

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Mayor Baird
Councillors L. Barr, R. Gage, H. Kroeker, E. Reimer

ABSENT: Councillors G. Cavaliere, R. Sherwood

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager
R. Godard, Fire Chief
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: 5 members of the public

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, June 11, 2002.

309/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, June 11, 2002 be adopted as amended with the addition of Item 13, Adjournment to In-Camera and Termination of Meeting be renumbered to Item 14.
CARRIED

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

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

310/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, May 28, 2002 be adopted as amended by replacing "relax" with "release" in motion #299/02.
CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:

- A. Brian Dafoe, Marketing Director, Merritt Centennials; Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Advertising Agreement.

Brian Dafoe, Marketing Director Merritt Centennials expressed concerns about Motion #302/02 passed by Council at the May 28, 2002 Regular Council Meeting. The Centennials do not want to be limited by Council's Resolution and wish to offer their advertisers a choice. Some advertisers do not want rink board signs and are willing to pay a higher price for wall signs. Mr. Dafoe assured Council the Arena advertising would look professional when completed.

- B. Monique Des Autels; Opposition to Council Making Any Changes to Allow Open Burning at the Claybanks R.V. Park.

Monique Des Autels, a resident beside Claybanks R.V. Park, presented Council with concerns of some residents living in close proximity to Claybanks R.V. Park regarding the proposed open fire pits at the Claybanks R.V. Park. Their concerns include smoke and safety issues for the residents, health issues such as allergies and asthma, air quality in Merritt, and burning next to a residential area. Ms. Des Autels presented a petition containing 15 signatures of residents from Clark, Garcia, Priest and Collettsville areas and requested Council to reconsider any proposed change.

- C. KPMG, LLP Chartered Accountants - Presentation of 2001 Audited Financial Statements; Financial Services Manager's June 3, 2002 Memorandum.

Trevor Brown, representing KPMG, LLP Chartered Accountants from Kamloops highlighted segments of the financial statements that had significant changes over the previous year.

7. BYLAWS:

- A) City of Merritt Elections and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1824, 2002.

311/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Elections and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1824, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

- B) City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1825, 2002.

312/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 1825, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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- C) City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1827, 2002.

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Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1827, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

- D) City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire And Safety Regulation Bylaw No. 1829, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's June 7, 2002 Memorandum.

Received as information only; Council did not proceed with any readings.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Brian Dafoe, Marketing Director, Merritt Centennials; Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Advertising Agreement.

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Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council rescind motion # 302/02.

CARRIED

315/02

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 as amended with the changes to Article 1.2, 3.6 and 3.7; AND THAT every effort be made to sell the advertising on the rink boards before selling wall signs; AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign. CARRIED

- B. Monique Des Autels, Opposition to Council Making Any Changes to Allow Open Burning at the Claybanks R.V. Park.

There was no further action on this item.

- C. KPMG, LLP Chartered Accountants - Presentation of 2001 Audited Financial Statements; Financial Services Manager's June 3, 2002 Memorandum.

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Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the 2001 Audited Financial Statements be received. CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

- A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baird invited the City's Emergency Program Coordinator to provide Council with an update on the City's response to the flooding.

Alan Sanders gave an update of the events of the flood of the Nicola River over the last 2 weeks.

Mayor Baird reported he will be attending a meeting in Kelowna June 12 with Bud Smith and consultants from New York and he will report back at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Baird advised he will be meeting with Dan Doyle June 21 and read a letter that OMMA had received from the Premier regarding the Coquihalla Highway.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr reported on the Communities In Bloom meeting held June 10; advised that the next Communities In Bloom meeting will be July 08 and brought forward a suggestion from the Communities In Bloom Committee that there be a Youth Volunteer Award at the next Volunteer Appreciation ceremony with the Award being nominated and voted on by the youth.

Councillor Barr also brought forward names for appointment to the Community Heritage Commission.

317/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Christina Wright of the Nicola Valley Museum Association and Jayne Yeadon of the Nicola Valley Heritage Society be appointed to the Community Heritage Commission.

CARRIED

On behalf of Councillor Cavaliere, Councillor Barr provided an overview of the events for the Father's Day Family Fun Day in Rotary Park on June 15; announced a meeting for the Civic Centre regular users on June 20 to review a new rates schedule and user policy; and stated there will be a Youth Park Committee meeting on June 26 and that more volunteers are needed for the Committee.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the West Coast Pacific Car Rally held in Merritt June 07-09 and stated the Nationals for the West Coast Pacific Car Rally will be in Merritt next year and will be broadcast on TSN. Councillor Kroeker advised of the Grand Opening of Fathers Bakery and the Chevron Triple O June 14; commented on the progress of the truck stop construction; and on the Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Conference organized by the Nicola Valley Tourism Association.

Councillor Kroeker also thanked the residents affected by the high water of the Nicola River for their patience, understanding and cooperation; commented on the professional and proactive response of City Staff; thanked Clara Norgaard and her Emergency Social Services team and Tom Lacey and his crews at Forest Services and stated the City of Merritt must be aggressive in our position to have the Nicola dam completed as originally planned.

Councillor Gage advised CPAC will be meeting June 12; commented that the RCMP bicycle patrols are underway in the downtown core; the concerns of the Fire Department are the grass fires near Collettsville and 12 students from Merritt Senior Secondary are training each day at the Fire Hall. Councillor Gage also reported that the Chamber of Commerce had over 100 people attend their Grand Opening and they are seeing increased traffic through their new office location.

Councillor Reimer reported the new sign has been erected at the NorthEast entrance; landscaping plans are underway and Council completed their Adopt-A-Road clean up June 04. Councillor Reimer also commented on the P3 Conference he attended in Vancouver.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Heyes Road Closure Petition; Corporate Services Manager's May 30, 2002 Memorandum.

318/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT a Petition pursuant to Section 525 of the Local Government Act be submitted to the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services requesting:

- a) the abandonment of that portion of road located east of Garcia Street, North of Merritt Avenue and South of Lot 5, Plan 13098 as described by City of Merritt Heyes Road Closure Bylaw No. 1808, 2002; and
b) the vesting of title of the closed road in the name of The City of Merritt. **CARRIED**

- ii) NVIT Merritt Campus – Statutory Right of Way; Administrator's June 5, 2002 Memorandum.

319/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Statutory Right of Way Agreement between the City of Merritt and the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology for access and utility services. **CARRIED**

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- iii) Supply of a Ford F550, Compressed Air/Foam Fire Truck – Tender Selection; Fire Chief's June 10, 2002 Memorandum.

320/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council award the supply of a Ford F550 4x4, Compressed Air/Foam Fire Truck to Emergency Response Systems in the amount of \$147,647.00 plus applicable taxes subject to receiving positive reference checks. CARRIED

321/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Mayor and Manager of Financial Services be authorized to execute a 5 year Lease Agreement with Online Leasing. CARRIED

- 2) Receive for Information: Nil

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) Fire Service Act – Insurance Premium Tax; City of Port Coquitlam letter dated May 23, 2002.

The above item was received as information only.

B. Receive for Information:

- i) The City of Lilacs; Angus and Catherine McKay letter dated May 31, 2002.
ii) Court House Library Law Materials; May 13, 2002 letter from Alice Dalton, Director of Libraries, Thompson-Nicola Regional District.
iii) Public Forum, Nicola Watershed Community Round Table; Nicola Watershed Stewardship Coordinator's letter dated May 30, 2002

The above 3 items were received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Gage commented on the invitation received by Council to participate in the Town of Princeton Parade June 28.

322/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Staff register the City's 1926 Fire Truck in the June 28 Princeton Parade; AND THAT Council approves an expenditure of up to \$200.00. CARRIED

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

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13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera

323/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council deems it necessary to close this meeting to the public in order to deal with the following item In-Camera:

A) Litigation or Potential Litigation affecting the Municipality (1 Item);

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

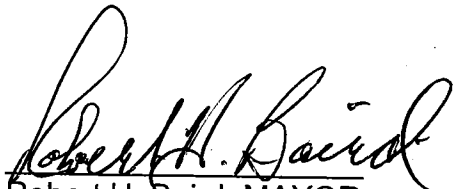
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:05 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 10:24 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER