



## CITY OF MERRITT

# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**CITY HALL**  
2185 Voght Street  
Merritt, B.C.

**Tuesday, June 22, 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 Richie Gage

Councillor Sheldon Guertin

Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Ron Sherwood

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2004  
AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Radio NL  
Shaw Cable

9 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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0232/04

3.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes for the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, June 08, 2004 be adopted.**

0233/04

3.2 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 08, 2004 be adopted.**

ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES  
CONTINUED

0234/04

3.3 Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 be adopted and the resolutions therein affirmed:

*“THAT the City of Merritt Annual Report be presented to the Public at the Regular Council Meeting of July 13, 2004;*

*THAT the Corporate Services Manager be instructed to advertise a proposed temporary commercial license for the operation of a go-cart facility in the rear parking lot of the Merritt Desert Inn for the months of July to September, 2004;*

*AND THAT any response from the advertising be reported on at the June 22, 2004 Regular Council Meeting;*

*THAT a strongly worded letter of support for the Nicola Family Therapy probation program be sent to the Solicitor General and copied to the MLA;*

*AND THAT Council bring this matter to the attention of Ministers during the 2004 UBCM;*

*AND THAT the Mayor endeavour to set up a meeting with the Solicitor General;*

*AND THAT Council provide whatever support (non-financial) it can to keep this program running.”*

4. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

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MERRIT ARTS

4.1 David Longworth, The Cowboy Poet  
File: 0370

Mr. D. Longworth provided some background information about himself and explained to Council his involvement with the Nicola Valley Visual Arts.

Mr. D. Longworth recited two poems and a third by request.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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6. BYLAWS

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OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN

- 6.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1879, 2004  
File: Bylaw 1879

0235/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1879, 2004 be adopted.**

COUNCIL  
PROCEDURES

- 6.2 City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw No. 1880, 2004  
File: Bylaw 1880

0236/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw No. 1880, 2004 be adopted.**

ROAD CLOSURE  
BYLAW

- 6.3 City of Merritt Pine Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 1881, 2004  
File: Bylaw 1881

0237/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT City of Merritt Pine Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 1881, 2004 be given first reading.**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0238/04

**THAT City of Merritt Pine Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 1881, 2004 be given second reading.**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0239/04

**THAT City of Merritt Pine Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 1881, 2004 be given third reading.**

ZONING BYLAW

- 6.4 City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1882, 2004  
File: Bylaw 1882/ RZ 2004-01

0240/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1882, 2004 be given first reading.**

ZONING BYLAW  
CONTINUED

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0241/04

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1882, 2004 be given second reading.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0242/04

THAT The City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1882, 2004 be submitted to Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2004;  
AND THAT notice of the public hearing be advertised pursuant to Section 892 of the *Local Government Act*.

7. NEW BUSINESS

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RCMP RESOURCE  
REQUEST

- 7.1 RCMP Resource Request; Financial Services Manager's June 11, 2004 Memorandum  
File: 1715

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0243/04

THAT the RCMP be advised that the City is not requesting any further increases in its policing strength in 2005.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0244/04

THAT the City request that the RCMP "E" Division justify the \$65,000 increase to our contract costs.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0245/04

THAT Council request UBCM to set up a task force to investigate methods of reducing policing costs.

ARENA  
ADVERTISING

- 7.2 Merritt Centennials letter dated June 06, 2004 requesting City Council give favorable consideration to a request to "open up" new options for advertising at the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena  
File: 2240.11

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0246/04

THAT a Committee of the Whole Meeting be scheduled as soon as possible inviting the Merritt Centennials as well as Brian Barrett to discuss advertising in the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena.

- LANGLEY TRIP 7.3 Council Trip to Langley, Mayor's June 14, 2004 Memorandum File: 1805
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED
- 0247/04 THAT Council expenses including meals and transportation for Council to travel to City of Langley, B.C., June 29, 2004 is covered and expensed through account no. 10-1000-1850-10.
- AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING LEASE 7.4 City of Merritt Municipal Airport Terminal Building Lease Agreement File: 2381.02
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED
- 0248/04 THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the City of Merritt Municipal Airport Terminal Building lease agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt Flying Club on behalf of the City.
- AIRPORT LANDS LEASE 7.5 Lease Agreement - Merritt Flying Club File: 2381.01
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED
- 0249/04 **RESCINDED**  
#291 Fraser  
D.J. Cassin Fraser
- THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the Airport Lands lease agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt Flying Club on behalf of the City.
- SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE 7.6 Request of support for change to existing liquor licence for special event "International Friendship Gavel Passing"; Laura Sanders, President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 96 letter dated June 16, 2004 File: 4320.1
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED
- 0250/04 THAT the Council for the City of Merritt has no objection to the application of the Royal Canadian Legion for a temporary extension of the licensed area for the "International Friendship Gavel Passing" event to be held July 30, 2004 to August 01, 2004.

**PROPOSED ROAD  
CLOSURE**

7.7 Proposed Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation; Administrator's June 16, 2004 Memorandum  
File: 3361.19

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0251/04

**THAT Council authorizes the closure of a portion of Pine Street comprising an area of 158 square meters and directs the preparation of the requisite road closure bylaw;  
AND THAT Council negotiate an agreed fair price.**

**DEVELOPMENT  
PERMIT 2004-G**

7.8 Development Permit 2004-G - Woods Family Restaurant; Administrator's June 16, 2004 Memorandum  
File: 3060DP2004-G

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0252/04

**THAT City of Merritt Development Permit Application 2004-G be approved.**

**TEMPORARY USE  
PERMIT TUP 2004-A**

7.9 Temporary Use Permit No. TUP2004-A - Go-Cart Operation; Administrator's June 16, 2004 Memorandum  
File: 3356TUP2004-A

Moved and seconded

**THAT City of Merritt Temporary Use Permit Application 2004-A is approved.**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0253/04

**THAT the Permit be amended as follows:**

**"Subject to a trial period for 2 specific months, July 01, 2004 to September 06, 2004 to be reviewed;**

**AND THAT the hours of operation can be altered if the noise is disturbing to residents".**

Opposed: Councillor H. Kroeker

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0254/04

**THAT City of Merritt Temporary Use Permit Application 2004-A is approved; subject to a trial period for 2 specific months, July 01, 2004 to September 06, 2004 to be reviewed;**

**AND that the hours of operation can be altered if the noise is disturbing to residents**

Opposed: Councillors H. Kroeker, B. Baird, R. Sherwood

**FUEL MANAGEMENT  
FOR AREA BEHIND  
BENCH**

7.10 Memo: Administrator dated June 16, 2004  
File: 0410/7300

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0255/04

**THAT Council invite Steve Doubinin, Ministry of Forestry, Nicola Base to be a delegation on its July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Regular Council meeting to provide information on work that has been done in the Merritt area this year in the area of wild land fire prevention/protection and what the plans are for managing fuels in the area of Crown Land behind the Bench.**

**BANNERS - SOAR  
GIRL SCOUTS**

7.11 Letter dated June 16, 2004 from Girl Guides of Canada regarding SOAR event July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 request to hang banners.  
File: 0110

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0256/04

**THAT Council meet with the Girl Guides of Canada to discuss how their event may be assisted;**

**AND THAT Council allow Public Works to hang a banner for the Girl Guides of Canada across Voght Street at the intersection of Voght Street and Quilchena Avenue as well as smaller banners along Quilchena Avenue on the existing poles.**

8. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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**NICOLA VALLEY  
HERITAGE SOCIETY**

8.1 Councillor H. Kroeker will be bringing forward a letter from the Nicola Valley Heritage Society at the July 13, 2004 Regular Council Meeting.

9. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

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**INTERIOR HEALTH  
LAUNDRY FACILITY**

9.1 Mayor D. Laird reported on the meeting in Vernon with Mayor Sean Harvey and Mel Rothenburger on June 18, 2004.

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0257/04

**THAT a letter be sent to Al Dolman and Peter du Toit of Interior Health and a copy to the Minister of Health requesting a meeting with Interior Health and the Mayors to explain the bid process and Interior Health provide transparency of the bid process.**



10. INFORMATION ITEMS

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- WOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS FORUM**      10.1      Wood Products Manufacturers Forum, June 17, 2004 in Kamloops, M-J Cousins, Executive Director, Venture Kamloops letter dated June 01, 2004  
File: 0220
- WILLIAMS LAKE STAMPEDE**      10.2      Williams Lake 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Stampede Parade invitation; Rick Gibson, Mayor, City of Williams Lake letter dated May 27, 2004  
File: 0220
- COMMUNITY FOREST**      10.3      Thank you letter regarding interest in a community forest; Daphne Armstrong, Executive Assistant, Ministry of Forests letter dated June 03, 2004  
File: 0365.1
- AIR QUALITY STUDY**      10.4      Air Quality Study - Response to Council request; Corporate Administrative Assistant's June 11, 2004 Memorandum  
File: 5280
- CROWS**      10.5      Crows - Response to Council request; Corporate Administrative Assistant's June 11, 2004 Memorandum  
File: 5280
- BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**      10.6      Business Improvement Association Meeting; Katherine Castro, President  
File: 0385

11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

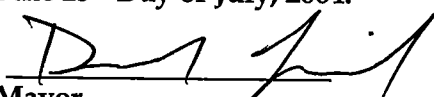
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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:18 p.m.

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

  
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Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2004.

  
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Mayor