



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, December 14, 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, DECEMBER 14, 2004
AT 7:30 PM

1. **PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT:

Councillor E. Reimer

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

15 Members of the Public

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Laird called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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3.1 **Moved, seconded and CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, November 23, 2004 be adopted.

0488/04

- 0489/04 3.2 Moved, seconded and CARRIED
- THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 23, 2004 be adopted.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES CONTINUED 3.3 Moved, seconded and CARRIED
- 0490/04 THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Thursday, December 02, 2004 be adopted and that the following resolutions from that meeting be endorsed:
- 0491/04 *"THAT the City's current travel expense policy remain unchanged except that the mileage rate be increased to \$0.43/km and that staff be directed to return this policy for Council's review on an annual basis."*
- 0492/04 *"THAT a letter be written to all Communities in Bloom members indicating the City is interested in supporting the continued existence of this committee and that Councillor Reimer is willing to act as interim chairman until a new executive is established."*
- 0493/04 *"THAT all major City parks be signed "Dogs must be on leash" and "Please clean up after your dog" and that each major park have pet stations installed."*
- 0494/04 *"THAT staff report back on options for installing recycling and additional refuse containers in City parks."*
- 0495/04 *"THAT the City continue to recognize long service employees and that staff be requested to provide options on the form of recognition."*
- 0496/04 *"THAT Council not consider amending the Latecomer Policy to address the matter of project deficiencies by withholding latecomer payment."*
- 0497/04 *"THAT staff be directed to bring back recommendations for a liquor policy for City facilities."*
- 0498/04 *"THAT Council has no objection to the request from the Grassland Motor Hotel for a temporary change to hours of sale from midnight to 2:00 a.m. for December 26, 2004."*

4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

R.C.M.P.

- 4.1 S/Sgt. Al Clark will present the 2004 Second/Third Quarter Policing Report to Council
File: 7400

S/Sgt Al Clark presented the 2004 second and third quarter policing report to Council. S/Sgt Clark also advised that the RCMP Musical Ride will be coming to Merritt in August 2005.

MERRITT
MOUNTAIN BIKING
ASSOCIATION

- 4.2 Darren Coates will present to Council a proposal for a bike skills area and the related grant in aid application
File: 1851

Mr. D. Coates presented Council with a proposal for a bike skills area.

0498/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT this item be dealt with this evening.

0499/04

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Leisure Services Manager be directed to work with Mr. Coates and City parks staff to identify potential sites for the proposed bike skills area and report back to Council for consideration of the proposal and the grant-in-aid request.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

nil

6. BYLAWS

nil

7. NEW BUSINESS

**CONWAY-BROWN
SEWER BLOCKAGE**

- 7.1 Conway-Brown Sewer Blockage at 1839 Pineridge Drive; Ken Conway-Brown letter dated November 21, 2004
File: 1740

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0500/04

THAT Council authorizes the increase in compensation to the Conway-Browns from \$185.00 to \$285.00, without prejudice and conditional to the City receiving an unconditional release against future claims arising from this incident.

**NEW
GROUNDWATER
WELL**

- 7.2 New Groundwater Well - Exploration/Development; Administrator's November 29, 2004 Memorandum
File: 1854.4

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0501/04

THAT Council instructs Urban Systems Ltd. to amend the exploration program for the new groundwater well to provide evaluation of groundwater quantity and quality in defined aquifers #1, #2, and #3 at an additional cost of \$33,000;

AND THAT the source of additional funding be from any remaining unallocated Infrastructure Program funds and then from the City's water utility operating fund

**NICOLA WATERSHED
COMMUNITY
ROUND TABLE**

- 7.3 Proposed sponsorship to the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table; Mayor Laird's December 2, 2004 Memorandum
File: 0366

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0502/04

THAT Council assists the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table by sponsoring photocopying costs (\$500), stationary supplies (\$200), postage (\$100) and chairing of public meetings (\$1,800) with the source of funds the City's Water Conservation fund.

**ALLOWABLE
ANNUAL CUT UPLIFT**

7.4 Allowable Annual Cut Uplift Request for Merritt Timber Supply Area; Administrator's December 2, 2004 Memorandum
File: 0410.7

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0503/04

THAT Council supports the request from the District Manager of the Cascades Forest District for an allowable annual cut increase for the Merritt Timber Supply Area due to the emergency situation in the District resulting from the catastrophic infestations by the Mountain Pine Beetle;

AND THAT a letter advising of Council's support be sent to the Regional Executive Director.

**BOUNDARY
EXPANSION**

7.5 Boundary Expansion; Administrator's December 06, 2004 Memorandum
File: 0530

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0504/04

THAT this item be deferred to the next Regular meeting of Council.

**MERRITT AVENUE
STORM DRAIN LINK-
GARCIA STREET**

7.6 Merritt Avenue Storm Drain Link - Garcia Street; Administrator's November 29, 2004 Memorandum
File: 5225

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0505/04

THAT Council authorizes construction of phase 2 of the Merritt Avenue storm drainage project being Merritt Avenue to Second Avenue pond;

AND THAT this project be expanded to include removing existing asphalt on Garcia Street from Merritt Avenue to Taylor Place, re-grading the sub-grade and paving, removal of existing sidewalk on the west side of Garcia Street, installation of curb/gutter/sidewalk from Merritt Avenue to intersection at Taylor Place and installation of curb/gutter on the east side of Garcia Street from Merritt Avenue to Taylor Place at a cost estimated at \$128,000

Voting Against: Councillor Sherwood

COMMUNITY
FOREST LICENCE

- 7.7 Draft Letter to Minister de Jong, Flow Chart of Community Forest Process
File: 0365.1

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0506/04

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the joint letter from the City of Merritt and the Town of Princeton to Minister de Jong expressing interest in a Community Forest

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTH END
REPORT

- 10.1 November Fire Department Month End Report; Fire Chief's December 6, 2004 Memorandum
File: 7200

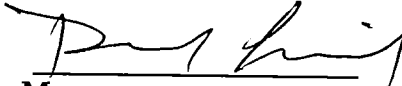
11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

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


Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 21st Day of December, 2004.


Mayor