

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT COUNCIL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 02, 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, R. Gage, H. Kroeker
E. Reimer, R. Sherwood
Mayor-elect D. Laird
Councillor-elect S. Guertin

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

GUESTS: Pastor Randy Stubbs
S/Sgt. Al Clark, RCMP
Constable Colin Brandt, RCMP
Dave Chutter, M.L.A. (Yale-Lillooet)

MEDIA: Merritt Herald
Merritt News
NL Radio
Merritt Morning Market

PUBLIC: Approximately 25 members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Inaugural Council Meeting, December 02, 2002.

590/02 Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda, Inaugural Council Meeting,
December 02, 2002 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **INAUGURAL CEREMONIES:**

A. Mayor's Outgoing Address.

Mayor Baird welcomed everyone; thanked Council and Staff; and extended to the incoming Council his best wishes and success for the next three years.

B. Corporate Services Manager – Oaths of Office.

J.E. Barry, Corporate Services Manager administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor-elect D. Laird and Councillors-elect G. Cavaliere, R. Gage, S. Guertin, H. Kroeker, E. Reimer and R. Sherwood.

C. Official Passing of the Gavel.

R.H. Baird passed the Gavel to Mayor Laird and the new Council took their places at the Council table.

D. Pastor Randy Stubbs – “A Reminder and Challenge”.

Pastor Randy Stubbs reminded the new Council of their responsibilities and the challenges they will face.

E. Yale-Lillooet MLA Dave Chutter – Official Greeting.

MLA Dave Chutter congratulated everyone on a successful election and extended his best wishes to the new Council.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Departing Members – 1999 to 2002 Council Members.

Mayor Laird presented gifts to former Mayor Baird and former Councillor Barr.

6. **INAUGURAL BUSINESS:**

A. Appointment of Standing Committees.

Mayor Laird announced the following Standing Committee appointments:

Community Health & Seniors:

Councillor Reimer, Chair

Councillor Kroeker

(Staff: Corporate Services Manager)

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Economic Development:
(included Communities in
Bloom Initiative, Airport)

Councillor Kroeker, Chair
Councillor Gage
Councillor Sherwood
(Staff: Administrator)

Emergency Measures Executive:

Mayor Laird, Chair
Councillor Guertin
Councillor Kroeker
(Staff: Administrator, Emergency
Program Coordinator)

Finance:

Councillor Sherwood, Chair
Councillor Reimer
(Staff: Financial Services Manager)

Fire Services:

Councillor Guertin, Chair
Councillor Gage
(Staff: Fire Chief)

Merritt Pride:
(includes Adopt-A-Road, City
Beautification, Trail System)

Councillor Reimer, Chair
Councillor Kroeker
Staff: Operations Manager

Policing Services:

Councillor Sherwood, Chair
Councillor Gage
(Staff: S/Sgt, RCMP)

Public Works:

Councillor Gage, Chair
Councillor Reimer
(Staff: Operations Manager)

School District #58 Liaison:

Councillor Guertin, Chair
Councillor Cavaliere
(Staff: Leisure Services Manager)

Youth Services:

Councillor Guertin, Chair
Councillor Cavaliere
(Staff: Leisure Services Manager)

591/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT the Standing Committee appointments made by Mayor Laird be endorsed by Council. CARRIED

B. Appointment of Select Committees.

Community Charter Review:

Councillor Gage, Chair
Councillor Kroeker
(Staff: Corporate Services Manager)

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Drinking Water Protection Plan: Councillor Reimer, Chair
Councillor Sherwood
(Staff: Operations Manager)

**Liquid Waste Water Management
Local Advisory:** Councillor Sherwood, Chair
Councillor Reimer
(Staff: Operations Manager)

Youth Park: Councillor Cavaliere, Chair
(Staff: Leisure Services Manager)

592/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT the Select Committee appointments made by Mayor Laird be endorsed by Council. CARRIED

C. Appointments to Commissions.

Community Heritage Commission: Councillor Sherwood

Recreation Commission: Councillor Cavaliere

593/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the Commission appointments made by Mayor Laird be endorsed by Council. CARRIED

D. Appointments as Liaisons to External Committees & Other Organizations.

Access Awareness Committee: Councillor Cavaliere

**Community Futures Development
Corporation:** Councillor Kroeker

**Merritt & District Chamber of
Commerce:** Councillor Gage

Nicola Dam Advisory Committee: Mayor Laird

**Nicola Similkameen Innovative
Forestry Practices Association:** Councillor Kroeker

**Nicola Watershed Community
Round Table:** Councillor Reimer

**Trans Canada Yellowhead
Highway Association:** Councillor Kroeker

594/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Liaison appointments made by Mayor Laird be endorsed by Council. CARRIED

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E. Appointments of Thompson-Nicola Regional District Director and Alternate.

Director: Mayor Laird
Alternate Director: Councillor Sherwood

595/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Mayor Laird be appointed as Director and Councillor Sherwood as Alternate Director to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. CARRIED

F. Appointments to the City of Merritt Court of Revision.

Court of Revision: Council as a Whole

596/02 Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT the Council as a Whole be appointed to the Court of Revision. CARRIED

G. Appointments for 2002/2003 Acting Mayors.

December 2002 and January 2003	Councillor Cavaliere
February and March 2003	Councillor Gage
April and May 2003	Councillor Guertin
June and July 2003	Councillor Kroeker
August and September 2003	Councillor Reimer
October and November 2003	Councillor Sherwood
December 2003	Councillor Cavaliere

597/02 Moved by Councillor Reimer THAT the appointments of Acting Mayors 2002-2003 made by Mayor Laird be endorsed by Council. CARRIED

H. Appointments of Signing Officers.

598/02 Moved by Councillor Cavaliere THAT Harry Osachoff, the Financial Services Manager of the City of Merritt (the "corporation") be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the corporation to negotiate with, deposit with, or transfer to THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA and (the "Bank"), for credit to the corporation's account only all or any cheques and other orders for the payment of money, and for that purpose to endorse the same on behalf of the corporation either in writing or by rubber stamp;

AND THAT all cheques \$5,000 and less of the corporation be drawn in the name of the corporation and be mechanically or electronically signed on its behalf by Harry Osachoff, Financial Services Manager and David Laird, Mayor;

AND FURTHER THAT all cheques over \$5,000 be manually counter signed by any one of Harry Osachoff, Financial Services Manager; Jennifer Bridarolli, Administrator; or Joe Barry, Corporate Services Manager; and signed/countersigned by any one of David Laird, Mayor; Ron Sherwood, Councillor; or Elmer Reimer, Councillor;

AND FURTHER THAT Jennifer Bridarolli, Administrator or Harry Osachoff, Financial Services Manager be and is/are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the corporation from time to time to receive from the said Bank a statement of the account of the corporation together with all relative vouchers and all unpaid bills lodged for collection by the corporation and all items returned unpaid and charged to the account of the corporation, and to sign and deliver to the Bank the Bank's form of verification, settlement of balance and release;

AND FURTHER THAT Jennifer Bridarolli, Administrator or Harry Osachoff, Financial Services Manager be and is/are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the corporation to obtain delivery from the Bank of all or any stocks, bonds and other securities held by the Bank in safekeeping or otherwise for the account of the corporation and to give valid and binding receipts therefor;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until written notice to the contrary shall have been given to the Manager for the time being of the branch of the Bank at which the account of the corporation is kept, and receipt of such notice duly acknowledged in writing.

CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Sherwood THAT each of the persons named below is duly authorized by the MFABC Member ("Authorized Officer") to give trade instructions and directions to CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services ("CIBC Mellon GSS") for the investment fund family named City of Merritt (the 'MFABC Member") pursuant to the terms of the trust/custodial agreements(s) with CIBC Mellon Trust Company; AND THAT all instructions require the signature of one of the Authorized Officers:

Harry Osachoff
Jennifer Bridarolli
Joe Barry

Financial Services Manager
Administrator
Corporate Services Manager
CARRIED

7. CLOSING ADDRESS:

A. Mayor Laird's Address.

Mayor Laird prefaced his Inaugural Address by thanking everyone for attending the Inaugural 2002 Ceremonies.

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"The new Council for the City of Merritt have now been appointed to their Committees and Liaison positions. I have put considerable thought into these appointments; each Councillor has the knowledge and the experience to be effective in the areas they have been delegated.

This new Council represents a vision of what everyone in our community would like to see in Merritt. Economic growth, safety, concerns for our youths' futures and accessible and open government this will be a heavy workload that will keep us involved in all areas in our community...we are committed to doing the best we can for the City of Merritt, but seven elected officials cannot do this all by themselves. It takes all of the citizens of Merritt to accomplish this. We depend on the citizens to help carry out the direction we all want to go in. There are many, many citizens...a lot of who are here tonight that assist in many areas of making our community a better place...they believe in giving back to their community, we've got experienced, knowledgeable staff in place, and if we as a Council keep working with all these dedicated people we can seize opportunities and make Merritt a strong vibrant community. One that makes us want to stand up and say we've got Merritt pride...and we show it!"

8. ADJOURNMENT:

600/02 Moved by Councillor Kroeker THAT Council terminate this meeting at 7:40 p.m. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


D. Laird, MAYOR


J.E. Barry, CORPORATE
SERVICES MANAGER