

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY JULY 23, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT: Councillor R. Sherwood

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager
D. Lang, Leisure Services Manager

MEDIA: NL Radio
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2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

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

378/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting,
July 23, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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

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

379/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council
Meeting, July 09, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. Geran Capewell, Western Casino & Event Management Inc.; Update on
July 23, 2002 meeting with Nicola Valley Tribal Council.

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B. 52876 BC Ltd. (V. Smoluk) – 2690 Garcia Street; Administrator's July 15, 2002 Memorandum.

i) City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002.

383/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

384/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

ii) City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002.

385/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

386/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

387/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT a Public Hearing for City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002 be scheduled pursuant to the Local Government Act for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 13, 2002 in Council Chambers at City Hall. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Geran Capewell, Western Casino & Event Management Inc.; Update on July 23, 2002 meeting with Nicola Valley Tribal Council.

Council discussed whether it would be possible for the City to become the host government and enter into a sharing agreement with the local native bands.

388/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General supporting Western Casino & Event Management Inc. and Trillium Gaming Ltd. with the suggestion that if the City of Merritt were the Host Government, the City is willing to work a share agreement with the First Nations people. CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baird commented on the Cattle Drive kickoff tea party; Merritt Mountain Music Festival; the 5km Fun Run; and the Baillie House visit with Minister of Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps. Mayor Baird also acknowledged that this is the last Council meeting for the Leisure Services Manager and wished Deborah Lang all the best in her future endeavors.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr indicated that she will miss working with the Leisure Services Manager and announced that the Community Pride Awards will be awarded on July 30; the Communities In Bloom evaluation will occur on July 31; and the inaugural meeting of the Community Heritage Commission will be on September 18. Councillor Barr also commented on the Baillie House tour earlier this evening.

Councillor Cavaliere advised there is a vacancy on the Recreation Commission and interested persons who wished to become a member of the Recreation Commission should send a letter of application to City Hall. He also stated there needs to be a new Recreation Commission liaison appointed to sit on the Youth Park Committee.

389/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Jason Arnold be appointed to the Youth Park Committee. CARRIED

Councillor Cavaliere also commented on the upcoming July 24 Youth Park Fund Raising Subcommittee meeting; the August 15 deadline for the August 31 Rodeo Days parade; the first annual Sports, Recreation and Registration Culture Fair on September 4 and 5; and thanked the Leisure Services Manager.

Councillor Kroeker gave his best wishes to the Leisure Services Manager; acknowledged the work being done by the Baillie House volunteers; commented on the successful Street Mall; and advised that the Coquihalla Task Committee is meeting next week and the Economic Development Committee is meeting on July 25.

Councillor Gage mentioned that the Fire and Rescue Department attended to two backup calls during the Merritt Mountain Music Festival and some members also volunteered as standby during the demolition derby; the Chamber of Commerce were kept busy organizing volunteers for the beer gardens and arranging 110 vendors for the Street Mall; and the RCMP brought in 15 additional Officers to provide a presence during the Merritt Mountain Music Festival. Councillor Gage also complimented the Baillie House volunteers for their efforts organizing the tea party for

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the Minister of Canadian Heritage's visit and also thanked the Leisure Services Manager for all her efforts.

Councillor Reimer remarked that he was sorry the Leisure Services Manager is leaving; commented on the tour of the Baillie House; advised that Council's Adopt-A-Road pickup is set for July 24; and reported that the Aquifer Protection Plan report has been delayed.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Municipal Insurance Association – AGM; Financial Services Manager's July 16, 2002 Memorandum.

390/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council authorizes Mayor Baird to represent the City of Merritt as a Voting Delegate and Councillors Kroeker and Reimer as Alternates at the Municipal Insurance Association Annual General Meeting and that they are free to vote on matters arising at the meeting.
CARRIED

- ii) Club Paradise – Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre; Administrator's July 17, 2002 Memorandum.

Received as information only.

- iii) Municipal Policing Resources – 2003/2004; Financial Services Manager's July 1, 2002 Memorandum.

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council "Approve in Principle" the RCMP member strength for City of Merritt at 13 members for the fiscal year 2003-2004; AND THAT Approval in Principle is not a commitment at this time.

Council expressed their displeasure with the RCMP's process for approving in principle the number of members for future years. Mayor Baird advised that he will be meeting with the Superintendent on August 6 and will discuss the process.

391/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker that the Municipal Policing Resources – 2003/2004 item be tabled until the next Council meeting.
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- iv) Special Occasion Liquor Licences; Administrator's July 12, 2002 Memorandum.

392/02

Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council adopts the Special Occasion Liquor Licenses Policy as attached to the Administrator's July 12, 2002 Memorandum. CARRIED

393/02

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council rescinds Resolutions #50/92, #193/92, #~~639/02~~ and #208/95.

This portion Rescinded by Motion #426/02 AUG 13 2002 CARRIED *DEM*

- v) Award of Design: "Merritt Youth Park Facility Design"; Leisure Services Manager's July 17, 2002 Memorandum.

394/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT van der Zalm & Associates Inc. be selected to complete the design phase only of the Youth Park Facility as outlined in the City of Merritt's Request for Proposals for a total of \$10,530.00 inclusive of GST. CARRIED

- vi) Sale of Surplus and Obsolete City Assets; Financial Services Manager's July 17, 2002 Memorandum.

395/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council approve the sale of City assets as presented in the Financial Services Manager's July 17, 2002 Memorandum. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

- i) Airport Liability Insurance; Financial Services Manager's July 16, 2002 Memorandum.

Council requested the Financial Services Manager to provide an explanation as to why the Airport Liability Insurance is in the name of the Merritt Flying Club and not in the name of the City of Merritt.

- ii) May / June 2002 Bylaw Services Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's July 5, 2002 Memorandum.

Received as information only.

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- iii) Ron Denis – Request for Access to Airport Runway; Administrator's July 17, 2002 Memorandum.

396/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the City advise Ron Denis that at this time, based on information received by the City, the City cannot approve separate access to the runway.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) Hosting of TNRD Lunch; TNRD correspondence dated July 19, 2002.

397/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the July 19, 2002 letter from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District be received as information only.

CARRIED

- ii) Replacement of 2 Horn Drivers at Nicola Valley Memorial Arena; June 17, 2002 letter from Emergent Systems Corporation.

398/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council approves the replacement of 2 horn drivers at the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena at a cost of up to \$2,701.27 plus taxes.

CARRIED

- iii) Stop Sign at Armstrong and Ransom; Harry Vogt's July 10, 2002 correspondence.

399/02

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT staff send a letter to Harry Vogt explaining why the City will not be making any changes to the Stop Sign at Armstrong and Ransom.

CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) 32nd Annual License Inspectors' and Bylaw Officers' Association 2002 Conference; City of Mission Inspection Services Department letter dated June 25, 2002.
- ii) Cultural Capitals of Canada Program; letter dated June 15, 2002 from Raymond Carriere, National Chairman Communities in Bloom.
- iii) Transit Feasibility Study Update; letter dated July 8, 2002 from Steve Segal, BC Transit.

The above three items were received as information only.

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11. NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Gage inquired about a letter received from Rachele Vogt regarding the location of bus stop signs.

Councillor Cavaliere asked whether the City would be entering a float into the Rodeo Days parade.

Mayor Baird advised that he had received information regarding the Commemorative Medal for The Queen's Golden Jubilee that will be presented to approximately 46,000 Canadians in recognition of a significant achievement or distinguished service to their fellow citizens, their community or to Canada. The Nomination Forms will be circulated to Council.

Mayor Baird requested a moment of silence for Ron Wheeler, a former long time City employee, who recently passed away.

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD: Nil.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera:

400/02 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, July 09, 2002;
B) Litigation or Potential Litigation affecting the municipality (1 item); and,
C) Employee Negotiations; (1 item)
AND THAT this meeting be adjourned for ten minutes to resume in the Boardroom of City Hall. CARRIED

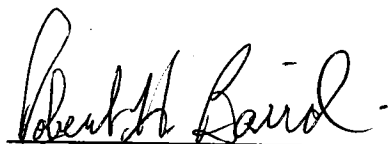
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:14 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 9:40 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER