

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 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, H. Kroeker, R. Sherwood,  
E. Reimer (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councillors G. Cavaliere, R. Gage

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator  
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager  
P. Strain, Operations Manager

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2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 3, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 3, 2002 be adopted as amended with additional information for item 4 A); Current Leases At The Airport.

CARRIED

4. **REPORTS:**

A. Saunders Field – Airport Discussion

The Administrator advised that the City has received expressions of interest for development proposals at the Airport. In order to respond to these proposals, the City needs to make decisions regarding the current and future status of the airport. The current classification of the Airport is 2B Non-Instrument.

Councillor Reimer arrived at 7:16 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole discussed:

- hangar space;
- differences between a 2B and a 2C classification;
- property ownership adjacent to the airport;
- the need to look at a 20 year vision for the airport;
- further technical analysis and public consultation prior to any changes being implemented;
- potential lighting costs;
- turning areas at the ends of the runway;
- the need to maximize the current potential of the Airport;
- movement of the knoll; and,
- the development of a heli-base.

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council THAT staff investigate the possibility of grant funding for a feasibility study for potential reclassification of the Airport.

OPPOSED: Councillor Sherwood

CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

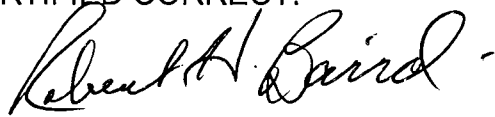
**THAT staff investigate the possibility of grant funding for a feasibility study for potential reclassification of the Airport.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Reimer at 8:38 P.M. THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
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J.E. Barry, CORPORATE  
SERVICES MANAGER