

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY MAY 28, 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
D. Lang, Leisure Services Manager
H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager
A. Sanders, Municipal Emergency Program Coordinator
C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: Radio NL
Shaw Cable

PUBLIC: 1 member of the public

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, May 28, 2002.

279/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, May 28, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Court of Revision, May 14, 2002.

280/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Court of Revision, May 14, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 14, 2002.

281/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 14, 2002 be adopted as amended by replacing "indicated that he had attended an" to "reported on the" in Councillor Cavaliere's report on page 3. CARRIED

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C. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 15, 2002.

282/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Special Council Meeting, May 15, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Nil

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

7. BYLAWS:

A) City of Merritt Elections and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1824, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's May 10, 2002 Memorandum.

283/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Elections and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1824, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

284/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Elections and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1824, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

285/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Elections and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1824, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

B) City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1825, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's May 21, 2002 Memorandum.

286/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1825, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

287/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1825, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

288/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1825, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

C) Proposed New RV Park and Campground Bylaw No. 1826, 2002; Administrator's May 22, 2002 Memorandum.

289/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Recreational Vehicle Park and Campground Regulation Bylaw No. 1826, 2002 be sent back to Administration and be presented at a future date. CARRIED

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Direction was given to Administration to provide a report on the impact that City of Merritt Recreational Vehicle Park and Campground Regulation Bylaw No. 1826, 2002 would have on Claybanks R.V. Park.

- D) City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1827, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's May 21, 2002 Memorandum.

290/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1827, 2002 be given first reading.
CARRIED

291/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1827, 2002 be given second reading.
CARRIED

292/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1827, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird congratulated Merritt Senior Secondary Panthers for achieving the silver medal in the Girls Rugby Provincial Tournament. Mayor Baird invited the City's Emergency Program Coordinator to provide Council with an update on the high water levels.

Alan Sanders gave an update of the current flood potential for the Nicola Valley; reported on the status of the two river systems and advised that the rivers are being monitored both for level and jamming.

Mayor Baird also commented on the status of the Coquihalla Highway from a letter sent by Transportation Minister Judith Reid.

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

Councillor Sherwood reported that Public Works is monitoring the flood potential; progress on Merritt Avenue will be underway soon after a delay due to rain and the Nights Alive application was granted and this program will be ongoing.

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Councillor Reimer reported that the City's Adopt-A-Road clean up was postponed due to rain; the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce has adopted a road; the new Northeast sign will be erected soon; and the drinking water protection committee is active.

Councillor Gage advised that the Chamber of Commerce quarterly meeting and Grand Opening will be held on May 29 and the tenders for the new Fire Truck have been received and the process of examination is underway.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Conference, advised that the resolution put forward by City of Merritt Council received unanimous approval from the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association and that Councillor Kroeker was elected a director. Councillor Kroeker also reported the West Coast Car Rally will be held in Merritt June 7-9 and the Airport development site will have a groundbreaking ceremony May 29.

Councillor Cavaliere participated in a hot dog sale that was organized by the Recreation Commission and the Fire Department to raise funds for Fairly Park. Councillor Cavaliere reported the next Recreation Commission meeting will be June 10; the Youth Park Committee met May 16 and the next Youth Park Committee meeting will be held on June 12.

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Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Henry Norgaard be appointed to the Youth Park Committee. CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere also advised that the next Family Fun Days is the Fathers Day event June 15; the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre is hosting a Father's Day Swim June 16; and that the Fall Recreation Program requires instructors.

Councillor Barr mentioned that names are being received for consideration of appointment to the heritage Commission and she will be bringing forth a recommendation to Council shortly. She advised that the Heritage Commission is looking for two volunteers from the General Public to sit on the Heritage Commission.

Councillor Barr also reported that the Communities in Bloom had a well-attended plant exchange and their fund raising efforts have raised \$477.00 so far; discussed the Community Pride contest and advised that every property is automatically entered; and commented on the condition of the newspaper recycling containers located around the City.

294/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT staff be instructed to advise the newspaper recycling contractor of the condition of the newspaper recycling containers located throughout the City; AND THAT the contractor be requested to bring the containers up to an acceptable standard for our citizens. CARRIED

Concerns were raised by Council regarding the maintenance of the Post Office grounds.

295/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT staff be directed to write the Federal Government with regards to concerns of the maintenance of the grounds around the Post Office. CARRIED

C. Administration Reports:

1) **Requires Council Action:**

i) Wall Mural – 1799 Lindley Creek Road; Administrator’s May 16, 2002 Memorandum.

296/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council approves the issuance of a sign permit for the painting of a mural on the side of the building located at 1799 Lindley Creek Road as attached to the Administrator’s May 16, 2002 Memorandum. CARRIED

ii) Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer; Corporate Services Manager’s May 10, 2002 Memorandum.

297/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT pursuant to Section 41 (1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act*, Joe Barry be appointed as Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2002 general local elections with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2002 general local elections; AND THAT Carole Fraser be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2002 general local elections. CARRIED

298/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council approve the following Election Officials remuneration for the 2002 General Local Elections:

Chief Election Officer:	\$445.00
Deputy Chief Election Officer:	\$325.00
Poll/Counter Clerks:	\$12.00/hour

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- iii) Transit Feasibility Study Update; Manager of Financial Services May 16, 2002 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Merritt City Council advise BC Transit and the Minister responsible that, due to the very real needs of our City and surrounding area for public transit, we urge them to release funding for public transit partnerships in rural communities. CARRIED

- iv) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Janitorial Contract; Leisure Services Manager's May 22, 2002 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council enter into a month-to-month contract with TBM Cleaning Services for the provision of janitorial services at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre for a total of \$2081.97 per month plus GST; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract. CARRIED

- v) Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Advertising Agreement; Leisure Services Manager's May 22, 2002 Memorandum.

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council enter into an Agreement with Merritt Arena Sports Ltd. and the Merritt Centennials Jr. "A" Hockey Club for the provision and display of advertising signboards to be displayed in the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign.

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Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the motion be amended by the addition of "subject to the rink board advertisements being pre-sold" CARRIED

VOTING RESUMED ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

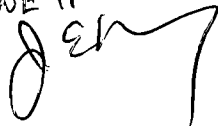
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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council enter into an Agreement with Merritt Arena Sports Ltd. and the Merritt Centennials Jr. "A" Hockey Club for the provision and display of advertising signboards to be displayed in the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena subject to the rink board advertisements being pre-sold; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign. CARRIED

Rescinded
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- vi) Risk Management Policy; Administrator's May 22, 2002 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council adopts the Policy titled Risk Management as attached to the Administrator's May 22, 2002 Memorandum. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

- i) March/April 2002 Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's April 30, 2002 Memorandum.

The above item was received as information only.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:**

- i) US Products purchasing; Robert Mattes, Mayor, Village of Kaslo Memorandum dated May 13, 2002.

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Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council endorse the principle of buying U.S.-made products only if no other alternative is available. OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood CARRIED

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) New Legislation – Agricultural Land Commission Act; New Appointments to the Land Reserve Commission; Kirk R. Miller, Land Reserve Commission, Chair and Chief Executive Officer letter dated May 02, 2002.

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Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT a letter be sent to MLA Dave Chutter requesting an explanation as to why the Interior Panel of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission is made up of only ranchers; AND THAT a meeting with the Interior Panel and Council be arranged. CARRIED

- ii) Princeton Canada Day Parade; Cornie Froese, Administrator's letter dated May 15, 2002.
- iii) Broadband High Speed Internet Access for all Municipalities; Bonny Hawley, Councillor and Chair of the Houston "Wired" Committee letter dated May 10, 2002.

The above 2 items were received as information only.

- iv) Kids With Cancer Society, Ride of Hope; Gerry Shillabeer, Co-Chair, Ride of Hope letter dated May 14, 2002.

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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT staff be directed to contact the Kids With Cancer Society and advise them to contact the Canadian Cancer Society in Kelowna at 1-800-403-8222. CARRIED

- v) Federal and Provincial Initiatives Achieving Significant Progress Toward Canadian Pesticide Risk Reduction; Jane Stock, Interim Project Manager, My Home-Our Environment letter dated April 26, 2002.
- vi) New Era; Rick Thorpe, Minister, Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise letter dated April 25, 2002.
- vii) Forest Practices Code; Gary Crooks, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturer's Association letter dated May 17, 2002.

The above 3 items were received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Kroeker raised the matter of outdoor fire pits at Claybanks RV Park.

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Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT staff be directed to prepare a Bylaw Amendment to include an exception under Section 401, Outdoor Fires that small confined fires limited to a design approved by the Fire Chief be allowed only in Claybanks RV Park under the direction of the Park Contractor and using only fuel that is purchased on site from the Park Contractor and only for the period of time the Park is officially open.

CARRIED

Councillor Gage requested that staff set up a meeting with the Lower Nicola Indian Band Council and the City of Merritt Council to discuss Fire Protection in the Thompson Nicola Regional District.

Councillor Sherwood congratulated Joe Barry on his designation of Certified Municipal Clerk as awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Mayor Baird commented that the Honorable Stan Hagen has advised that he will be in contact to facilitate along with MLA Dave Chutter outstanding issues the City of Merritt faces. Mayor Baird also remarked that the OMMA Executive Meeting has been deferred to June 19 and all elected officials are invited to discuss the Local Government Charter.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

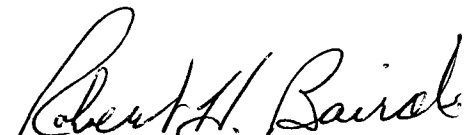
Radio NL questioned whether allowing campfires in Claybanks RV Park but not in the rest of the City was discriminatory towards local residents and wondered if preventative interface burning on the outskirts of Merritt would be in contravention of the bylaw. Councillor Kroeker responded that the City has to make difficult decisions and perhaps further recommendations may be forthcoming regarding campfires and that preventative interface burning is a safety situation.

Radio NL also queried if the high water levels will have an effect on mosquito control. Mayor Baird responded that mosquito control is covered by the budget and the contractor is monitoring the areas.

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

308/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker at 9:24 p.m. THAT the meeting be terminated.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER