



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, April 13, 2004
At 7:30 pm

Mission Statement: The purpose of the City of Merritt is to maintain a modern, attractive, economically viable City, with the appropriate services, infrastructure and supporting human resources.

Council

Mayor David Laird

Councillor Bob Baird

Councillor Sheldon Guertin

Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Richie Gage

Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Ron Sherwood

Country Music Capital of Canada

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004 AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor David Laird
Councillor B. Baird
Councillor H. Kroeker
Councillor E. Reimer
Councillor R. Sherwood

ABSENT

Councillor R. Gage
Councillor S. Guertin

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Ms. C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant
Mr. B. Hupman, Operations Manager
Mr. T. Reynolds, Financial Services Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

Shaw Cable

GUEST

Angela Warren, Regional Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC

1 Member of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.
Mayor Laird brought forward on the Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.2

2004 TAX RATES

- 6.1 City of Merritt Tax Rates 2004 Bylaw No. 1873, 2004; Financial Services Manager's March 29, 2004 Memorandum
File: 1700

0115/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT City of Merritt 2004 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1873, 2004 be given first reading.

0116/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt 2004 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1873, 2004 be given second reading.

0117/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt 2004 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1873, 2004 be given third reading.

**FIVE YEAR
FINANCIAL PLAN**

6.2

City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1872, 2004
File: 1700

0118/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1872, 2004 be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES**

3.1

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0119/04

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 be adopted.

0120/04

3.2

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 06, 2004 be adopted.

4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

**ICBC ROAD SAFETY
PROGRAM**

4.1

Road Safety Program; Angela Warren, Regional Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC correspondence dated March 01, 2004.
File: 0920

Ms. A. Warren presented to Council the "Community Crash Reduction Challenge" promoted by ICBC May 05-May 27, 2004.

**SMALL AND HOME
BASED BUSINESSES**

4.2

Small and Home Based Businesses; Lin (LB) Wotton, Publisher and Editor, The Mainstream Eye Opener letter dated April 01, 2004.
File: 4320.2

Mr. LB Wotton was unable to attend the meeting.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

nil

6. BYLAWS

ELM ROAD CLOSURE 6.3 City of Merritt Elm Road Closure Bylaw No. 1867, 2004;
Corporate Services Manager's March 23, 2004 Memorandum
File: 3361.10

0121/04 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Elm Road Closure Bylaw No. 1867, 2004
be given first reading.**

0122/04 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Elm Road Closure Bylaw No. 1867, 2004
be given second reading.**

0123/04 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Elm Road Closure Bylaw No. 1867, 2004
be given third reading.**

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT AMENDMENT 6.4 City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire
and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1871, 2004
File: 7300

0124/04 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment
and Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1871,
2004 be adopted.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

2010 COMMITTEE MEETING 7.1 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes of Meeting held Monday,
March 22, 2004
File: 0570.1

0125/04 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Committee recommend to City Council that the
City's web site develop a page devoted to the 2010 Committee.**

**BC COUNTRY MUSIC
ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP**

7.2 Membership to the BC Country Music Association
File: 0250

0126/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the City of Merritt become a Corporate Member of the BC Country Music Association;
AND THAT staff send a letter to the BC Country Music Association responding to their questionnaire and explaining all Merritt has to offer;
AND FURTHER THAT the funds for the annual membership be taken from Account number 10-1000-2220-10.**

**DISSOLUTION OF
COMMITTEES AND
COMMISSIONS**

7.3 Oral Report: Mayor Laird
File: 0360

0127/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the following committees and commissions be dissolved: Economic Development, Finance, Public Works, Mayor's Citizens Advisory, Recreation Commission;

AND THAT the "City Of Merritt Recreation Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1852, 2003" be repealed;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor liaison appointments to the following external organizations/committees be cancelled: Community Health and Seniors, Nicola Dam Advisory Committee, Community Futures Development Centre, Nicola Watershed Community Round Table, Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce, Merritt Youth Park Society, Merritt Walk of Stars Society, Policing Services, Access Awareness, Fire Services, Nicola Similkameen Innovative Forestry Practices Association, School District #58, 2010 Vision Committee and Youth Services.

**COUNCIL
DISCRETIONARY
MEETING EXPENSES
POLICY**

7.4 Oral Report: Mayor Laird
File: 0595

0128/04

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council approve the City of Merritt Council Discretionary Meeting Expenses Policy.

**ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION**

- 7.5 Royal Canadian Legion Request for RV Parking in Downtown Lots; Corporate Services Manager's April 01, 2004 Memorandum File: 7710

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0129/04

**THAT approval be given to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 96 to pursue agreements with vacant lot owners in the downtown core to allow overnight RV parking during the International Gavel Passing, July 29 to August 02, 2004;
AND THAT the overflow lot at Claybanks RV Park be offered as another option for parking;
AND FURTHER THAT all vehicles must be self-contained;
AND FURTHER THAT demonstrated proof that permission has been granted by the vacant lot owners must be provided.**

**STAFF DISCOUNTS
FOR RECREATION
PROGRAMS**

- 7.6 Staff Discounts for Recreation Programs; Administrator's March 24, 2004 Memorandum File: 8000

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0130/04

**THAT Council does not support the recommendation that regular City staff and casuals be allowed to participate in any Leisure Services Department program at a 25% discount;
OR THAT regular City staff including casuals receive a 50% discount off all of their children registered in Kidz Club;
OR FURTHER THAT Kidz Club contract staff receive a 50% discount off their first child registered in Kidz Club and pay full price for each additional child in Kidz Club for such times as contract staff are on duty.**

**SECURITY SERVICES
FOR FIRE HALL**

- 7.7 Security Services for Fire Hall; Leisure Services Manager's March 29, 2004 Memorandum File: 2340.9

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0131/04

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager to sign an amendment to the contract with Nicola Valley Security Ltd. to add the provision of security services at the Fire Hall for a term to commence April 14, 2004 and terminate March 31, 2005.

Opposed: Councillors E. Reimer and R. Sherwood

**SPECIAL OCCASION
LIQUOR LICENSES**

7.8 Special Occasion Liquor Licenses; Leisure Services Manager's
April 05, 2004 Memorandum

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0132/04

THAT Council approve the following Special Occasion Liquor License applications for a beer garden:

1. Valley Helicopter Ball Club Mixed Slo Pitch Tournament on May 28 and May 29, 2004;
2. Merritt Heat Ball Club Slo Pitch Tournament on June 05 and June 06, 2004;
3. Merritt Men's Annual Slo Pitch Tournament on June 12 and June 13, 2004;
4. Valley Helicopter Ball Club Mixed Slo Pitch Tournament on July 03 and July 04, 2004;
5. Merritt Men's Slo Pitch Tournament on July 10 and July 11, 2004;
6. Merritt Mixed Slo Pitch on July 24 and July 25, 2004; and
7. Day's Inn - Mixed Slo Pitch Tournament on August 14 and August 15, 2004;

AND THAT all events will be held in Central Park.

**UBCM's REGIONAL
DISTRICT WORKING
GROUP**

7.9 UBCM Working Group 1 - Approval to Participate;
Administrator's April 13, 2004 Memorandum.
File: 0270.3

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0133/04

THAT Council supports and authorizes the participation of the City Administrator in UBCM's Regional District Working Group.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

nil

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

9.1 Mayor's Report:

Mayor D. Laird reported on the recent Thompson-Nicola Regional District meeting.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT Mayor Laird take direction from Council to opt out of Economic Development portion of Venture Kamloops and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes for meeting held Monday, February 23, 2004
File: 0570.1
- Wednesday, April 28, 2004 be formally proclaimed the "Day of Mourning", David Anderson, President and CEO, Workers' Compensation Board, BC letter dated March 18, 2004
File: 0630
- City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee; Peace Cities Network correspondence dated March 18, 2004.
File: 0200
- Community Social Services funding; Premier Gordon Campbell letter dated March 24, 2004.
File: 0410
- Relocation of Cenotaph from the Nicola Street Court House to N'Kuala Park; Laura Sanders, President, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 96 letter dated March 25, 2004
File: 3360 RZ2003-03
- Re-Zoning Court House Property; Katharine Shewchuk letter dated March 29, 2004
File: 3360 - RZ2003-03
- March 2004 Fire Department Month End Report; Fire Chief's April 01, 2004 Memorandum.
File: 7300
- Proposed National Park; Honourable D. Ross Fitzpatrick, Senator letter received April 02, 2004.
File: 0135

0135/04

- Community Crash Reduction Challenge; Geoff Koganow, Loss Prevention Manager, ICBC Southern Interior Region letter and brochure received April 02, 2004.
Official Proclamation: Community Crash Reduction Challenge
May 05 - May 27, 2004
File: 0630

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT Staff and Council circulate the information regarding "Community Crash Reduction Challenge" to the community; AND THAT suggestions for reducing crashes during May 05-May 27, 2004 be compiled into a report for Council for the next Regular Council Meeting of April 27, 2004.

- Inspection Services Report for First Quarter 2004; Building Safety and Inspection Services April 06, 2004 Memorandum.
File: 3800

11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

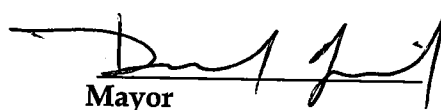
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:18 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 27th Day of April, 2004.



Mayor