



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, April 26, 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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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005 AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councillor R. Gage
Councillor S. Guertin

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Mr. J. Freund, Leisure Services Manager
Mr. T. Reynolds, Financial Services Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

4 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 Regular Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, April 12, 2005 be adopted.

0168/05

- 0169/05 3.2 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 be adopted**
4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions
- MERRITT AMBASSADORS 4.1 Newly crowned Merritt Youth Ambassadors invited to meet Council
File: 0250
- CATTLE DRIVE 2005 4.2 Shannon Fair, CEO, Cattle Drive 2005
File: 0250
- Ms Fair sent her regrets and asked to be rescheduled to the next meeting*
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- TED COMMITTEE 5.1 Recommendations from the TED Committee to Amend the Structure of the Merritt Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED); letter dated March 15, 2005
Minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED) February 28, 2005 Meeting
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED*
- 0105/05 **THAT Council endorse the restructuring of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED) by reducing the membership from 11 to 5**
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED*
- 0106/05 **THAT Council endorse the restructured Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED) would be comprised of a Chairperson, a Co-Chairperson, and three committee members**
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED*
- 0107/05 **THAT the 2 remaining recommendations from the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED) be tabled to the next Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2005 pending the TED Committee review of the recommendation for a member of Council to be appointed to the Committee.**

Recommendation:

THAT Council would be represented by 1 of the 5 positions of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED)

Recommendation:

THAT Council endorse the guideline as presented by the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED) that to avoid potential conflicts of interest, it is recommended that the "Partners", or more specifically, members of the "Partners" executive or staff would not be represented on the committee

Minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED) April 04, 2005 Meeting
File: 0575

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0169/05

THAT the City should be represented by a member of Council on the TED Committee and that Councillor Kroeker be appointed to that position

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0170/05

THAT Council endorse the guideline as presented by the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED)

KAMALJIT BHANDER
2637 FORKSDALE AVE

5.2

Request to appear in front of Council re: invoice received from the City regarding a gas line rupture; Kamaljit Bhander letter dated April 01, 2005
File: 1640

Mr. N. Beers appeared on behalf of the Bhanders to discuss the invoice received regarding a gas line rupture. Mr. Beers felt that the rates in the City's bylaw are unfair and punitive. The Mayor advised Mr. Beers that Council would look into the matter at the next meeting and respond to him.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0137/05

THAT Council direct Administration to review the current bylaw and report back to Council on industry rates and rates for equipment in comparably sized municipalities.

**EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TO GAS
LEAK**

Emergency Response to Gas Leak - 2637 Forksdale Avenue;
Administrator's April 18, 2005 Memorandum
File: 1640

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0171/05

**THAT the City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department
Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Bylaw be
amended to reflect a charge of \$500/hour for fire department
callouts to emergency response to gas leaks**
Voting against: Councillor Reimer

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0172/05

THAT the amended bylaw be retroactive to January 1, 2005

6. BYLAWS

SIGN BYLAW

- 6.1 Sign Bylaw; Corporate Services Manager's April 13, 2005
Memorandum
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0173/05

**THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 1900, 2005 be
given first reading**

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0174/05

**THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 1900, 2005 be
given second reading**

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0175/05

**THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Bylaw No. 1900, 2005 be
given third reading**

**2005-2009 FINANCIAL
PLAN**

6.2

2005-2009 Financial Plan Bylaw; Financial Services Manager's
April 21, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3900

0176/05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1901,
2005 be given first reading**

0177/05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Fire Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1901
2005 be amended by deleting:**

2006 - Fire Department Increased Clerical \$5,000

2007 - Fire Department Increased Clerical \$5,000

2008 - Fire Department Deputy Training Officer \$55,548

2008 - Fire Department Training Facility \$40,000

2008 - Fire Department Increased Clerical \$5,000

2008 - Fire Department Back Up Generator \$34,000

2009 - Fire Department Increased Clerical \$5,000

2009 - Fire Department Training \$30,000

2009 - Capital - Training Grounds \$20,000

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0178/05

**THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1901,
2005 as amended be given second reading**

0179/05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1901,
2005 as amended be given third reading**

2005 TAX RATE 6.3 2005 Tax Rate Bylaw; Financial Services Manager's April 21, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0180/05 **THAT City of Merritt 2005 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1902, 2005 be given first reading**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0181/05 **THAT City of Merritt 2005 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1902, 2005 be given second reading**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0182/05 **THAT City of Merritt 2005 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1902, 2005 be given third reading**

7. NEW BUSINESS

CAMPING AT AIRPORT 7.1 Permission to Camp at Airport; Administrator's April 05, 2005 Memorandum

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0149/05 ***THAT Council approves a request from the Vancouver Soaring Club Association to camp at the airport and use the terminal building and washrooms for their soaring camp scheduled for the weekend of May 28th and May 29th, 2005;***

AND THAT Herb Graham, in cooperation with the Flying Club, be designated as the contact for the Vancouver Soaring Club Association for the purpose of their soaring camp at the Merritt Airport

Request from Vancouver Soaring Club Association to extend the Soaring Camp to include May 26 and May 27, 2005; Doug Smith letter dated April 18, 2005
File: 8400

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0183/05 **THAT Council resolution number 0149/05 be amended by changing the dates from May 28-29, 2005 to May 25, 2005 to May 30, 2005 for camping at the Merritt Airport for the Vancouver Soaring Club Association**

**DONOR
RECOGNITION AT
YOUTHPARK**

- 7.2 Letter from Henry Norgaard Re: Donor Recognition at Youthpark; Leisure Services Manager's April 19, 2005 Memorandum
File: 0368

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0184/05

THAT Council approves the location of the picnic table, sign and concrete gift bricks for donor recognition at the Merritt Youthpark in accordance with the proposed plan submitted by Henry Norgaard

**SPECIAL LIQUOR
LICENSES**

- 7.3 Special Occasion Liquor Licenses; Leisure Services Manager's April 19, 2005 memorandum
File: 4320.1

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0185/05

THAT Council approves the following special occasion liquor license applications for a beer garden at Central Park:

1. Ministry of Forests Mixed Slo Pitch Tournament on May 28 and May 29, 2005
2. Merritt Heat Ball Club Annual Slo Pitch National on June 11 and June 12, 2005
3. Merritt Men's Annual Slo Pitch National on June 24 to June 26, 2005
4. Merritt Men's Annual Year End Tournament on July 09 and July 10, 2005
5. Merritt Mixed Slo Pitch on July 23 and July 24, 2005

**CIVIC CENTRE
RENTAL FEES
WAIVED**

- 7.4 Request from Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce to have the rental fees at the Civic Centre waived for the purposes of an All-Candidates meeting scheduled for May 04, 2005; Saug Sekhon, President, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce letter dated April 20, 2005
File: 0363

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0186/05

THAT Council denies the request for the fee waiver for the Civic Centre for the Provincial All-Candidates meeting and that the Chamber of Commerce be reminded of the Council bylaw with respect to fees.

DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT
2005-01

7.5 Development Variance Permit 2005-01 - Robin Wilson;
Administrator's April 21, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3090 DVP2005-01

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0187/05

**THAT City of Merritt Development Variance Permit
Application 2005-01 is approved**

DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT 2005-F

7.6 Development Permit 2005-F - Super Save Gas Station at 2439
Nicola Avenue; Administrator's April 21, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3060 DP2005-F

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0188/05

**THAT City of Merritt Development Permit Application 2005-F
be approved**

OUTDOOR
WATERING
CONSERVATION
POLICY

7.7 Outdoor Watering Conservation Policy; Administrator's April
21, 2005 Memorandum
File: 0595

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0189/05

**THAT Council amends its Outdoor Watering Conservation
Policy to include the month of May and the month of
September in the period of "restricted outdoor water use"**

Councillor Reimer left the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

BURGESS AVENUE

7.8 Burgess Avenue - Improvement; Administrator's April 21, 2005
Memorandum
File: 6527

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0190/05

THAT this item be tabled to a future meeting

DISCHARGE LEGAL NOTATIONS

- 7.9 Discharge Legal Notations – Lot 1, Plan KAP68222 (Wagon West Property) and Lot A, Plan KAP71780 (Gold Trail Property); Administrator’s April 21, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3320 SD2003-01 and SD2004-06

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0191/05

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager to sign the release of registered notations KG11955, KG11956, KN101453, KP91461 and KV57178 as well as Covenants KN11622 and KR1843 from the Wagon West and/or Gold Trail properties

Councillor Reimer rejoined the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

8. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

9. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

0192/05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT a letter of support be sent for an increased special uplift to deal with beetle kill.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

TRANSFER STATIONS

- 10.1 Opposition to Increasing the Number of Transfer Stations; Roland Stanke, Mayor, Village of Clinton letter dated April 07, 2005
File: 5360

INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT

- 10.2 Inspection Services Report for First Quarter for 2005; John Chace, Building Safety and Inspection Services Memorandum dated April 14, 2005
File: 3800

NICOLA VALLEY PRO RODEO

- 10.3 Letter of Thank you from Barb d’Easum, Project Manager, Rodeo Construction, Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo letter dated March 29, 2005
File: 0250

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| FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT | 10.4 | March 2005 - Fire Department Month End Report; Fire Chief's April 07, 2005 Memorandum
File: 7200 |
| ACTIVITY REPORT | 10.5 | March 2055 Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's April 18, 2005 Memorandum
File: 4000 |
| JULIET CREEK FORMAL PROPOSAL REVIEW | 10.6 | Juliet Creek Formal Proposal Review; Terry Pratt, A/Manager, Major Projects, All Seasons Resorts Division, Land and Water BC letter dated April 19,2005
File: 3360.1 |
| COMMUNITY FOREST | 10.7 | Community Forest; Keith Olsen, Mayor, Town of Princeton letter dated April 08, 2005
File: 0365.1 |
| COMMUNITY FOREST | 10.8 | Joint Community Forest; Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests letter dated April 14, 2005
File: 0365.1 |

11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

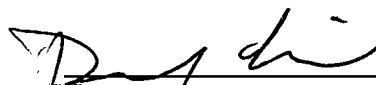
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 10th Day of May, 2005.



Mayor