

CITY OF MERRITT

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY APRIL 23, 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
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager
R. Godard, Fire Chief
H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager
C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: Radio NL
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 14 members of the public

Merritt Ambassadors Society.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor Baird congratulated Melissa Neale, Merritt Youth Ambassador sponsored by ArdeW Wood Products, Michelle Anderson, Friendship and Vice Ambassador sponsored by Creative Company, David Johnstone, Vice Ambassador sponsored by D&A Computers and Carmen Kleinsteinst, Vice Ambassador sponsored by Panago commemorating their achievement as the new Youth Ambassadors for the City of Merritt.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 23, 2002.

190/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, April 23, 2002 be adopted as amended with additional information for Item 8 A: April 22, 2002 letter from Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce re: request for leasehold improvements for 2185B Voght Street and April 22, 2002 letter from Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce re: subleasing office at 2185B Voght Street. CARRIED

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

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

- 191/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, April 09, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Gage commented that Council had requested investigation into a means to assist the Police Victim Services of BC Provincial Training Symposium.

- 192/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council approve up to \$75.00 for an item to be purchased to be placed in the Silent Auction sponsored by the City of Merritt. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, April 10, 2002.

- 193/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, April 10, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:** Nil

7. **BYLAWS:**

- A) City of Merritt Community Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1816, 2002.

- 194/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Community Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1816, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

- B) City of Merritt Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1817, 2002: Financial Services Manager's April 17, 2002 Memorandum.

- 195/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT City of Merritt Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1817, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

The Financial Services Manager made a presentation to capsulize the decisions that Council made over 14 budget meetings since November.

- 196/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1817, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

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- 197/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1817, 2002 be given third reading.
CARRIED
- C) City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1818, 2002; Financial Services Manager's April 17, 2002 Memorandum.
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- 198/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1818, 2002 be given first reading.
CARRIED
- 199/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1818, 2002 be given second reading.
CARRIED
- 200/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1818, 2002 be given third reading.
CARRIED
- D) City of Merritt Highway Development Cost Charge Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1819, 2002; Financial Services Manager's April 17, 2002 Memorandum.
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- 201/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Highway Development Cost Charge Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1819, 2002 be given first reading.
CARRIED
- 202/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Highway Development Cost Charge Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1819, 2002 be given second reading.
CARRIED
- 203/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Highway Development Cost Charge Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1819, 2002 be given third reading.
CARRIED
- E) City of Merritt Reconstruction of Merritt Avenue Bylaw No. 1820, 2002; Financial Services Manager's April 17, 2002 Memorandum.
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- 204/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT City of Merritt Reconstruction of Merritt Avenue Bylaw No. 1820, 2002 be given first reading.
CARRIED
- 205/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Reconstruction of Merritt Avenue Bylaw No. 1820, 2002 be given second reading.
CARRIED

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- 206/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Reconstruction of Merritt Avenue Bylaw No. 1820, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED
- 207/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Reconstruction of Merritt Avenue Bylaw No. 1820, 2002 be submitted to Inspector of Municipalities for approval. CARRIED
- F) City of Merritt 2002 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1821, 2002; Financial Services Manager's April 17, 2002 Memorandum.
- 208/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt 2002 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1821, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED
- 209/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt 2002 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1821, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED
- 210/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT City of Merritt 2002 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1821, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

Council agreed by consensus to schedule a Special Council Meeting has been set for Friday, April 26, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. for adoption of the bylaws.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. City of Merritt – Chamber of Commerce Office Space Lease Agreement.
- 211/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Office Space Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce be amended by changing "hereby granted on the same Terms and Conditions as set out in this lease" to "subject to negotiation of Terms and Conditions" in Article 2.02. CARRIED
- 212/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the amended Office Space Lease Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the City. CARRIED
- 213/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City grant permission to the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce to begin renovations on the office prior to May 01, 2002. CARRIED

214/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City approve the sublease of office space by the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce to Nicola Valley Arts Council and Kamloops Immigration Services.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baird proclaimed April 25, 2002 B.C.'s Children's Hospital Jeans Day.

Mayor Baird reported on the OMMA Executive Meeting he attended, the Protective Services dinner, Thompson Health Regional Hospital Board Meeting, and the upcoming Nicola Valley Institute of Technology / University College of the Cariboo grand opening and graduation ceremonies.

Mayor Baird made a special presentation to Fire Chief Rob Godard of a 20 year Exemplary Medal on behalf of the Governor General of Canada.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr reported on the activities of the Communities in Bloom Committee; announced the next Communities in Bloom Meeting is May 13, the next Access Awareness Committee Meeting is May 09 and the CHAC Meeting April 24.

Councillor Cavaliere reported on the Civic Centre Bylaw Meeting attended by the User Groups and the General Public and the Youth Park Committee Meeting; announced the Ice Users Meeting is May 09, Youth Park Committee Meeting is May 08 and the next Family Fun Day is scheduled for Mother's Day at Rotary Park.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the meetings he attended: Venture Kamloops Tourism Opportunities Study, a teleconference with BC Lumber Trade Council, and the IWA Softwood Lumber Strategy and announced the Developer Showcase and P3 Forum is May 09 and the City of Merritt is host to West Coast Car Rally events April 27 and June 08.

Councillor Gage reported on the Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting; Protective Services dinner, the CPAC Meeting and congratulated Fire Chief Godard.

Councillor Reimer reported on the works being done on the Community Trails, the progress being done to the NorthEast Entrance area for erection of the new sign and announced the City Council Adopt-A-Road clean up is May 15.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the numerous on-going Public Works activities.

The Financial Services Manager requested that the Court of Revision date be set for May 14, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

215/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council be appointed as a Whole to sit as Court of Revision. CARRIED

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Lease Agreement – Baillie House; Administrator’s April 15, 2002 Memorandum.

The Administrator advised that the Commencement Date in Article 2.02 is to read May 01, 2002.

216/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approves the Lease Agreement as amended between the City and the Nicola Valley Heritage Society for the Baillie House Property. CARRIED

217/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Lease Agreement between the City and the Nicola Valley Heritage Society for the Baillie House Property. CARRIED

- ii) Street Naming and Addressing Policy; Administrator’s April 09, 2002 Memorandum.

218/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council adopts the City of Merritt Street Naming and Addressing Policy and endorses the Street Naming and Addressing Procedures. CARRIED

- iii) Vehicle Apparatus – Merritt Fire and Rescue Department; Councillor Gage’s April 17, 2002 Memorandum.

219/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council approve proceeding with the tendering process to purchase a Rapid Response Vehicle with the following specifications:

- 4X4
- Turbo Diesel V/8
- 7.3 L Displacement
- 235 H.P.
- 200 I.G. Water Capacity

- Class A Foam
- Storage for Jaws of Life, Wildland Equipment, Repelling Equipment, etc.; as included in the 2002 budget.

CARRIED

220/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council refer to the 2003 budgeting process a revision of \$750,000.00 to \$300,000.00 to purchase a new Fire Engine with pumping/water storage capacity, leaving Engine 4 as back up.

OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood CARRIED

221/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council approve the sale of Engine 7 (Aerial Truck) once the Engine 4 replacement vehicle is purchased in order to retain the 3,000 I.G.P.M. recommended by the Fire Underwriters. CARRIED

- iv) City Advertising – May 16, 2002 to May 15, 2004; Corporate Services Manager’s April 17, 2002 Memorandum.

Pursuant to Section 231 of the Local Government Act, Councillor Cavaliere declared he was unable to participate in discussing or voting on this issue since one of the proponents is his employer.

Councillor Cavaliere immediately left the Council Chambers at 9:02 p.m.

222/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Merritt News be selected as the City’s exclusive provider of statutory advertising for the period of May 16, 2002 to May 15, 2004 at the rate of \$3.00 per column inch; AND THAT the Merritt News be selected as the City’s primary advertising medium for the City’s non-statutory advertising for the period of May 16, 2002 to May 15, 2004 at the rate of \$3.00 per column inch. CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere returned to the Council Chambers at 9:07 p.m.

223/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT CJNL Radio be selected as the exclusive provider of the City’s local radio advertising for the period of May 16, 2002 to May 15, 2003 at the monthly rate of \$625.00 and for the period of May 16, 2003 to May 15, 2004 at the monthly rate of \$656.25.

CARRIED

2) Receive for Information:

- i) Downtown Parking Survey; Corporate Services Manager's April 22, 2002 Memorandum.

The above item was received as information only.

Councillor Sherwood left the Council Chambers at 9:10 p.m.

Councillor Sherwood returned to the Council Chambers at 9:11 p.m.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) BC's Liquor Licensing and Enforcement System; Geoffrey Howes, Chair, BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association and Mark von Schellwitz, Vice-President, Western Canada, Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association correspondence dated April 12, 2002.
- ii) Recent changes to Liquor Licensing; British Columbia and Yukon Hotels' Association correspondence dated April 03, 2002.
- iii) Coquihalla Middle School Awards; D. Wowchuk, S. Murray and T. Strande, Coquihalla Middle School Awards Committee.

The above three items were received as information only.

- iv) Street Closure Request; Robyn Cunningham, Manager. Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce letter dated March 05, 2002.

224/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council approve the request from the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce for the following street closures:

- 2000 & 2100 Blocks of Quilchena Avenue from 6 p.m. Wednesday July 17, 2002 until 6:00 p.m. Sunday July 21 for the Merritt Mountain Music Festival Downtown Street Mall;
- 2000 Block of Quilchena Avenue from 6:00 p.m. Thursday August 29, 2002 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday August 31, 2002 for the Rodeo/Fall Fair Days Street Mall; and,
- 2000 Block of Quilchena Avenue from 5:00 p.m. until midnight on Friday November 29, 2002 for the Moonlight Madness Shopping event;

AND THAT staff notify the RCMP, Merritt Fire Department and the BC Ambulance of the street closures." CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Sale of the Water Supply Division; Robert Greno, BC Gas Interior Manager Community Relations News Release dated April 09, 2002.
- ii) Stampede Holiday Weekend in the Cariboo; Ward Stangoe, Parade Marshal, Williams Lake Stampede Parade Committee letter dated April 03, 2002.
- iii) Application #ZZ-33801; K.B. Miller, Chief Executive Officer, Land Reserve Commission letter dated March 19, 2002.

The above 3 items were received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Sherwood discussed the south side of City Hall for potential signage for the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information. Councillor Kroeker advised that the Economic Development Committee will review and report back to Council.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Radio NL inquired about the location of the new NorthEast Entrance sign and Councillor Reimer advised that the new sign will be located on the site of the old Expo sign.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera:

225/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere 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, April 09, 2002;
- B) Litigation or Potential Litigation affecting the Municipality (1 item);
- C) Information that is prohibited from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Third Party Information) (1 item);

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

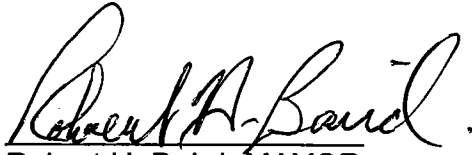
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:26 p.m.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT 10:17 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER