

## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY APRIL 09, 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  
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager  
D. Lang, Leisure Services Manager  
H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager  
P. Strain, Operations Manager  
C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: Radio NL  
Shaw Cable  
Nicola Valley Voice

PUBLIC: 13 members of the public

Canadian Legion Curling Champions.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor Baird presented certificates and tokens of appreciation to Bill Neuls, Ayton Moffat, and Lorne Reynoldson commemorating their achievement as Dominion Curling Champions. Mayor Baird also passed on his congratulations to team member Paul Montgomery who was unable to attend the meeting.

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 09, 2002.

159/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 09, 2002 be adopted as amended by adding Item 9 C 1 vi) Bloom's Nurseryland – Wall Mural, Corporate Services Manager's April 08, 2002 Memorandum; Item 10 A iv) Opportunity to Provide a Facility for Seniors in your Community, Karen Neal, President, Comfort Living for Seniors letter dated March 20, 2002; Item 10 A v) Lease Agreement; Stan Rowland, President, Merritt Senior Citizen's Association letter dated February 12, 2002; and Item 10 B iv) Withdrawal of an Expression of Interest in Operating Coquihalla Information Centre, George Mathieu, Chairperson, Community Futures Development Corporation of Nicola Valley letter dated April 03, 2002.

CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 26, 2002.

160/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 26, 2002 be adopted by changing "spaces adjacent" to "spaces in the parking lot adjacent" in motion #128/02 and by changing "planter boxes" to "hanging planters and watering system" in motion #129/02. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, April 02, 2002.

161/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, April 02, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

C. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 02, 2002.

162/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 02, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

163/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood 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

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil**

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A) Lease Proposal; Robyn Cunningham, Manager, Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter dated April 04, 2002.

Robyn Cunningham, Manager, Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce and Saug Sekon, President, Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce were present to answer questions from City Council regarding the draft Lease Proposal from the Chamber of Commerce for the vacant space on the first floor of City Hall. Discussions and clarifications covered concerns such as City approval for change in tenancy, structural changes, Committee Meeting room booking and leasehold improvements.

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A) City of Merritt Community Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1816, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's March 27, 2002 Memorandum.

164/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Community Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1816, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

165/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Community Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1816, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

166/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Community Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1816, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A) Request for Increase to Downtown Maximum Parking Time Limit.
- i) 1 Hour parking in downtown core; Alice Kanayama's letter dated January 21, 2002.
  - ii) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting; February 12, 2002.
  - iii) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, February 26, 2002.
  - iv) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, March 26, 2002.

167/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Downtown Maximum Parking Time Limit be increased from 1 hour to 2 hours; AND THAT prior to the change, staff be directed to survey the City's specialized parking stalls in the downtown core; AND FURTHER THAT a minimum of 2 handicapped parking stalls be added on Quilchena Avenue; AND FURTHER THAT the survey results be presented at the next Council Meeting. CARRIED

- B) Lease Proposal; Robyn Cunningham, Manager, Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter dated April 04, 2002.

168/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT a Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce be prepared for the term May 01, 2002 to April 30, 2004 subject to details agreed upon this evening. CARRIED

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

169/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT staff advise Julie Charbonneau, Pro *Motions* Consulting that the City of Merritt will be relinquishing any rights to the Information Centre and Ms. Charbonneau needs to direct her request to Tourism BC.  
CARRIED

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird proclaimed April 21-27, 2002 Arts and Culture Week and April 28, 2002 Annual Day of Mourning.

Mayor Baird reported on the meeting he attended in Victoria with Directors and Mayors and MLA Chutter, MLA Kruger and Speaker of the House, Claude Richmond with the focus being on securing the Regional Hospital in Kamloops at its current status.

Mayor Baird also reported on the Municipal Finance Authority Annual General Meeting he attended in Victoria which included topics of finance, sustaining municipalities, low interest rates and leasing options for items such as our rescue vehicle.

Mayor Baird also met with the Solicitor General and MLA Dave Chutter, the Attorney General and MLA Dave Chutter, and Ted Nebbeling Minister of state for Community Charters.

Mayor Baird reported that, along with the City Administrator, he met with BC Hydro representatives, mentioned the upcoming Ducks Unlimited Conference, attended Media Appreciation Night, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 96 Zone dinner, and met with the Director and Deputy Director of Court Services to discuss if the City has the facilities to hold Circuit Court in Merritt.

Mayor Baird also advised that he will be attending the OMMA Executive Meeting April 10, 2002 and announced that Matt Williams, Manager of Nicola Ranch is the new President of the Rodeo Association.

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

Councillor Barr reported on the Media Appreciation Night, the Nicola Valley Health Advisory Committee meeting and announced the next Communities in Bloom meeting is April 15, 2002.

Councillor Cavaliere reported the Recreation Commission held a meeting April 08, 2002 and he would have a full report for the next Council Meeting; announced the Ice Users Meeting is scheduled for May 09, 2002, the User Group Meeting to review the bylaw that governs the Civic Centre is April 11, 2002 with the General Public meeting on April 18, 2002 and the Youth Park Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2002.

Councillor Cavaliere thanked Myrna Greip and the Leisure Services Department for all their hard efforts in planning Family Fun Days, the latest being the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked Public Works for repairing the alley of the 1400 block Coldwater Avenue.

Councillor Kroeker commented on the status of the Suttlej Motor Company proposal, Coquihalla Task Committee meetings, rumoured sale of the Coquihalla Highway and the Venture Kamloops Tourism meeting.

Councillor Gage reported on the Fire Rescue Department, the Chamber of Commerce meeting and announced the next CPAC meeting is April 17, 2002.

Councillor Reimer commented on the Adopt-A-Road Program, advised that Pitch-In Week is April 22-28, 2002 and announced the next Public Budget meeting is April 10, 2002.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the ongoing projects of the Public Works Department such as street sweeping and tree pruning and announced that the recycle bins are now being picked up 3 times per week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Councillor Reimer left the Council Chambers at 8:49 p.m.

Councillor Reimer returned to the Council Chambers at 8:51 p.m.

**C. Administration Reports:**

**1) Requires Council Action:**

- i) Traffic Line Painting – Contract #2002.01; Operations Manager/ Approving Officer's April 03, 2002 Memorandum.

170/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council award the Traffic Line Painting Contract #2002.01 for the painting of traffic lines, stop bars, crosswalks and curbs to Alpine Line Painting for the unit prices quoted over a 3 year term with an option to extend the contract an additional 2 years; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Traffic Line Painting Contract #2002.01 on behalf of the City of Merritt.

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- ii) Bus Stop Signs Fund Request; Operations Manager's April 04, 2002 Memorandum.

The above item was received as information only.

- iii) Referral Request – Land and Water B.C. Inc.; Administrator's April 04, 2002 Memorandum.

171/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council directs Administration to respond to the referral indicating the City of Merritt's interests are unaffected by the proposal to licence a portion of DL 1227 KDYD for use in conjunction with a proposed raceway on adjoining private land. CARRIED

- iv) Amendment to the Claybanks RV Park Agreement; Leisure Services Manager's April 04, 2002 Memorandum.

172/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council approves the proposed amendment for a 30-day consecutive rate for Claybanks RV Park to the Claybanks RV Park Agreement dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001 between the City of Merritt and Jack and Rosemary McNeil; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Claybanks RV Park Agreement Amendment on behalf of the City of Merritt.

CARRIED

- v) Co-Funding - Public Private Partnership Conference; Councillor Kroeker, Chair, Economic Development Committee April 03, 2002 Memorandum.

173/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the cost of registration and travel expenses for one person to attend the "Building BC's Future" Conference in Vancouver on May 30-31, 2002 be co-funded from the Legislative Conference Account and the Economic Development and Research Conference Account.

CARRIED

- vi) Bloom's Nurseryland – Wall Mural; Corporate Services Manager's April 08, 2002 Memorandum.

174/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve the issuance of a sign permit to Bloom's Nurseryland for the painting of a mural on the side of the building located at 2776 Voght Street.

CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

- i) Inspection Services Report for First Quarter; Manager of Building, Safety and Inspection Services April 03, 2002 Memorandum.

The above item was received as information only.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) Japanese Hockey Exchange; Nancy Ellingsen and Nancy Young letter dated March 28, 2002.

175/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the City provide momentos from the City of Merritt for gift exchange for the hockey team to support the students going to Japan. CARRIED

- ii) Liquor Law – Extended Pub Hours; Peter and Rachelle Vogt letter dated March 18, 2002.

176/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council not support any extended Pub Hours past the current 2:00 a.m. CARRIED

- iii) Police Victim Services of BC Provincial Training Symposium; Judy Wyld, Symposium Chair letter dated February 20, 2002.
- iv) Opportunity to Provide a Facility for Seniors in Your Community; Karen Neal, President, Comfort Living for Seniors letter dated March 20, 2002.
- v) Lease Agreement; Stan Rowland, President, Merritt Senior Citizen's Association letter dated February 12, 2002.

The above three items were received as information only.

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Procurement Provisions; George Abbott, Minister, Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services correspondence dated March 18, 2002.
- ii) Secure Care; Gordon Hogg, Minister, Children and Family Development correspondence.
- iii) Air Travellers Security Charge; Honourable David M. Collenette, Minister of Transport, letter dated March 20, 2002.

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- iv) Withdrawal of an Expression of Interest in Operating Coquihalla Information Centre; George Mathieu, Chairperson, Community Futures Development Corporation of Nicola Valley letter dated April 03, 2002.

The above four items were received as information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

Nicola Valley Voice questioned why the Management Agreement to manage the Civic Centre not tendered? Members of Council responded that the City was partnering with Nicola Valley Tourism Association for management of the Civic Centre.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera:

177/02 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, March 26, 2002;
- B) Litigation or Potential Litigation affecting the Municipality (2 items); and
- C) Employee Negotiations (1 item)

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

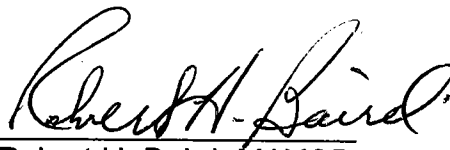
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:47 p.m.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT 11:22 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CORPORATE  
SERVICES MANAGER