



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, August 10, 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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COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2004
AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councillor S. Guertin

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Ms. C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant
Mr. D. Matteucci, Fire Chief
Mr. T. Reynolds, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

5 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

ADOPTION OF
MINUTES

0314/04

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, July 27, 2004 be adopted and the resolution therein affirmed:

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
CONTINUED**

"THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that a liaison meeting be scheduled for August 03, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. with Council and the following members of the Flying Club:

- Herb Graham
- Gordon Bjorkman
- Dick Woods
- Ian Gordon
- Madeline Rose
- Cole Shelby

To review the concerns raised tonight and to review how we are going to move forward".

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0315/04

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 27, 2004 be adopted.

4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

nil

6. BYLAWS

**FIRE RESCUE
DEPARTMENT
ESTABLISHMENT
AND FIRE AND
SAFETY
REGULATION BYLAW**

- 6.1 City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Bylaw No. 1785, 2001 Amendment Bylaw No. 1878, 2004; Fire Chief's July 27, 2004 Memorandum
File: 7300

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0316/04

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1878, 2004 be given first reading.

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0317/04

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1878, 2004 be given second reading.

0318/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1878, 2004 be given third reading.

ZONING
AMENDMENT
BYLAW

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

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0319/04

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

Moved, seconded and CARRIED Pursuant to Section 890 (9) of the *Local Government Act*

0320/04

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1882, 2004 be adopted.

7. NEW BUSINESS

REVITALIZATION

7.1 Revitalization, Financial Services Manager's July 23, 2004 Memorandum
File: 6930

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0321/04

THAT a Committee to develop a City Centre Revitalization plan following the Provincial Guidelines for Community Revitalization be struck consisting of membership and representation from:

- Walk of Stars Society
- Business Improvement Association
- Façade Program
- Community Futures Development Centre
- Heritage Commission
- A member at large (determined by the Committee);

AND THAT once the Committee has a plan in place, the Committee attend a Liaison Meeting with Council by the middle of October, 2004.

KATIMAVIK 7.2 Katimavik Partnership Proposal 2004-2005; Corporate Administrative Assistant's August 03, 2004 Memorandum File: 2830

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0322/04 THAT Council approves the City of Merritt participation in the Katimavik Program 2004-2005; AND THAT a Letter of Understanding be obtained from CUPE 900 to allow Katimavik participants to complete projects not otherwise assigned to local CUPE members.

JUVENILE FIRE SETTER PREVENTION PROGRAM 7.3 Requested Information re: Juvenile Fire Setter Prevention Program; Fire Chief's July 21, 2004 Memorandum File: 7300

Direction given to the Fire Chief from Council that the Fire Chief deals with direct requests from parents for preventative education.

AIRPORT FIRE FIGHTING REQUIREMENTS 7.4 Requested Information re: Airport Fire Fighting Requirements; Fire Chief's July 27, 2004 Memorandum File: 7300

Information provided for Council as per their request

CFDC FUNDING CONTRACT 7.5 Increase to CFDC Funding Contract; Rod DeBoice, Chair, Tourism and Economic Development Committee's July 30, 2004 Memorandum File: 0362

No Resolution

FARMER'S MARKET PROPOSED LOCATION 7.6 2000 Block Quilchena Avenue - Farmer's Market Proposed Location; Administrator's July 30, 2004 Memorandum File: 3356 TUP2001-A

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0323/04 THAT Administration request the Chamber of Commerce to conduct a survey of owners/occupants of property/businesses in the 6 blocks of the downtown core to include but not limited to the 2000-2100 blocks of Quilchena Avenue, Coutlee Street and Granite Avenue to ascertain opinions to the proposal to locate the Nicola Valley Farmer's Market in the 2000 block of Quilchena Avenue during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays from the May long weekend to Thanksgiving long weekend.

**"DESTINATION
MERRITT"**

7.7 "Destination Merritt" - 2% Hotel Room Tax Business Plan; Rod DeBoice, Chair, Tourism and Economic Development Committee's August 03, 2004 Memorandum
File: 0575

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0324/04

THAT this item be tabled at this time as the Chamber of Commerce has concerns with the linkage of the 2% Hotel Room Tax funding "Destination Merritt"

**ACCOMMODATION
COSTS - RCMP**

7.8 Accommodation Costs - RCMP; Financial Services Manager's July 30, 2004 Memorandum
File: 1715

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0325/04

THAT Administration makes arrangements for Council to meet with the Solicitor General at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention to discuss the increase costs of the RCMP.

Direction given to Administration to follow up on the previous letter sent to the RCMP requesting that the RCMP "E" Division justify the \$65,000 increase to our contract costs.

**PROPOSED
HERITAGE PLAQUE**

7.9 Heritage Commission Proposed Plaquing of your Structure (Baillie House); Rob MacLaren, Chair, Merritt Heritage Commission letter dated July 26, 2004
File: 0546

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0326/04

THAT Administration forwards the letter from the Heritage Commission regarding the placement of the heritage plaque to the Baillie House Committee.

**ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS
IN CEMETERY**

7.10 Cemetery Bylaw No. 1830 request for an amendment to allow flowers (artificial and cut) all year round; Audrey Campbell's letter dated July 23, 2004

Cemetery Maintenance; Financial Services Manager's August 3, 2004 Memorandum
File: 4100

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0327/04

**THAT Council reconsider the City of Merritt Cemetery Bylaw No. 1830, 2003;
AND THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a bylaw amendment allowing live and artificial flowers year round at the Pine Ridge Cemetery;
AND FURTHER THAT Administration prepare a report for budget deliberations on the cost of 50 holders for flowers on grave stones.**

AIRPORT LEASE

7.11

Lease of Lot 2 at Airport to Flying Club; Corporate Services Manager's August 05, 2004 Memorandum
File: 2381.01

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0328/04

THAT Council direct Administration to create Terms of Reference for a land use study for the Airport.

TRUCK ROUTE

7.12

Safety Concerns - Truck Route; Street and Traffic Bylaw Committee's August 06, 2004 Memorandum
File: 5460

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0329/04

**THAT the Truck Route be amended to have trucks turn right out of Aspen Planers onto Quilchena Avenue, be directed to Blair Street, right on Blair Street and then back onto Nicola Avenue;
AND THAT appropriate and very visible signage be installed to advise truckers of the change in route;
AND FURTHER THAT the residents of Blair and Quilchena be written a letter to advise of the changes and reasons therefore.**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0330/04

THAT Council direct Administration to approach the local Ministry of Highways Department to have additional "Use of Jake Brake Prohibited" sign and a "Hidden Intersection" sign erected on Nicola Avenue at the top of the hill for truck drivers approaching Menzies Street.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

nil

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor H. Kroeker advised Council that the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association has suggested an additional Annual Meeting per year.

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0331/04

THAT Council supports Councillor H. Kroeker to attend an additional 3rd Meeting of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association.

Councillor R. Gage advised Council permission has be granted by the family to install a plaque on the Memorial Fountain for Nature Boy.

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0332/04

THAT Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$100.00 for the preparation and installation of a plaque donated by Paul's family and the City of Merritt on the Memorial Fountain for Paul Desnoyers, also known as Nature Boy.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
JULY 2004 MONTH
END REPORT**

10.1 July 2004 Fire Department Month End Report; Fire Chief's August 04, 2004 Memorandum
File: 7300

**STREET LIGHTS ON
BELSHAW**

10.2 Letters of Apology re: Broken Street Light on Belshaw Street; Cst. S. Peters, RCMP Memorandum dated July 31, 2004
File: 5400

**PROponents OF
LAUNDRY REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL**

10.3 Proponents of Laundry Request for Proposal; Murray Ramsden, Chief Executive Officer, Interior Health's letter dated July 28, 2004
File: 0500

0333/04

11. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council deems it necessary to close this meeting to the public in order to deal with the following item In-Camera:

- Employee Negotiations.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

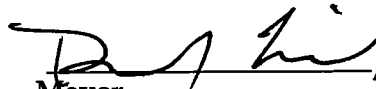
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:20 p.m.

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



Corporate Administrative Assistant

Confirmed on the 24th Day of August, 2004.



Mayor