



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, July 13, 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 Richie Gage

Councillor Sheldon Guertin

Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Ron Sherwood

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PUBLIC HEARING COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL TUESDAY, JULY 13 , 2004 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councillor S. Guertin
Councillor R. Sherwood

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Mr. T. Reynolds, Financial Services Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

MEDIA

Merritt Herald
12 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. STAFF REPORT

ZONING BYLAW NO.
1882

3.1 City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1882, 2004
File: Bylaw 1882

Ms Bridarolli gave a brief explanation of the scope of lands affected by the proposed bylaw and the purpose of changing from R3 to M1 Light Industrial to allow for the construction of a chocolate factory and a possible light industrial park.

4. PROPONENT'S SUBMISSION

5. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Cary Funk, 1643 Lindley Creek Road:

- Questioned what is permitted use in Light Industrial
- Questioned whether access would be off Lindley Creek Road (*Mayor responded that there wouldn't be access off Lindley Creek Road and there were no plans to build Willow Ave*)

Ginny Prowal, 2070 Aspen Street:

- Opposed to anything that makes Collettsville worse
- Feels Willow should be green zone which would effectively block the view of the industrial site
- Traffic should be directed to Midday Valley Road
- City should ensure that industrial park is esthetically pleasing
- People who live in Windy Canyon should have the opportunity for input on developments there

Judy Guichon, 1646 Lindley Creek Road

- Areas within walking distance of school should be kept residential for safety reasons
- Plan appears piecemeal
- Questioned why vacant property is not being used

Allan Yakimchuk, 1659 Lindley Creek Road

- Lives directly across from proposed site
- Currently has view of Windy Canyon which will be impaired by development
- Stated concerns about traffic
- Is in favour of attracting industry to Merritt
- Stated there are no lights or sidewalks in Collettsville
- When school goes all French, English students will have to walk up to Central School – safety concerns
- Concerned about emissions – residents will be impacted by wind/particles
- Concerned about noise
- Questioned where pallets, loading bays etc would be located – would they be visible to residents
- Wants a good buffer zone
- Questioned who would bear the cost of upgrading Lindley Creek Road

Bill Blow, 2075 Aspen Street

- Stated previous Council had promised to keep R3 to use as a buffer
- Very little has been done to improve Collettsville to justify extra taxes when area was absorbed into City boundary

Joyce Perrie, 1655 Lindley Creek Road

- Recently moved into neighbourhood (1 year ago)
- Was assured that buffer part was zoned residential
- Stated if she had known about Light Industrial Park would not have bought in that area
- Feels property values will be negatively impacted

Ed Morigeau, 1650 Lindley Creek Road

- Spoke about lot 11 stating that it was useless for building purposes and should be used for road
- Questioned who would pay for lighting and services

Question from Mr. Blow: asked why couldn't have a modern industrial park behind the R3 zone

Andre Mikita, 1970 Hill Street:

- Stated had purchased when the designation was residential and felt his property value would be negatively impacted

6. CONSIDERATION OF RETURNING BYLAW TO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FURTHER READINGS

0266/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT Bylaw 1882, 2004 be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of July 13, 2004 for further consideration.

7. TERMINATION OF MEETING

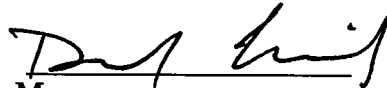
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 27th Day of July, 2004.



Mayor