



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, February 08, 2005
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

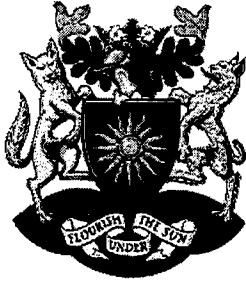
Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Ron Sherwood

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COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2005
AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councillor R. Sherwood

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

7 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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Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0029/05

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, January 25, 2005 be adopted.

4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

TOWN CRIER -
DISTRICT OF
SALMON ARM

- 4.1 Pat Allwood, Town Crier, District of Salmon Arm made a presentation to Council for Salmon Arm's 2005 Centennial Celebrations
File: 0220

MERRITT CHILD
AND YOUTH
COMMITTEE

- 4.2 Nicole Huppe, Asset Development Coordinator, Merritt Child and Youth Committee
File: 0250

Ms. Ni. Huppe, Asset Development Coordinator presented Council with an update of the Merritt & Nicola Valley Asset Development Initiative.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

nil

6. BYLAWS

OFFICERS BYLAW

- 6.1 City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1896, 2005
File: 3900

0030/05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT City of Merritt Officers Bylaw No. 1896, 2005 be adopted

PROCEDURE BYLAW

- 6.2 Bylaw 1897 Amending Procedure Bylaw; Corporate Services Manager's January 31, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3900

0031/05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT City of Merritt Procedure Bylaw No. 1897, 2005 be read a first time.

Voting against: Councillor Guertin

0032/05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT City of Merritt Procedure Bylaw No. 1897, 2005 be read a second time.

Voting against: Councillor Guertin

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Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0033/05

THAT City of Merritt Procedure Bylaw No. 1897, 2005 be read a third time.

Voting against: Councillor Guertin

ZONING BYLAW

6.3

City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004; Administrator's February 3, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0034/05

THAT second reading of the City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004 given on December 21, 2004 is rescinded

0035/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004 be amended as follows in regards to Agricultural Land Commission:

THAT the definition of Agriculture be amended to eliminate the prohibition of intensive agriculture;

AND THAT the small P3 Zoned area be changed to AR1

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004 be amended as follows in regards to Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food:

THAT the definition of agriculture be revised as per the Agricultural Land Commission's suggestion;

AND THAT minor word changes be made for clarification

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004 be amended as follows in regards to Ministry of Transportation:

THAT metric units be used throughout for consistency;

AND THAT a notation be included in the parking section for properties fronting a Provincial Highway or subject to the Transportation Act;

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004 be amended as follows in regards to Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection:

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THAT specific reference to the Flood Hazard Area Land Use Management Guidelines written by the Ministry be included;

AND THAT changes be made to definitions to improve clarity;

AND FURTHER THAT references to the Ministry be deleted as they are no longer responsible for approving flood hazard bylaws or granting exemptions;

0036/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004, be read a second time as amended

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0037/05

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 1894, 2004 be submitted to Public Hearing be to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2005;

AND THAT notice of the Public Hearing is advertised pursuant to Section 892 of the *Local Government Act*.

7. NEW BUSINESS

**MERRITT &
DISTRICT CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
ROUNDTABLE**

- 7.1 Invitation to Council to meet with Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce quarterly in 2005 for roundtable discussion; Saug Sekhon, President, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce letter dated January 20, 2005
File: 0363

0038/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT staff invite the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce to meet with Council at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 to have the Chamber report on its activities and to clarify the purpose and form of future meetings with Council.

**LIVE SITES
APPLICATIONS**

- 7.2 Live Sites Applications; Corporate Services Manager's February 01, 2005 Memorandum
File: 0570.2

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0039/05

THAT this item be tabled for discussion at the Budget Deliberations Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2005

**FUEL MANAGEMENT
PLAN-BENCH AREA**

- 7.3 Fuel Management Plan - Bench Area; Administrator's February 01, 2005 Memorandum
File: 0410 & 7300

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0040/05

THAT Council, pursuant to Clause 1.c of Section 401 of the City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Bylaw No. 1785, 2001 and, in consultation with the Ministry of Forests, approves the burning of hand piled branches to complete the fuel reduction program conducted in spring/summer 2004 in the bench area;

AND THAT Council approves the Ministry of Forests, Merritt Fire Zone crews conducting an under burn immediately adjacent to and above "no name road" this spring

**TEMPORARY BYLAW
SERVICES OFFICER**

- 7.4 Appointment of Temporary Bylaw Services Officer; Corporate Services Manager's February 03, 2005 Memorandum (Report circulated in In-Camera Agenda)
File: 2510

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0041/05

THAT pursuant to City of Merritt Bylaw No. 1487, Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw, Mr. Timothy Strayer be appointed to the position of Bylaw Services Officer on a temporary full time basis

**MERRITT WATER
RESOURCE
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

- 7.5 Appointment of committee members to the Merritt Water Resource Advisory Committee; Councillors Reimer and Sherwood oral report
File: 5620

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0042/05

THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Merritt Water Resource Advisory Committee:

- Gerry Sanford
- Ginny Prowal
- Hal Sulz
- Ed Morris
- Liis Jeffrie
- John Chenoweth

**VOGHT STREET
BRIDGE-PROVINCIAL
GRANT**

- 7.6 Voght Street Bridge - Provincial Grant; Administrator's February 01, 2005 Memorandum
File: 5210

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0043/05

THAT Council authorizes preparation of a proposal call for Expressions of Interest for engineering, design and construction of a replacement for the Voght Street Bridge

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Guertin: "That a letter of support for the Asset Development Initiative be sent to the Province."

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

**COMMUNITY
FOREST**

- 10.1 Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests regarding expression of interest in a community forest letter dated January 13, 2005
File: 0365.1

- BC SPIRIT OF
COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE
- 10.2 Minutes of the BC Spirit of Community Committee Meeting of
January 24, 2005
File: 0420
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0044/05
- THAT the City fly the Spirit of BC Communities Flag on
February 12, 2005 to mark the five year countdown to the 2010
Olympic and Paralympic Games.**
- BURN AWARENESS
WEEK
PROCLAMATION
- 10.3 February 06 to 12, 2005 proclaimed as "Burn Awareness Week"
in the City of Merritt
File: 0630
- HERITAGE OF FAITH:
SACRED BUILDINGS
& SPIRITUAL PLACES
PROCLAMATION
- 10.4 February 21 to 27, 2005 proclaimed as "Heritage Week" in the
City of Merritt
File: 0630
- FLOODING AT
RIVERSIDE MOBILE
HOME COMMUNITY
- 10.5 Flooding at the Riverside Mobile Home Community; Jeff Guerin,
Habitat Biologist, Fisheries & Oceans Canada letter dated
January 26, 2005
File: 0553.1
- BCCFA MEMBERSHIP
LIST
- 10.6 BCCFA Membership List; Jennifer Gunter, Coordinator, British
Columbia Community Forest Association letter dated January
26, 2005
File: 0365.1
- CANADIAN MENTAL
HEALTH
ASSOCIATION
- 10.7 Opening of the Canadian Mental Health Association Merritt
Clubhouse; Murphy Kennedy, Executive Director, Canadian
Mental Health Association letter dated January 24, 2005
File: 0220
- ROTARY WEEK
PROCLAMATION
- 10.8 February 21 to 27, 2005 proclaimed as "Rotary Week" in the City
of Merritt
File: 0630
- HERITAGE
COMMISSION
WORKSHOP
- 10.9 Request for support and approval for Merritt Heritage
Commission to apply to the BC Heritage Society for an award
under its Community Workshop Program; Rob MacLaren, Chair,
Merritt Heritage Commission letter dated January 18, 2005
File: 0546

11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:38 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 22nd Day of February, 2005.



Mayor