

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY JULY 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: NL Radio  
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, July 09, 2002.

347/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting  
July 09, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, June 25, 2002.

348/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Committee of the  
Whole Meeting June 25, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, June 25, 2002.

349/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting,  
June 25, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

Business Arising:

In regards to Motion #337/02 authorizing up to two Councillors to attend the Annual Crime Prevention symposium, Councillor Sherwood advised that he has decided not to attend.

350/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council authorize Councillor Gage to attend the Annual Crime Prevention Symposium in Vancouver.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil
6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:** Nil
7. **BYLAWS:** Nil
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil
9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird presented the Corporate Services Manager with a Certificate, Plaque and Pin from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks commemorating his designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Baird reported on the successful Canada Day Celebration; congratulated the volunteers, staff members and Nicola Valley Tourism Association for their efforts; thanked the Rotarians for their dedication and contributions to the community; and advised he had been presented with the key to the Water Park from the Rotary Club on behalf of the citizens of Merritt.

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

Councillor Barr reported on the July 1 celebration and thanked the Leisure Services Manager and Nicola Valley Tourism Association; reported on the garden tour sponsored by the Nicola Valley Heritage Society June 30; the Communities in Bloom Meeting held on July 8; announced that the winners of the Community Pride contest will be announced July 30 and the Communities in Bloom evaluation will take place July 31.

Councillor Barr also reported on the Community Heritage Commission.

351/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Rob MacLaren and Carol Weyman be appointed as members to the Community Heritage Commission; AND THAT Barbara Sayles and Carol Tessier be appointed as auxiliary members to the Community Heritage Commission. CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere reported on the Youth Park Committee Meeting held June 26; advised the next meeting for the Youth Park Committee is July 10; called for volunteers for the Youth Park Fund Raising Sub-Committee and advised a meeting for the Fund Raising Sub-Committee will be held July 24.

352/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council appoint Veronica Caprian, Cloudydays Caprian, Dancingwater Caprian, Morningmoon Caprian, Jason Mike and Simon Courtoreille to the Youth Park Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere also advised of the upcoming Recreation Commission Meeting July 15 and reported the Recreation Commission is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sports, Recreation and Registration Culture Fair September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the Economic Development Conference he attended for Community Futures; announced that the Cattle Drive opening ceremonies are July 12; Merritt Mountain Music Festival begins July 18 and the Artwalk is already in progress.

Councillor Gage reported on the extended hours for the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce; stated that the Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting will be held July 11, and that the Chamber is busy with the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Merritt Mountain Music Festival; Street Mall; Rodeo Fair Days Street Mall; Artwalk; and reported on the Princeton Parade.

Councillor Reimer reported 94% of the property owners in Merritt had paid their taxes by the close of business on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and asked when the landscaping for the new North East welcome sign will be in place. The Operations Manager indicated that the Parks Foreman will be working on the landscape plan this fall but he will try and have a preliminary plan ready soon.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the many ongoing projects of the Public Works Department.

**C. Administration Reports:**

1) **Requires Council Action:**

- i) Corrective Discipline Policy; Administrator's June 17, 2002 Memorandum.

353/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council endorses the Corrective Discipline Policy as amended by deleting "or on City premises" from the clause pertaining to consuming alcohol or using illegal drugs.

CARRIED

- ii) Ron Denis - Request for Access to Airport Runway; Administrator's July 03, 2002 Memorandum.

354/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council consults with the Merritt Flying Club on the request from Ron Denis for two access points to the airport runway from Lot 1, Plan KAP70265 and from Lot 2, Plan KAP68222. CARRIED

- iii) Supply of an Ice Resurfacer Machine; Operations Manager's June 20, 2002 Memorandum.

355/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council award the supply of an Ice Resurfacer Machine to Vimar Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$87,196.33 which includes all applicable taxes; AND THAT Council authorize the Financial Services manager to make the required budget amendment. CARRIED

- iv) Supply of a Backhoe Loader; Operations Manager's June 20, 2002 Memorandum.

356/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council award the supply of a Backhoe Loader to Coast Tractor and Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$123,937.09 to include all applicable taxes; AND THAT the Mayor and Financial Services Manager be authorized to execute the required documentation for MFA-Online Finance and Leasing Corporation for a term of five (5) years. CARRIED

- v) Supply of a Front Loader Garbage Truck and Chassis; Operations Manager's June 20, 2002 Memorandum.

357/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council award the supply of a Front Loader Garbage Truck and Chassis to Rollins Machinery Ltd. in the amount of \$185,650.30 includes all applicable taxes; AND THAT the Mayor and Financial Services Manager be authorized to execute the required documentation for MFA-Online Finance and Leasing Corporation for a term of five (5) years. CARRIED

- vi) Green Municipal Enabling Fund; Operations Manager's July 02, 2002 Memorandum.

358/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council endorse the Green Municipal Enabling Fund Application No. E3293 for the development of a Uni-Directional Flushing Program. CARRIED

- viii) Overview of Leisure Services Department; Leisure Services Manager's June 29, 2002 Memorandum.

359/02

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT all service functions relating to building maintenance for the City of Merritt be transferred to the Operations Department; AND THAT the Leisure Services Manager's job classification be changed to reflect the deletion of building maintenance responsibilities; AND FURTHER THAT Administration be directed to make the appropriate operational adjustments. CARRIED

- ix) Merritt Senior Citizens Association Lease Agreement; Leisure Services Manager's June 18, 2002 Memorandum.

360/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council enter into a Lease Agreement with the Merritt Senior Citizens Association for a further three year term commencing on August 01, 2002 and terminating on July 31, 2005 as amended by replacing "Contractor" with "Lessee" on the signature page; AND THAT the Agreement include a new drawing of the building as Schedule "A"; AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract. CARRIED

- x) City of Victoria – UBCM Resolution; Financial Services Manager's July 04, 2002 Memorandum.

361/02

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the City of Victoria resolution for Provincial Homeowner Grant Administration be endorsed. CARRIED

- 2) **Receive for Information:** Nil

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Potential Responses:**

- i) The Back to School Yellow Ribbon Campaign; Angela Warren, ICBC Road Safety Department letter dated June 18, 2002.

362/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council grant permission to ICBC to install a yellow ribbon on all 30-km School Speed Zone signs in School District No. 58 located within the City of Merritt. CARRIED

**B. Receive for Information:**

- i) Letter of Resignation; Kelly Turchak, Chairperson Recreation Commission letter dated June 24, 2002.

363/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT a letter be sent to Kelly Turchak thanking her for volunteering and in recognition of her efforts on the Recreation Commission; AND THAT her resignation is received with regrets. CARRIED

- ii) Arsenic-based pesticides in our forests; Andrew Gage, Stop Arsenic In Our Forests Coalition, West Coast Environmental Law Association letter dated June 19, 2002.
- iii) Thank you, Christina Wright, President, Nicola Valley Museum Archives Association letter dated June 26, 2002.
- iv) Interior Provincial Exhibition Parade; Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce correspondence dated July 03, 2002.
- v) Thank you, Pacific Rim Select Female Hockey Team dated June 28, 2002.

The above four items were received as information only.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

Councillor Cavaliere inquired about the Merritt Mountain Music Festival T-shirts that were previously purchased through the Economic Development Committee. Councillor Kroeker responded this item had been cut from the Economic Development budget during the budget process.

364/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council authorize expenditure of Merritt Mountain Music Festival T-shirts for Council and City Hall staff from Council Contingency. OPPOSED: Councillors Barr, Kroeker, Reimer, Sherwood DEFEATED

Councillor Gage discussed the Fall Fair Rodeo Parade and suggested that the City can partner with the Fire Department and enter the 1929 Fire truck.

Councillor Sherwood asked when the City auction would be held. The Financial Services Manager advised that he will have a list of auction items for Council's review at the July 23 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Baird discussed the feasibility of a Picnic in the Park at Colletville Park in conjunction with the Fall Fair Rodeo to show appreciation to the community. Council agreed by consensus to have the picnic in the park and Councillor Cavaliere indicated that he will approach the Recreation Commission for assistance.

**12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:**

Radio NL inquired if a meeting date had been set with the Dam Committee and MLA Dave Chutter regarding the Nicola Dam. Mayor Baird responded that the tentative date is September 12.

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Radio NL also asked if the Mayor was aware of the meeting being held to discuss the erosion at Paul Campbell's property located downstream from Merritt on the Nicola River with MLA Dave Chutter, MP Stockwell Day, and TNRD Director Joe Post in attendance. Mayor Baird responded he was not aware of this meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera:

365/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker 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, June 25, 2002; and
- B) Litigation or Potential Litigation affecting the municipality (3 items); and
- C) Employee Negotiations (1 item);

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

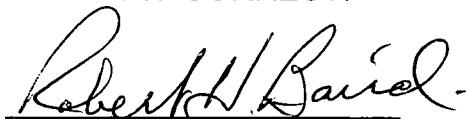
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:00 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

**14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 10:55 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
J.E. Barry, CORPORATE  
SERVICES MANAGER