

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

1. **PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT: Councillor L. Barr

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager
H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager
C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

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, August 13, 2002.

405/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Agenda, Regular Council
Meeting, August 13, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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

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

406/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting,
July 23, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 30, 2002.

407/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Committee of the
Whole Meeting, July 30, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002.

Mayor Baird called the Public Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and read the statement concerning Public Hearings.

The Administrator presented summary information regarding City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 and City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002.

The Mayor read the Closing Statement and called three times for anyone wishing to speak for or against the bylaws and hearing no one, declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil

7. BYLAWS:

- A. City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No, 1811, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's August 01, 2002 Memorandum.

- i) City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1811, 2002.

408/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1811, 2002 be given first reading.
CARRIED

409/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1811, 2002 be given second reading.
CARRIED

410/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1811, 2002 be given third reading.
CARRIED

- B. City of Merritt Highway Encroachment (Coquihalla Motor Inn) Bylaw No. 1822, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's August 06, 2002 Memorandum.

- i) City of Merritt Highway Encroachment (Coquihalla Motor Inn) Bylaw No. 1822, 2002.

411/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Highway Encroachment (Coquihalla Motor Inn) Bylaw No. 1822, 2002 be given first reading.
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412/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Highway Encroachment (Coquihalla Motor Inn) Bylaw No. 1822, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

413/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Highway Encroachment (Coquihalla Motor Inn) Bylaw No. 1822, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

C. City of Merritt Records Retention Bylaw No. 1828, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's August 01, 2002 Memorandum.

i) City of Merritt Records Retention Bylaw No. 1828, 2002.

414/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT City of Merritt Records Retention Bylaw No. 1828, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

415/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Records Retention Bylaw No. 1828, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

416/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Records Retention Bylaw No. 1828, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

D. City of Merritt Civic Centre Regulation and Rental Rates Bylaw No. 1831, 2002.

417/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Civic Centre Regulation and Rental Rates Bylaw No. 1831, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

E. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002 – 52876 BC Ltd. – 2690 Garcia Street.

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

418/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

419/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1832, 2002 be adopted pursuant to Section 890 (9) of the Local Government Act. CARRIED

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

420/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002 be given third reading.
CARRIED

421/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2002 be adopted pursuant to Section 890 (9) of the Local Government Act.
CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Municipal Policing Resources – 2003/2004; Financial Services Manager's July 01, 2002 Memorandum.

422/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Municipal Policing Resources – 2003/2004 item be taken from the table.
CARRIED

Motion on the floor:

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.

423/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council defer the Municipal Policing Resources – 2003/2004 item until the Council Meeting after the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention.
CARRIED

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baird commented on the number of meetings he attended; Recreation Sites Meeting; Agriculture Land Commission Meeting; a meeting with the Nicola Valley Museum and Archives Association Executive; a debriefing with various members of the R.C.M.P.; various members of local industry; Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Executive Meeting and a meeting hosted by CFDC with Forest Industry and Co-generation.

Mayor Baird also commented on the upcoming Public City Auction on August 17, 2002; the planned activities for the Picnic in the Park on September 02, 2002 at Collettville Centennial Park and the upcoming meeting with the Nicola Valley Rodeo Association on August 20, 2002.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Cavaliere announced upcoming meeting dates for the Youth Park Committee Meeting on August 21; Recreation Commission's Sports, Recreation and Cultural Fair on September 04 and September 05 and Recreation Commission Meeting on August 19.

Councillor Cavaliere also announced the Rodeo Fair Days Parade August 31; a vacancy on the Recreation Commission; the 2002 Leisure Guide produced by Nicola Valley Tourism Association will be available later this week and the press release cancelling Family Fun Days for the balance of 2002.

Councillor Kroeker reported on the Coquihalla Task Committee.

424/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City of Merritt support the resolution passed at the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Conference in May 2002 dealing with the Coquihalla Highway system that it is therefore resolved that:

1. The user fees now collected at the Coquihalla Highway Toll Plaza in all respects, adhere to the fundamental principles of user pay.
2. All user fees collected at the Coquihalla Toll Plaza be paid into a highway infrastructure trust fund to be administered by a Regional Transportation Authority, to be established, that encompasses the boundaries of the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association.
3. The Coquihalla Highway Toll user fees be paid to the Regional Transportation Authority effective thirty (30) days after the date upon which the Province's budget is announced to be balanced or in surplus.
4. Initial appointment of Directors to govern the Regional Transportation Authority be made, by the Province, following consultation with members of the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association.
5. The Regional Transportation Authority be charged, *inter alia*, with the responsibility to make recommendations to the Provincial government respecting highway infrastructure needs, to apply financial resources from the Province to address those recommendations and to apply all user fees collected from the Coquihalla Highway Toll according to the priorities established by the Regional Transportation Authority within its boundaries.

CARRIED

Councillor Kroeker also reported on the joint CFDC/City of Merritt Economic Development Committee meeting and Venture Kamloops.

Councillor Sherwood left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Councillor Sherwood returned to the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Councillor Gage announced the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce Fall Fair Street Mall on August 30 and August 31; Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting on August 29 and reported the Fire Department is anticipating the arrival of the new Fire Rescue vehicle by the end of November.

Councillor Reimer reported on the upcoming Public City Auction on August 17.

425/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the following additional items be included in the Public Auction:

- 2 Kenmore 33 Humidifiers
- 5 Kenwood Speakers (set)
- 2 Kenwood Speakers (pair)
- 4 Kenwood Speakers (set)
- 1 Case with 48 CD's
- 2 Motorola Speakers
- 1 Dreamcast Video System with memory card
- 1 Xerox Telecopier Fax Machine
- 44 Pieces 3'X4'X1/2" tempered glass (arena)
- 1 Places rates almanac software
- 1 Magner 50 paper money counting machine

CARRIED

Councillor Reimer also reported on the two water conservation contests and the progress being made on the walking trail.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the various Public Works projects.

C. Administration Reports:

1) **Requires Council Action:**

- i) Special Occasion Liquor Licences – Resolution Correction; Corporate Services Manager's August 06, 2002 Memorandum.

426/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT Council rescind Resolution #631/93 regarding Special Occasion Liquor Licences; AND THAT the portion of Resolution #393/02 pertaining to Resolution #630/92 be rescinded.

CARRIED

- ii) Chamber of Commerce Sign Requests; Corporate Services Manager's August 06, 2002 Memorandum.

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council supports the issuance of a sign permit to the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce for an additional hanging sign on the south side of the City Hall Building.

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Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council defer until October consideration of the motion of support for the issuance of a sign permit to the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce for an additional hanging sign on the south side of the City Hall building. CARRIED

428/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council support the installation of two additional Visitor Info directional signs along Voght Street for the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce. CARRIED

- iii) Nicola Native Lodge Society – 35 Unit Complex; Administrator's July 24, 2002 Memorandum.

429/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council instruct staff to provide further information addressing Council's concerns of impact on the Community if relief is given to the Nicola Native Lodge Society on their applicable Development Cost Charges. CARRIED

- iv) Temporary Street Closure – 2100 Block Quilchena; Corporate Services Manager's August 06, 2002 Memorandum.

430/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council approve the closure of the 2100 Block of Quilchena Avenue and the Quilchena/Garcia intersection from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 29, 2002 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 31, 2002 for the Rodeo/Fall Fair Days. CARRIED

- v) Sprung Wooden Floor for Rooms 2 and 3 at Civic Centre; Leisure Services Manager's July 29, 2002 Memorandum.

431/02

Moved by Councillor Gage THAT Council supports the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council application for a grant from the Vancouver Foundation; AND THAT the City does not proceed with a request for a Proposal for the installation of a sprung wooden floor until such time as the funds are secured. CARRIED

- vi) Claybanks RV Park Agreement Amendment – Advertising; Administrator's August 08, 2002 Memorandum.

432/02

Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council direct the Administrator to meet with the contractors of the Claybanks RV Park to explore recommendations from the contractors and bring a report back to Council. CARRIED

2) **Receive for Information:**

- ii) Inspection Services Report for Second Quarter; Manager of Building Safety and Inspection Services August 13, 2002 Memorandum.
- iii) Water Conservation Contests; Administrator's August 06, 2002 Memorandum.

The above 2 items were received as information only.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:** Nil

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) BC Government Energy Policy Issues – to be debated at Union of British Columbia Municipalities; Jim Thom, President, North Central Municipal Association letter dated June 27, 2002.
- ii) Senior Government Misinformation on Aboriginal Claims; Phillip Eidsvik, BC Fisheries Survival Coalition letter dated July 26, 2002.
- iii) Meeting Request Forms – Union of British Columbia Municipalities; George Abbott, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services letter dated July 22, 2002.
- iv) Highway Rescue Services; Deana Grinnell, Policy Research Officer, Union of British Columbia Municipalities letter dated July 12, 2002.
- v) Land Reserve Commission; Dave Chutter, MLA Yale-Lillooet letter dated July 30, 2002.
- vi) Merritt Avenue; Bev and Frank Stanich letter dated July 18, 2002.

The above six items were received as information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councillor Gage discussed the meetings requested with Ministers at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention and also discussed concerns with regards to the set up and tear down at the Civic Centre.

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Councillor Sherwood inquired about the meeting being set up with the Management of the Nicola Dam; Mayor Baird advised the meeting has tentatively been scheduled for September 12.

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:** Nil.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera:

433/02 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, July 23, 2002; and
- B) Employee Negotiations; (2 items)

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

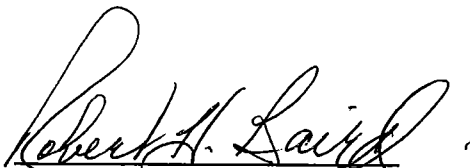
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:58 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. **TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 10:32 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER