



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, May 04, 2004
At 7:00 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

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004 AT 7:00 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. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

GUESTS

Mr. B. Gordon, 1st Vice President Chamber of Commerce
Mr. R. Sanders, 2nd Vice President Chamber of Commerce
Ms. J. Prediger, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce
Ms. P Sandur, Treasurer, Chamber of Commerce
Mr. P. Moyes, Director at Large, Chamber of Commerce
Ms. R. Cunningham, Manager, Chamber of Commerce
Ms. P. Luker, Chamber of Commerce

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. REPORTS

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

- 3.1 Primary discussion centered on the lease between the City and the Chamber for office space at 2185B Voght Street. At issue was clause 4.01.3 of the lease and the interpretation of the wording. Councillor Kroeker asserted that it was the City's intent that the Chamber makes an attempt to rent offices 3 and 4, while the Chamber members expressed their interpretation that the rent of these spaces was permissive in nature and not mandatory. It was generally agreed that the wording on the lease needs to be improved and that a positive continuing business relationship

between the City and the Chamber of Commerce be continued to be fostered. The Mayor was complimentary to the Chamber on their many activities and their efforts to raise membership. In response to questions, Chamber members outlined some of their future plans, and provided some statistics on increasing requests from visiting public. The Chamber indicated that the request for the lease was only for one year as they felt there might be additional space requirement forthcoming with the addition of the destination tourism marketing responsibilities. It was indicated that the lease renewal request would be dealt with at the next regular Council meeting on May 11, 2004.

4. TERMINATION OF MEETING

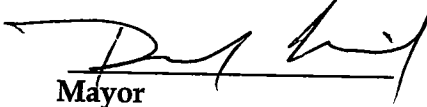
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:46 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 11th Day of May, 2004.



Mayor