



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, May 18, 2004
At 1:00 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 Richie Gage

Councillor Sheldon Guertin

Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Ron Sherwood

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2004 AT 1:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor David Laird
Councillor B. Baird
Councillor R. Gage
Councillor H. Kroeker
Councillor R. Sherwood

ABSENT

Councillor E. Reimer
Councillor S. Guertin

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms J. Bridarolli, Administrator (2:30)
Ms R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

PUBLIC

Mr. Jonathon Galbraith
Ms Whitney Galbraith
Mr. Peter Vogt

Mr. Lee Toop, Merritt Herald

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

3. REPORTS

**DELEGATION:
LOWER NICOLA
BACKHOE**

- 3.1 Mr. and Ms Galbraith representing Lower Nicola Backhoe spoke to Council requesting permission to use Voght Street when traveling back from sites empty. They indicated that the requirement to use the truck route for construction projects within City limits was creating a hardship. Mr. Galbraith indicated that their trucks had traveled through the Bench area only on one occasion due to traffic re-routing.

**STREET AND
TRAFFIC BYLAW**

- 3.2 City of Merritt Draft Street and Traffic Bylaw; Corporate Services Manager's April 15, 2004 memorandum
File: 4030

Discussion centered on the use of the truck route and the need for local contractors to have more direct access to construction sites within City limits. Direction was given to staff to incorporate provision for permits allowing contractors to use non-truck route access to projects within city limits.

Direction also given to staff to change the provisions of the bylaw to disallow trucks over 5,000 kg gvw from parking on any City street within 100 metres of a residence.

PROCEDURE BYLAW

- 3.3 City of Merritt Council Procedure Bylaw No 1862, 2003

Council indicated their wish to have the bylaw amended to allow discussion of Notices of Motion. Decisions on the notice of motion would be placed on the following Council meeting agenda to allow all Council members to digest information and consider decisions. Council also indicated their desire to change the requirement for adding items to the agenda from a unanimous vote of Council to a unanimous vote of Council present at the meeting.

Further discussion took place regarding decorum at the meetings with emphasis placed on Council members not interrupting each other, and a reminder for the presiding member to pose the resolution questions as for and against.

4. TERMINATION OF MEETING

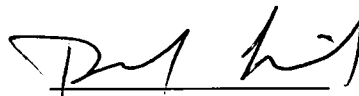
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:00 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 25th Day of May, 2004



Mayor