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce"
CARRIED

VOTING RESUMED ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

058/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the request to increase the 1 hour maximum parking limit in the Downtown Core be referred to the Access Awareness Committee and the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce for comment.
CARRIED

- iii) A & T Shuttle Bus Service; Anna Brown o/a A & T Shuttle Bus Service letter of January 25, 2002.

Anna Brown was in attendance to answer questions from Council.

059/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council send a letter of support to A & T Shuttle Bus Service to operate a shuttle bus service in the City of Merritt and area.
CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Airport Road Upgrade; Superstar Properties Ltd. and Gold Trail Ventures Inc. letter of January 03, 2002.
ii) TNRD 2002 Provisional Budget; John E. Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, Thompson-Nicola Regional District January 30, 2002 letter.
iii) City of Merritt job opportunities; Annie Proznick letter of January 25, 2002.
iv) Bicycle Donation; Jack McNeil, Claybanks RV Park letter of January 26, 2002.

The above four items were received as information only.

- v) Energy Matters Community Workshop; Robert Greno, BC Gas Municipal Relations correspondence received February 05, 2002.

060/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council send a delegation to Energy Matters Community Workshop; AND THAT the City of Merritt cover costs of the registration.
CARRIED

- vi) 56th Annual Conference of the Yellowhead Highway Association; Irene Davidson-Fisher, C.E.O., Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association January 11, 2002 Memorandum.

061/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council authorize Councillor Kroeker to attend the 56th Annual Conference of the Yellowhead Highway Association in Strathcona County, Alberta. CARRIED

Council asked if Councillor Kroeker would be interested in his name being nominated for the 2002-2003 Board of Directors of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association. Councillor Kroeker expressed his interest but advised that he will investigate the financial impact to the City and report back.

062/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association supports the completion of the last phase of the Coquihalla Highway into Merritt to feed into the Yellowhead Highway system. CARRIED

- vii) BCGWA Annual Conference – February 28 to March 02, 2002; Jim Fyfe, President B.C. Ground Water Association letter of January 25, 2002.

This item was dealt with in Councillor Reimer's report, Motion # 053/02.

- viii) Wildland Urban Interface Symposium 2002; Denis G. Gaudry, Co-Chair, Thompson Okanagan Inter-Agency Committee letter of July 13, 2001.

063/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council authorize Councillor Gage to attend the Wildland Urban Interface Symposium in Penticton on the days he feels are most beneficial to the City. CARRIED

- ix) Pitch-In Canada Week; Stella Jo Dean, Volunteer Chair, Pitch-In British Columbia letter received January 28, 2002.
x) Merritt Citizens Patrol; Carolin Raikes, Coordinator 2001 Man Hours Report.
xi) Order of British Columbia – 2002 Call for Nominations; Heidi Elliott, Coordinator and Secretary to the Advisory Council letter of January 30, 2002.
xii) ICBC Road Improvement Program – Information Letter; David Hill, Road Safety Engineer, Road Improvement Program, ICBC letter of January 31, 2002.
xiii) ICBC Road Safety in Merritt; Angela Warren, Regional Road Safety Coordinator letter of January 29, 2002.

The above five items were received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Baird commented on correspondence received from South Kamloops Stockmen's Association that there is a possibility the Thompson Nicola Regional District may not proceed with its submission of a Pest Management Plan for noxious weed control on public land, including the rights of way of various utilities.

Council agreed by consensus that the City supports a resolution by Thompson Nicola Regional District Directors Joe Post and Mike Rose that a program for noxious weed control be continued.

Mayor Baird also commented on correspondence received from the British Columbia Aviation Council regarding a proposed \$24.00 security surcharge.

064/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to Minister Collenette and Minister Martin supporting the British Columbia Aviation Council that small air carriers be exempt from the proposed \$24.00 security surcharge. CARRIED

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Councillor Cavaliere confirmed for the Nicola Valley Voice that the Youth Park will be located in Central Park in front of the sand volleyball courts.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera:

065/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer 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, January 22, 2002;
- B) Minutes, In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 04, 2002;
- C) Employee Negotiations; (4) Items;

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:50 p.m.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R.H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER