



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004  
AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor David Laird  
Councillor B. Baird  
Councillor R. Gage  
Councillor S. Guertin  
Councillor E. Reimer  
Councillor R. Sherwood

ABSENT

Councillor H. Kroeker

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator  
Ms. C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant  
Mr. D. Matteucci, Fire Chief  
Mr. T. Reynolds, Financial Services Manager  
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

Merritt Herald  
Radio NL  
Shaw Cable

5 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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3.1(a) Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0038/04

**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 27, 2004 be adopted.**

0039/04

3.1(b) Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 03, 2004 be adopted.**

**4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions**

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**YEAR END 2003  
POLICING REPORT**

4.1 Year End 2003 Policing Report Merritt Municipal Detachment; S/Sgt A.H. Clark, Detachment Commander's January 21, 2004 Report.  
File: 7400

S/Sgt Al Clark presented to Council the Year End 2003 Policing Report for the Merritt Municipal Detachment.

The S/Sgt's presentation included:

- The detachment's resources
- Auxiliary Police Program
- Block Parent Program
- Citizen's Patrol
- Community Policing Advisory Committee
- Crime Stoppers
- Speed Watch
- Victim Services
- Merritt Mountain Music Fest 2004
- Crime Stats

**CENTRE BALLET**

4.2 Mirrors in the Civic Centre, West Auditorium; Jennifer Eaton, Centre Ballet Parents' Advisory Group letter received January 20, 2004.  
File: 7910

Jennifer Eaton from Centre Ballet Parent's Advisory Group advised Council the fundraising for the mirrors to be installed on the north wall of the West Auditorium in the Civic Centre has been completed and discussed with Council options of installation.

Council directed the Leisure Services Manager to prepare a report with recommendations regarding installation of the mirrors in the Civic Centre for the Regular Council Meeting of February 24, 2004.

PROCLAMATION

- 4.3 Proclamation of "Heritage Week".  
File: 0630

Mayor David Laird proclaimed the week of February 16-22, 2004 as "Heritage Week"

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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nil

6. BYLAWS

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NOISE ABATEMENT  
BYLAW

- 6.1 Noise Abatement Bylaw No. 1866, 2004.  
File: Bylaw No. 1866, 2004

0040/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Noise Abatement Bylaw No. 1866, 2004 be adopted.**

ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT/  
TOURISM  
PROMOTION  
COMMISSION  
ESTABLISHMENT

- 6.2 Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission  
Establishment Bylaw No. 1322, 1991.  
File: Bylaw No. 1322

0041/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Economic Development/Tourism Promotion Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1322, 1991 and any and all amendments hereto be rescinded.**

ZONING BYLAW  
AMENDMENT

- 6.3 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1869, 2004 - Spayum  
Developments Ltd.; Administrator's January 30, 2004  
Memorandum.  
File: 3360RZ-2003-02

0042/03

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1869, 2004 be given first reading.**

0043/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1869, 2004 be given second reading.**

0044/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1869, 2004 be submitted to Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 09, 2004.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

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**INTERFACE FIRE CHALLENGES**

- 7.1 Interface Fire Challenges within the City of Merritt; Tom Lacey, Zone Manager, Ministry of Forestry letter dated January 19, 2004. File: 7300

Council directed the Fire Chief to prepare a report addressing the recommendations in Mr. T. Lacey's letter dealing with Interface Fire Challenges within the City of Merritt for the Regular Council Meeting of February 24, 2004.

Council also directed the Fire Chief to arrange a workshop for the public to address such issues as interface burning, landscape issues and fine fuel before spring.

**CITY OF MERRITT TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL - PLANNING STUDY**

- 7.2 City of Merritt Tourism and Economic Development Committee Proposal - Planning Study; Councillor Harry Kroeker, Chair, City of Merritt Economic Development Committee February 05, 2004 Memorandum. File: 0552

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council adopts the concept of a new Tourism and Economic Development Committee as outlined in the City of Merritt Tourism and Economic Development Planning Study dated January 14, 2004 with the following amendments:**

- Grants-in-Aid remain the jurisdiction of City Council
- An additional \$10,000 be included in the proposed 2004 Budget for start up costs;

**AND THAT Council mandates the new Tourism and Economic Development Committee to assist in the growth of the Tourism Industry and Economic Development in the City of Merritt and region by overseeing the use of City funds for Tourism and Economic Development;**

**AND FURTHER THAT to assess the best use of City funds for Tourism and Economic Development by making recommendations to Council on use of the funds and monitoring the success of each application;**

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**AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the proposed Tourism and Economic Development budget for 2004 in the amount of \$150,000 replaces the Economic Development/Research and Walk of Stars budget in the amount of \$138,300;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Council appoints its representative to the Tourism and Economic Development Committee;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Economic Development Committee brings back to Council a recommendation for the appointment of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee membership.**

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0046/04

**THAT Councillor H. Kroeker be appointed the Council representative to the Tourism and Economic Development Committee.**

**REFUND OF  
BUSINESS LICENCE**

7.3

Refund of Business Licence; Corporate Services Manager's February 3, 2004 Memorandum.  
File: 4320.2

0047/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT a variance to the City of Merritt Business Licence Bylaw No. 1359, 1992 be issued in order that the owner of the Blue Roses Cafe be refunded the prorated amount of \$104.17 of the Business Licence fee paid for 2004.**

**RESIGNATION -  
MUNICIPAL  
EMERGENCY  
PROGRAM  
COORDINATOR**

7.4

Resignation - Municipal Emergency Program Coordinator; Administrator's February 05, 2004 Memorandum.  
File: 7140

0048/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT Council accepts, with regret, the resignation of Alan Sanders as the City's Municipal Emergency Program Coordinator effective February 27, 2004.**

**2010 COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENTS**

7.5

Oral report: Councillor Gage  
File: 0561

0049/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT George Mathieu and Janice Riley be appointed to the 2010 Committee.**

**MERRITT  
CENTENNIAL  
BOOSTER CLUB**

0050/04

- 7.6 Merritt Centennial Booster Club, Harry Doberstein, Treasurer letter dated January 31, 2004 Re: Merritt Centennial Booster Club "Application for a Direct Access Program Grant" from the BC Gaming Commission letter of support.  
File: 0110

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council support the Merritt Centennial Booster Club "Application for a Direct Access Program Grants" from the BC Gaming Commission;**  
**AND THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support to the Merritt Centennial Booster Club.**

**BUSINESS CASE  
PROPOSAL**

0051/04

- 7.7 Formal request to the City of Merritt to participate in the business case proposal re: bid for the new Interior Health Authority laundry facility; Deanne Parise, Economic Development Officer letter dated February 05, 2004.  
File: 6750

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council schedule a Special Council Meeting for February 13, 2004 at noon to discuss the request from Community Futures Development Centre of \$5,000 to participate in the business case proposal.**

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

**OMMA RESOLUTION**

- 8.1 Resolution to the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association Convention re: Provincial Assistance for Fire Rescue Vehicle - Notice of Motion; Mayor David Laird  
File: 7200

**TOLKO BEE HIVE  
BURNER**

- 8.2 Direction given to staff to research the burning at the bee hive burner at Tolko - Notice of Motion; Councillor B. Baird  
File: 5280

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, January 26, 2004

- Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, December 16, 2003
- Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Thursday, January 22, 2004
- Notes of the Liaison Meeting with Nicola-Similkameen School District No. 58, Town of Princeton and City of Merritt held Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Direction given to staff to report back to Council on the concerns and recommendations from the Liaison Meeting with Nicola-Similkameen School District No. 58, Town of Princeton and City of Merritt.


11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:27 p.m.

Certified correct in accordance with Section 124(2) (c) of the Community Charter.

  
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Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2004.

  
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Mayor