

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY MARCH 12, 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, H. Kroeker,  
E. Reimer, R. Sherwood

ABSENT: Councillor R. Gage

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

MEDIA: Radio NL  
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 6 members of the public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

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

095/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, March 12, 2002 be adopted as amended by adding Item 10 A) iii) "Merritt Ambassador Society's letter dated March 12, 2002"; and by deleting Items 7 C) "City of Merritt Heyes Road Closures Bylaw No. 1808, 2002" and Item 9 C) 1) i) "Shell Canada Development Permit Application – 3603 Voght Street".  
CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 25, 2002.

096/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 25, 2002 be adopted as amended by changing in both the motion and the recommendation "Bertha" to "Berta".  
CARRIED

**MINUTES, CITY OF MERRITT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 12, 2002**

Business Arising:

097/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council allow staff to write off \$11,941.64 of the Accounts Receivable accounts identified in the Financial Services Manager's February 20, 2002 Memorandum and correct a billing error of \$2,383.00 of the Accounts Receivable accounts; AND THAT staff bring forward a status report on the remaining Accounts Receivable accounts identified in the Financial Services Manager's February 20, 2002 Memorandum in 2 months. CARRIED

098/02 Moved by Councillor Barr That Council supports in principle the partnerships as proposed in the 2002 Budget between the City of Merritt and the Nicola Valley Tourism Association and the City of Merritt and the Community Futures Development Corporation. CARRIED

099/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 25, 2002 be re-adopted as amended by changing in both the motion and the recommendation "Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce" to "Nicola Valley Tourism Association" and "Economic Development Committee" to "Community Futures Development Corporation". CARRIED

100/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council recommends and nominates Berta Fraser for the Order of British Columbia. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 26, 2002.

101/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 26, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 05, 2002.

102/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 05, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

Business Arising:

103/02 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

D. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 11, 2002.

104/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 11, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

Business Arising:

- 105/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council adopts the Draft Policy titled "Conversion of A Previously Occupied Building Into Strata Titled Units" as Policy. CARRIED
- 106/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council endorses the Draft Procedure titled "Conversion of a Previously Occupied Building Into Strata Titled Units". CARRIED

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2002 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002.

Mayor Baird called the Public Meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and read the statement concerning Public Hearings.

The Administrator presented summary information regarding the application process for the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2002 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002.

Frank Sciarpelletti, Treasurer of Maranatha Christian School Society, advised that the Maranatha Christian School Society ceased operation in September 2002 and are in the winding down process and part of that winding down process is to sell the property.

The Mayor read the Closing Statement and called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaws and hearing no one, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- A. Forrest Funmaker, Academic Support Instructor, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology – Student Care and Kylie Cavaliere, Intercultural Steering Committee.

Forrest Funmaker, Academic Support Instructor, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology – Student Care and Kylie Cavaliere from the Intercultural Steering Committee made a presentation to Council inviting Council to participate in the Erase Racism March, March 21, 2002 as well requesting a member of Council be a member of the panel for the Forum March 19, 2002 and extended an invitation to Council to attend the Multi Cultural Pot Luck Dinner at the Civic Centre, March 21, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1814, 2002.

107/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

- B) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002.

108/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

- C) City of Merritt Heyes Road Closure Bylaw No. 1808, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's March 05, 2002 Memorandum.

- i) City of Merritt Heyes Road Closures Bylaw No. 1808, 2002.

This item was deleted upon adoption of the agenda.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Forrest Funmaker, Academic Support Instructor, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology – Student Care.

109/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Councillor Barr be the City Council representative to sit on the Erase Racism Forum Panel March 19, 2002 at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. CARRIED

**9. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird reported on his meetings this past week with Raelene Shay of the Interior Health Authority; MLA Dave Chutter and Staff Sergeant Grimm of the Kamloops RCMP.

Mayor Baird along with Councillors Barr, Cavaliere and Kroeker attended the grand opening of the Municipal Hall and Library Complex and the new bridge in the Village of Lytton on March 09, 2002.

Mayor Baird commented on the impact of the Census report from Stats Canada of the 7.1% population decline in Merritt.

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

Councillor Barr commented on the Grand Opening in Lytton; announced the Access Awareness Meeting March 14, 2002 and the Communities in Bloom Meeting March 25, 2002.

Councillor Cavaliere announced the Ice Users Meeting May 09, 2002; reminded everyone that the Ice Use Requests deadline is March 15, 2002 and the Easter Egg Hunt at Rotary Park taking place March 30, 2002.

Councillor Cavaliere also announced the next meeting for the Recreation Commission is April 08, 2002; the Public Meeting for the Bylaws governing the use of the Civic Centre for the User Groups is April 11, 2002 and the meeting for the General Public is April 18, 2002; and the next meeting for the Youth Park Committee will be set by the next Council Meeting.

110/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council appoint Dylan Thorstenson to the Youth Park Committee. CARRIED.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the meeting with Pinnacle Power Company to operate a co-generation facility in Merritt; the opening of a Wholesale/Retail Bakery; the Airport projects and a P3 Forum projected for early May.

Councillor Kroeker also reported on Venture Kamloops Tourism; Bylaw Enforcement Conference and Economic Development Association Convention being hosted in Merritt.

Councillor Reimer announced the Public Presentation of the 2002 Budget March 19, 2002 and reported on the BC Groundwater Conference in Kelowna attended by himself and Ed Morris from Public Works.

Councillor Sherwood reported that Public Works Department has completed the removal of the beetle infested trees around Bench School; is continuing repairs at the works yard; spring clean-up and tree pruning; street sweeping program – weather permitting; general clean-up and beautifying our community and 10 Public Works employees participated in a BC Hydro Safety Seminar.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- i) Shell Canada Development Permit Application – 3603 Voght Street.

This item was deleted upon adoption of the agenda.

- ii) Extension of Tourist Information Centre Exterior Food Services Agreement; Leisure Services Manager's March 06, 2002 Memorandum.

111/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approves an Agreement for the Tourist Information Centre Exterior Food Services between the City of Merritt and Manjit Ahuja Dixie Lee Superior Pizza and Bakery to run the Tourist Information Centre Exterior Food Services for a period of 12 months effective March 15, 2002 and based on the same terms and conditions as the Agreement dated March 10, 2000; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the City. CARRIED

**2) Receive for Information:**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

- i) Drinking Water Protection; CUPE B.C. letter dated February 07, 2002 and City of North Vancouver letter dated February 27, 2002.

112/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City of Merritt send a letter supporting CUPE B.C.'s request, to the Provincial Government urging that the recommendations of the Drinking Water Review Panel's final report be accepted, and that the Provincial Government refrain from passing any legislation that could compromise public ownership and control of water.

CARRIED

- ii) Elimination of Racial Discrimination Campaign; Nicola Valley Intercultural Committee letter dated March 07, 2002.

113/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City of Merritt support the request from the Nicola Valley Intercultural Committee regarding the multicolored ribbon campaign by tying ribbons to the aerals of City Vehicles; AND THAT City Hall serve as a location for the public to acquire the multicolored ribbons. CARRIED

- iii) Merritt Ambassador Society letter dated March 12, 2002.

114/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the letter dated March 12, 2002 from the Merritt Ambassador Society be referred to the process going over the Bylaws governing the Civic Centre. CARRIED



**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera:

116/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker 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 26, 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: 8:50 p.m.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

**14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 9:48 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R.H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER