

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 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  
C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 3 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, February 26, 2002.

076/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, February 26, 2002 be adopted as amended by replacing "Merritt Full Gospel Tabernacle Society" with "Maranatha Christian School Society" and including copies of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1814, 2002 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002 under Item 7 i); AND by adding Item 9 C 1 i) Lease 4072 – BCBC for 1500 square feet City Hall; Administrator's February 26, 2002 Memorandum. CARRIED

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

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

077/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 12, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. Larry Henry; Nicola-Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society.

Rod DeBoice, District Manager, Ministry of Forests; Jerry Canuel, Technical Committee Member representing Aspen Planers; and Sheila Langois of the Nicola-Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society made a power point presentation to update Council on the activities of the Nicola-Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society. The presentation elaborated on the Nicola-Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society's members, Vision, history, objectives, timber supply analysis results, application for increased Allowable Annual Cut, social considerations, public participation process and the decision making process.

**7. BYLAWS:**

- i) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1814, 2002 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002 – Maranatha Christian School Society; Administrator's February 18, 2002 Memorandum.

078/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

079/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

080/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2002 be submitted to Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2002; AND THAT notice of the Public Hearing be advertised pursuant to Section 892 of the Local Government Act. CARRIED

081/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

082/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw no. 1815, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

083/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002 be submitted to Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2002; AND THAT notice of the Public Hearing be advertised pursuant to Section 892 of the Local Government Act. CARRIED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Larry Henry; Nicola-Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society.**

Mayor Baird thanked the representatives from the Nicola-Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society for the informative presentation.

**9. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird reported on the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Executive Meeting he attended in Sicamous; the Congress Meeting being held in Vancouver with only the Mayors of the 15 largest Municipalities being invited; his meeting with Lt. Governor Iona Campenolla; flag day ceremonies held at the University College of the Cariboo with Federal Minister of Heritage Sheila Copps in attendance and the meeting he attended along with Councillor Cavaliere with the Interior Health Authority.

Mayor Baird reported the Westcoast Rally Association is speaking with the Manager of the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce and discussing the possibility of moving the Annual Rally from Cache Creek to Merritt; reminded everyone that the deadline for nominations for the Order of British Columbia 2002 is March 10, 2002 and that the BC Aviation Council is very concerned about the viability of small airports in the BC.

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

Councillor Barr reported on the Community Health Advisory Committee meeting she attended on February 25, 2002 and the Access Awareness Committee meeting held February 15, 2002.

Councillor Barr reported back to Council that the consensus of the Access Awareness Committee was to maintain the 1 hour parking limit in the downtown core and the Access Awareness Committee recommended that a handicap parking stall be designated in the downtown core on Quilchena Avenue.

Councillor Cavaliere reported that the Recreation Commission held a goals and objectives workshop on February 25, 2002; that Family Fun Day held February 16, 2002 was a huge success and the next Family Fun Day scheduled is an Easter Egg Hunt in Rotary Park; that the Winter Recreation Programs are going strong and that the new treadmill has arrived at the Aquatic Centre.

Councillor Cavaliere announced that a Field User Meeting will be held in the Civic Centre February 28, 2002.

Councillor Kroeker advised that Community Futures year end is March 31, 2002 and that the Nicola Valley Tourism Association is in the negotiation process for the management of the Civic Centre as well as working on promotional material to promote the City of Merritt.

Councillor Kroeker reported to Council the commitments and responsibilities involved for a Director of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association.

084/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council encourage Councillor Kroeker to put his name forth for nomination as a Director for the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association at the next Annual General Meeting of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association. CARRIED

Councillor Gage reported that the Civic Centre Select Committee met on February 22, 2002 and that a User Group Meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2002 and a Public Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2002.

Councillor Gage advised he and Councillor Sherwood attended a meeting at the RCMP with Sergeant Steve Frayne and Staff Sergeant Jim Senft to discuss the movement of trucks in the City of Merritt and he will be attending a meeting with Fire Chief Rob Godard and Deputy Fire Chief Dave Tomkinson to review the budget impact and the ladder truck on February 27, 2002.

Councillor Gage reported that the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet was held February 20, 2002 and he will be attending a Directors Meeting next week.

Councillor Reimer reported on the CPAC meeting he attended on behalf of Councillor Gage last week and commended the members of the community belonging to organizations such as Block Parents, Crimestoppers, Citizens Patrol and Victim Services that are actively assisting our police department.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the activities of the Public Works Department including the fire hydrant maintenance program, removal of some trees infected with pine beetle, signage repairs due to vandalism, the pruning of right of ways and lanes, the street sweeping program and repair to pot holes and commented on the Community Youth Committee meeting.

Councillor Sherwood commented that as a result of the meeting with Sergeant Steve Frayne and Staff Sergeant Jim Senft that perhaps a Traffic Safety Committee be struck to deal with traffic and commercial truck movement in our community. Councillor Sherwood will work towards forming a Select Committee and make a formal presentation to Council next month.

C. **Administration Reports:**

1) **Requires Council Action:**

- i) Lease 4072 – BCBC for 1500 square feet City Hall.

085/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council agrees to extend the Lease dated January 17, 1997 on the same terms and conditions for a further period of twelve (12) months from the current expiry date of February 28, 2002 to a revised expiry date of February 28, 2003; AND THAT Council agrees that both the landlord and the tenant shall have the right, on not less than one (1) full calendar months prior written notice to the other party, to terminate the Lease on the last day of any month; AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement to extend. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

- i) Monthly Bylaw Services Report-January 2002; Bylaw Services Officer's February 19, 2002 Memorandum.  
ii) Annual/Fourth Quarter Policing Report, Merritt Municipal Detachment – 2001; Staff Sergeant's James R. Senft, Commander Merritt Detachment's February 07, 2002 Report.  
iii) Road Improvement Agreement Between the City of Merritt and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; John Pump, Provincial Program Manager, Road Improvement Strategies letter of January 23, 2002.

The above three items were received as information only.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Corporate Sponsorship, Ducks Unlimited Canada Provincial Convention; Wayne Pritchard, Sr. Development Officer, Ducks Unlimited Canada and Sherry Etchart, Merritt Committee, Ducks Unlimited Canada's letter of February 05, 2002.

086/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City of Merritt sponsor coffee breaks in the amount of \$300.00 at the Ducks Unlimited Canada Provincial Convention being held in Merritt May 03-05, 2002; AND THAT the funds come from Council Contingency.

CARRIED

- ii) Location of an Area for the Ballet and Other Groups; Joan Koller, Director, Nicola Valley Community Arts Council's letter of February 13, 2002.

Council directed staff to advise the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council on the status of this issue.

- iii) Proposed Squamish Nation "Wild Spirit Places"; Corrine Lonsdale, Mayor, District of Squamish's letter of February 12, 2002.

087/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT this item be received as information only. CARRIED

- iv) Recreational Component of Public Forests; Alison M. Mewett, Supervisor of Environmental Planning and Parks, Regional District Comox-Strathcona's letter of February 08, 2002.

088/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to Alison M. Mewett, Supervisor of Environmental Planning and Parks, Regional District of Comox-Strathcona supporting the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona for the Recreational Component of Public Forests. CARRIED

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Audio Book Services; B.A. Hawkshaw's correspondence of February 11, 2002.

089/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT this Council support the City of North Vancouver's motion regarding Audio Book Services. CARRIED

- ii) Improvements to British Columbia's Land Reserve Commission; Kirk B. Miller, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Land Reserve Commission's letter of January 29, 2002.
- iii) Grand Opening; Lower Nicola Community Arena.
- iv) The Corporation of the Village of Lytton, the TNRD Library and the All People's Gallery; all day Celebration.

The above three items were received as information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:** Nil

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera:

090/02 Moved by Councillor Barr 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, February 12, 2002;
- B) Employee Negotiations; (1) Item;

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

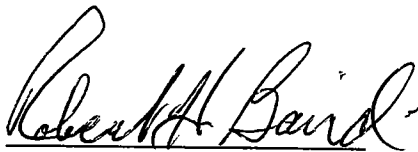
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:03 p.m.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 9:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
R.H. Baird, MAYOR

  
C. Fraser, CORPORATE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT