

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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1. **PRESENT:**

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

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

MEDIA: NL Radio  
Shaw Cable

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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, Regular Council Meeting, September 17, 2002.

479/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting,  
September 17, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, September 10, 2002.

480/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Minutes, Regular Council  
Meeting, September 10, 2002 be adopted by amending Councillor  
Reimer's report by deleting "Aquifer Plan Study" and adding "Aquifer  
Protection Plan" and by adding "... and questioned why the new safety  
glass had not been extended behind the players' bench" to the end of  
Councillor Reimer's report. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil

**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

- A. Edi Torrans, Coordinator, Southern Interior Weed Management Committee.

Edi Torrans made a presentation to Council on behalf of the Southern Interior Weed Management Committee.

Ms. Torrans stated the Southern Interior Weed Management Committee is a registered charity and their mandate is to educate the public to recognize and control noxious and invasive weeds; described the impact noxious and invasive weeds have had on Tourism, Forestry, Recreation, Agriculture, Environment, Health and the Economy; explained the Integrated Weed Management Tools such as Prevention, Cultural, Mechanical, Herbicides and Biological; and provided Council with publications which are available to identify and educate the public on noxious and invasive weeds.

Mike Rose, Chair, Thompson Nicola Regional District Weed Committee reported the program for education and control of noxious and invasive weeds through the Thompson Nicola Regional District is in full force and the District is working with public and private landowners and utility companies in an effort to control noxious and invasive weeds.

7. **BYLAWS:** Nil

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil

9. **REPORTS:**

A. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird reported on the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Executive Meeting he attended; the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run; and the upcoming Thompson Nicola Regional District Meeting September 19, 2002.

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

Councillor Barr reported on the Access Awareness Meeting held September 12, 2002; the next meeting for Access Awareness will be October 24, 2002; the Communities In Bloom Committee Meeting held September 16, 2002; and the fall plant and bulb exchange hosted by the Communities In Bloom Committee September 28, 2002.

Councillor Cavaliere reported on the upcoming Youth Park Committee Public Meeting September 18, 2002 with Mark van der Zalm.

Councillor Kroeker reported that further investigation of the co-generation short list revealed companies short listed currently have co-generation plants; commented on the interest generated by Airport proposal study grant; and the Nicola Dam Committee meeting he attended September 12, 2002.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the Nicola Dam Committee meeting as well; Public Works updates; Nights Alive meeting he attended September 17, 2002; and advised that staff will be addressing the parking concerns on Blackwell Avenue with a neighbourhood meeting scheduled for October 02, 2002.

Councillor Reimer reported on the upcoming City of Merritt property tax sale September 30, 2002; application deadline for Grants-In-Aid is October 23, 2002; closing date for the proposal for the City Auto Fleet Insurance is September 19, 2002; the Committee of the Whole meeting October 01, 2002 will be an in depth review of the 2002 budget; a date is required for the Council Adopt-A-Road clean up; and the Terry Fox Run September 15, 2002.

Councillor Gage reported on the latest appointment at Merritt Detachment RCMP; Merritt Fire and Rescue Fire Awareness event September 11, 2002 and the donation received by the Fairly Park Committee of \$1,000.00 from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce; and the Nicola Valley Coalition meeting he attended September 11, 2002 on behalf of the Coquihalla Task Committee.

Councillor Sherwood left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Councillor Sherwood returned to the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Councillor Gage reported on the upcoming Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce Open House September 21, 2002, Quarterly meeting September 23, 2002, Small Business Week and Trade Show in October, 2002. Councillor Gage discussed the Chamber's request for an additional hanging sign on the south side of the City Hall building which had been deferred by Council until October.

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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 end of City Hall on an interim basis until a decision is made with regards to signage on the south side of the building.

OPPOSED: Councillor Reimer

CARRIED

Mayor Baird advised that he had a letter from the BC Teacher's Federation requesting Council to proclaim October 05, 2002 as World Teacher's Day.

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482/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the City of Merritt, in the province of British Columbia, hereby acknowledges October 5, 2002 to be World Teachers' Day and further that we communicate our appreciation to the teachers in our public schools for the role they play in assuring the well-being of society. CARRIED

Mayor Baird also proclaimed October 14-20, 2002 as Canada's Citizenship Week.

Mayor Baird reported on the changes in the Ministry of Forests and in particular the Lillooet and Merritt Forest Districts and advised of a meeting scheduled by Rod DeBoice, District Manager, Merritt Forest District for September 19, 2002 and Council agreed by consensus that Councillor Kroeker attend the meeting and report back to Council.

**C. Administration Reports:**

- 1) **Requires Council Action:** Nil
- 2) **Receive for Information:** Nil

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Potential Responses:** Nil

B. **Receive for Information:**

- i) Coldwater River Recovery Plan; Elizabeth Salomon-de-Friedberg, Nicola Watershed Community Round Table, Newsletter.

The above item was received as information only.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nil

12. **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:** Nil

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera:

483/02 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, September 10, 2002;
- B) Litigation or Potential Litigation Affecting the Municipality; (2 items)
- C) Matter Containing Third Party Information; (1 item) AND
- D) Employee Negotiations; (1 item)

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

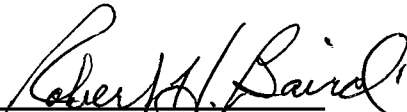
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:29 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

**14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 9:26 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
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J.E. Barry, CORPORATE  
SERVICES MANAGER