

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY APRIL 02, 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, R. Sherwood,

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

MEDIA: Merritt News
Nicola Valley Voice

PUBLIC: 12 members of the public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 02, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 02, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **REPORTS:**

A. Lease Proposal; Robyn Cunningham, Manager, Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter dated February 28, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce make an oral presentation to Council. CARRIED

Gordon Johnson, Robyn Cunningham and Julie Charbonneau of the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce made a presentation of their Lease Proposal to City Council.

The Committee of the Whole received the presentation as information only.

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B. Visitor Information Centre.

i) Background Information

- a) Tourism BC – City of Merritt Visitor Info Centre Agreement.
- b) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 29, 2001.
- c) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June 12, 2001.
- d) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 23, 2001.
- e) Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 10, 2001.
- f) Licence of Occupation No. 337898 – Merritt Information Centre; Peter Walters, Acting Regional Manager, British Columbia Assets Land Corporation correspondence of December 11, 2002.
- g) Corporate Services Manager's letter of December 17, 2001.
- h) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, December 18, 2001.
- i) Corporate Services Manager's letter of January 02, 2002.
- j) Administrator's letter of March 19, 2002.
- k) Administrator's correspondence of March 20, 2002.
- l) Margaret McCormick, Director, Visitor Services and Sales, Tourism British Columbia letter of March 21, 2002.
- m) Peter Walters, Acting Regional Manager, Land and Water British Columbia correspondence of March 22, 2002.
- n) Information Centre; Councillor Kroeker's correspondence received March 28, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council THAT the City of Merritt not renew leases or agreements with Tourism B.C., Land and Water B.C. and not sign a lease with Manjit Ahuja; AND THAT the City inform all parties that all deals are off – B.C. Tourism as of March 31, 2002, Land and Water B.C. as of April 30, 2002 and Mr. Ahuja as of April 30, 2002; AND FURTHER THAT there will be a charge to discharge effluent into our sewer treatment plant if required and the cost would have to be negotiated. CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

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- ii) Expression of Interest in Operating Coquihalla Information Centre; George Mathieu, Chairperson, Community Futures Development Corporation of Nicola Valley letter of March 20, 2002.

This item was deemed redundant after the previous recommendation to Council.

- iii) Advertising at the Coquihalla Information Centre; Julie Charbonneau, Pro Motions Consulting letter dated March 18, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT this item be referred to the next Council Meeting along with the recommendation regarding the Visitor Information Centre. **CARRIED**

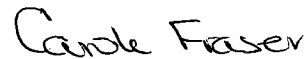
5. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere at 8:31p.m. THAT the meeting be terminated.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R.H. Baird, MAYOR



C. Fraser, CORPORATE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT