

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT
COUNCIL, TUESDAY OCTOBER 22, 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, H. Kroeker, E. Reimer,
R. Sherwood

ABSENT: Councillor R. Gage

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator
J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager
H. Osachoff, Financial Services Manager
P. Strain, Operations Manager
J. Freund, Leisure Services Manager
C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

MEDIA: NL Radio
Shaw Cable
Nicola Valley Voice

PUBLIC: 13

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, October 22, 2002.

526/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, October 22, 2002 be adopted with the addition of Item 9.C.1) v) Yellowhead Highway – Promotion/Travel Guide; Councillor Harry Kroeker, Chair, Economic Development Committee, October 22, 2002 Memorandum. CARRIED

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

A. Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 08, 2002.

527/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, October 08, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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B. Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 15, 2002.

528/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 15, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil

6. **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS:**

A. Mountain Bike trail map; Darch Osborne, Publicity Director, Merritt Mountain Bike Association correspondence dated October 10, 2002.

Colin Gage, President, Merritt Mountain Bike Association; Darren Coates, Treasurer, Merritt Mountain Bike Association, and Darrell Racine, Bonzai Cycle, were in attendance to outline the past and future goals of the Association, present Council with copies of the Merritt Mountain Bike Guide Map and to demonstrate the use of a mountain bike and safety helmet.

B. Urban Systems Ltd. – Liquid Waste Management Plan Delegation; Corporate Services Manager's October 18, 2002 Memorandum.

Gord Petersen, Bud Smith and Brian Hobbs of Urban Systems were in attendance to provide Council with a summary of the Liquid Waste Management Plan to date, and to discuss different aspects of partnering and elements of a solution. Urban Systems advised that upgrades can be done to the existing sewage treatment plant and rapid infiltration basins that would increase capacity by 60% and not result in taxpayers paying any more than they currently are paying.

7. **BYLAWS:**

A. City of Merritt Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 1836, 2002.

529/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT City of Merritt Development Approval Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 1836, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

B. City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1837, 2002.

530/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1837, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

C. City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1838, 2002.

531/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1838, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Mountain Bike trail map; Darch Osborne, Publicity Director, Merritt Mountain Bike Association correspondence dated October 10, 2002.

Councillor Kroeker thanked and congratulated the Merritt Mountain Bike Association for their hard work done on constructing the trails, the trail map and the entire program.

- B. Urban Systems Ltd. – Liquid Waste Management Plan Delegation; Corporate Services Manager's October 18, 2002 Memorandum.

Councillor Sherwood thanked Urban Systems for their presentation.

9. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Baird attended the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce ceremony honouring the 250th member of the Chamber of Commerce; attended the Community Futures Development Centre Annual General Meeting and Dinner and met with MP Stockwell Day.

Mayor Baird introduced Jason Freund, Leisure Services Manager to Council.

Mayor Baird proclaimed November 05 – November 11 Veterans' Week, 2002.

B. Liaison and Commission/Committee Reports:

Councillor Barr reported the Communities In Bloom Committee met October 21, 2002 and the next meeting is scheduled for January, 2003.

- 532/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Mayor and Council by resolution, form a standing Committee of Council being the Communities In Bloom Committee with membership open to all citizens. CARRIED

- 533/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT a Council liaison be appointed to this Committee at the time Committee appointments are made by the Mayor. CARRIED

- 534/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT a funding request of \$2000 for the Communities in Bloom Committee be referred to 2003 budget discussions. CARRIED

Councillor Barr reported the Access Awareness Committee will meet October 24, 2002.

Councillor Cavaliere reported the Recreation Commission held a workshop October 18 & 19, 2002; Nicola Valley Tourism Association is seeking program instructors for the Winter Leisure Guide; a Children's Halloween Party will be held October 31, 2002; Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre remains closed with the fitness room open on limited basis; Youth Park Committee will meet October 28, 2002; and commented on the CPAC meeting he attended.

Councillor Kroeker reported on Community Futures Week; co-generation and methane projects are being actively pursued; Economic Development Committee will meet October 24, 2002 and commented the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Directors Mid Year Meeting is November 01-03, 2002 in Jasper, Alberta.

Councillor Kroeker, with the consensus of Council, brought forward Agenda Item 9. C. 1 (v).

535/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council approve renewal of the City's membership (2003) in the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association. CARRIED

536/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the City purchase a ½ page ad in "Yellowhead It" travel guide at a cost of \$1350 for full color ad plus ad design if required. CARRIED

Councillor Reimer reported on October 19, 2002 he escorted over 30 students in their 1st and 2nd year of Tourism and Geography at Capilano College and their instructors around Merritt.

Councillor Sherwood reported on the activities of the Public Works Department.

C. Administration Reports:

1) Requires Council Action:

- i) Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre; Operations Manager's (verbal report).
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The Operations manager provided a verbal update on the status of the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre as information only, and indicated that a written report will be forthcoming.

- ii) City Hall / Civic Centre Usage Requests; Corporate Services Manager's October 16, 2002 Memorandum.
- 537/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council direct staff to discuss the Civic Centre usage requests with Nicola Valley Tourism Association and report back to Council with a recommendation. CARRIED
- iii) Extension Agreement – Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Contract; Administrator's October 16, 2002 Memorandum.
- 538/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Council approves the terms of the extension agreement between Merritt Arena Sports Ltd. and the City of Merritt; AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the City of Merritt. CARRIED
- iv) Insulation of Water Main on Voght Street Bridge; Operations Manager's October 17, 2002 Memorandum.
- 539/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council authorizes the Operations Manager to proceed with the works outlined in Keldon Electric and Data Ltd. quote for the amount of \$22,088 plus GST; AND THAT Council authorizes the Financial Services Manager to make the required budget amendments to accommodate the above works. CARRIED
- v) Yellowhead Highway – Promotion/Travel Guide; Councillor Harry Kroeker, Chair, Economic Development Committee October 22, 2002 Memorandum.

Dealt with earlier in Councillor Kroeker's report.

2) **Receive for Information:**

- i) Third Quarter 2002 Policing Report, Merritt Municipal Detachment; S/Sgt A.H. Clark, Detachment Commander October 16, 2002 Memorandum.

Received as information only.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Potential Responses:

- i) A&T Shuttle Bus Service; Anna Brown, Operations Manager, A&T Shuttle Bus Service letter dated October 16, 2002.

540/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT Council direct staff to communicate to BC Transit the City of Merritt's desire to get in depth funding for transit service; AND THAT staff communicate any response to A&T Shuttle Bus Service. CARRIED

541/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council direct staff to communicate with the Thompson Nicola Regional District, First Nations and A&T Shuttle Bus Service the desire of the City of Merritt to meet as a group to discuss the possibilities of partnering for transit in Merritt and surrounding area. CARRIED

B. Receive for Information:

- i) Recreation Commission Appointee; H. Bruce Tisdale, Secretary-Treasurer, School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) letter dated September 25, 2002.

Received as information only.

11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil

12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Nicola Valley Voice questioned why the Merritt Golf and Country Club was included in the City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1838, 2002.

The Financial Services Manager replied that the land is owned and used for recreational purposes.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to In-Camera:

542/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere 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, October 08, 2002;
B) Matter Containing Third Party Information; (1 item) AND
C) 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: 9:02 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 10:28 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Robert H. Baird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER