CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY MARCH 05, 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, H. Kroeker, R. Sherwood,

ABSENT: Councillors R. Gage, E. Reimer

STAFF: J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager

H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager

P. Strain, Operations Manager

MEDIA: Nil

PUBLIC: Jeffrey Lee, President, Wagon West Travel Plaza Ltd.

Chris Langhaug, President, Gold Trail Ventures Ltd.

D. Parise, Economic Development Officer

B. Gordon, Community Futures Development Centre

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2. <u>CALL TO ORDER:</u>

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A. Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 05, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 05, 2002 be adopted as amended with the addition of item 4 B) Capital Project Estimates; Operations Manager's March 1, 2002 Memorandum

CARRIED

4. REPORTS:

A. Proposal of Airport Developers or Adjacent Landowners Promoting Airport Road Improvements; Administrator's February 26, 2002 Memorandum.

The Operations Manager provided a summary of the meeting that he and the Administrator attended with Wagon West Travel Plaza Ltd. and Gold Trail Ventures Ltd.

The Operations Manager advised that the estimated total cost of the road works including a deceleration lane from Highway 5A to the terminal would be approximately \$260,000.

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City supports in principle entering into a process of cost sharing for the completion of Airport road to the terminal with the affected property owners. CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

THAT the City supports in principle entering into a process of cost sharing for the completion of Airport road to the terminal with the affected property owners.

The Committee agreed by consensus to ask questions of the two developers. Chris Langhaug, responding to a question whether this motion will assist to help kick start the project, indicated that he appreciates the motion and that his intent is to make the numbers work for the project. Jeffery Lee advised that he would like the City to finish the road from Highway 5A to the elbow first.

The Committee discussed various cost sharing options and the Financial Services Manager provided an explanation of how a Local Improvement Program initiative would work.

The Committee by consensus directed staff to bring back a report to the March 26, 2002 Council Meeting on cost sharing options along with a recommendation. The Committee wants to know the pros and cons of each option with dollar figures.

Capital Project Estimates; Operations Manager's March 1, 2002 B. Memorandum

The Operations Manager and Councillor Sherwood discussed the various capital project estimates.

Councillor Sherwood advised that he and the Operations Manager will meet and bring forward a report providing proposals for the capital works projects for short term borrowing consideration.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Barr at 9:40 p.m. THAT the meeting be terminated.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

R.H. Baird, MAYOR

J.E. Barry, CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER