

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 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  
P. Strain, Operations Manager  
A. Sanders, Emergency Program Coordinator

MEDIA: Shaw Cable  
Nicola Valley Voice

PUBLIC: 5

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Regular Council Meeting, November 12, 2002.

551/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Agenda, Regular Council Meeting,  
November 12, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

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

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

552/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Minutes, Regular Council Meeting,  
October 22, 2002 be adopted as amended by replacing "used by the City"  
with "used for recreational purposes" under the Financial Services  
Manager's response during Media Question Period. CARRIED

B. Minutes, Special Council Meeting, November 04, 2002.

553/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Minutes, Special Council  
Meeting, November 04, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Nil

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**6. PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS: Nil**

**7. BYLAWS:**

- A. City of Merritt Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 1725, 2002; Corporate Services Manager's November 07, 2002 Memorandum.

554/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT City of Merritt Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 1725, 2002 be given first reading. CARRIED

555/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT City of Merritt Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 1725, 2002 be given second reading. CARRIED

556/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT City of Merritt Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 1725, 2002 be given third reading. CARRIED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

The Corporate Services Manager advised that Council had deferred this item until October so that it could be dealt with after a report from Councillor Reimer regarding signage on the south side of City Hall. Council Reimer indicated that he was on search mode for an electronic display.

557/02 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. OPPOSED: Councillors Barr, Kroeker, Reimer, Sherwood DEFEATED

Council acknowledged that the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce currently has a temporary permit for the sign on the south side of City Hall and that a decision on the permanency of the sign will occur after Councillor Reimer brings forward a report on signage for the south side of City Hall.

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

558/02 Moved by Councillor Gage THAT the Municipal Policing Resources – 2003/2004 item be referred to 2003 budget discussions. CARRIED

**9. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Baird proclaimed November 24 – December 01, 2002 Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day and the month of November 2002 as Canadian Diabetes Awareness Month in the City of Merritt.

Mayor Baird also congratulated all the candidates for letting their names stand in the upcoming elections.

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

Councillor Barr reported that she attended a Community Connections meeting that dealt with the issue of adult abuse and neglect and also an Access Awareness Committee Meeting where Mike Touchie was named Chair and Cheryl Gillette recording secretary. The Access Awareness Committee also discussed their snow removal program.

559/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT up to \$1,000 of the amount allocated in the 2002 budget to Access Awareness projects be allocated for the snow removal program. **CARRIED**

Councillor Barr also attended a Community Heritage Commission meeting where Rob McLaren was named Chair. The next meeting of the Commission is on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

560/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT a funding request for \$1,000 for the Community Heritage Commission be referred to the 2003 budget process. **CARRIED**

Councillor Cavaliere congratulated the Nicola Valley Tourism Association on organizing a successful children's Halloween party and commented that NVTa is looking for program instructors. There was a Youth Park meeting on October 2 on whether to form a non-profit society and a decision will be made on November 18 at the next meeting. He also stated that the pool is still closed due to technical problems but the fitness room remains open. Councillor Cavaliere finished his report by advising that there will be a Recreation Commission meeting on November 4.

Councillor Kroeker mentioned that the Nicola Valley Tourism Association Annual General Meeting will be held next week; Community Futures Development Centre is having a meeting tomorrow; the truck stop is coming along; and the cogeneration and methane projects are still alive. He also gave an update on his attendance at the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Director's meeting.

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561/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT two additional City entrance signs be purchased at the quoted price of \$7,640.95 including tax and installation funded by the unexpended amount in the North East Entrance Sign account; AND THAT any further remaining funds be designated for provision of irrigation at the North East Entrance Sign area. CARRIED

562/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council rescind Resolution #536/02 approving the expenditure of \$1350 for a ½ page ad in the "Yellowhead It" Travel Guide. CARRIED

563/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council approve payment of the community partnering fee of 6.5 cents per capita (\$496.01) which the Economic Development Committee feels will not only be a cost saving but also be more effective marketing. CARRIED

Mayor Baird advised that he had read that the Federal Minister of Transport stated that there will be no funds for highway construction in British Columbia.

564/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT staff draft a letter for the Mayor advising that the City of Merritt is very unhappy with the stand the Federal Government is taking with respect to transportation in the Western Provinces. CARRIED

Councillor Gage indicated that copies of the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce's Co-Advocate publication have been distributed; small business week was successful; there will be a Midnight Madness event on November 29; and a leadership luncheon with the Economic Development Officer on November 20. Commenting on the Remembrance Day ceremony, Councillor Gage complimented the many RCMP members who participated. He also mentioned that the Merritt Fire Rescue Department installed the Christmas lighting at the Baillie House and that the new fire truck should be delivered by the end of the month.

Councillor Reimer commented on his recent trip to China and advised that the Aquifer Protection Plan is being finalized for presentation to the Water Protection Committee.

Councillor Sherwood provided an update on activities of the Public Works Department and raised concern regarding parking in the vicinity of the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology.

565/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT staff be instructed to deal with the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology to fix the concern of cars parking on the streets in the vicinity of the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. CARRIED

Councillor Sherwood also mentioned that the City's Emergency Executive Committee met on November 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed having a public review regarding the events leading up to the flooding last June.

566/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT staff be instructed to organize a public meeting with the operators of the Nicola Dam to review the events which led up to the flooding of the Nicola River. CARRIED

**C. Administration Reports:**

1) **Requires Council Action:**

i) Claybanks RV Park Agreement – Annual Review; Administrator's November 05, 2002 Memorandum.

567/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT Administration be directed to prepare an addendum to the Claybanks RV Park Agreement to increase the rates as recommended by the Contractors and supported by Administration. CARRIED

Councillor Reimer left the Chambers at 8:24 p.m.

Councillor Reimer returned to the Chambers at 8:27 p.m.

ii) 2845 Neilson Street; Administrator's November 01, 2002 Memorandum.

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council responds to Donald McLeod that no action can be taken with respect to his requests contained in a letter dated October 28, 2002 until such time as the City has received a completed Development Permit Application for the property.

568/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the motion be amended to read "THAT Council will respond to Donald McLeod that action will go forward regarding his items of concern once the City has received a completed Development Permit Application".

VOTING RESUMED ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

569/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Council will respond to Donald McLeod that action will go forward regarding his items of concern once the City has received a completed Development Permit Application. CARRIED



**B. Receive for Information:**

- i) McHappy Day; Kristina Bergstrom, McHappy Day Coordinator letter received October 30, 2002.
- ii) Pitch-In British Columbia; Stella Jo Dean, Chairman, Pitch-In British Columbia letter dated October 31, 2002.
- iii) Alcan Power Sales Issue; Richard W. Wozney, Mayor, District of Kitimat letter dated October 21, 2002.
- iv) Council Chambers; Geoff Plant, Attorney General letter dated October 21, 2002.

The above four items were received as information only.

**11. NEW BUSINESS: Nil**

**12. MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD: Nil**

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjournment to In-Camera:

572/02 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, October 22, 2002;
- B) Information that is Prohibited from Disclosure under Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; (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

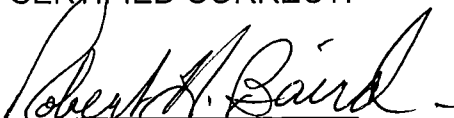
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:05 P.M.

(In-Camera Portion of Minutes kept separately)

**14. TERMINATION OF MEETING:**

MEETING TERMINATED AT: 9:54 P.M.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Robert H. Baird, MAYOR



J.E. Barry, CORPORATE  
SERVICES MANAGER