



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, September 13, 2005
At 7:30 p.m.

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

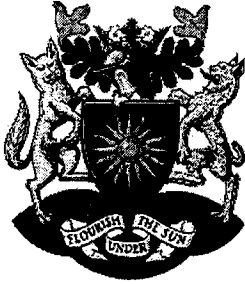
Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Ron Sherwood

Country Music Capital of Canada

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COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005
AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councillor S. Guertin
Councillor E. Reimer

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Ms. C. Fraser, Corporate Administrative Assistant

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 7:32 p.m.

ADOPTION OF
MINUTES

3.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0375/05

THAT the Minutes for the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 be adopted

3.2 **Recommendation:**

0376/05

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 be adopted

4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**BOARD OF
VARIANCE**

- 5.1 Board of Variance; Administrator's August 25, 2005 Memorandum
Supplemental to the Administrator's Board of Variance August 17, 2005 Memorandum
Board of Variance; Administrator's August 17, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3730

0377/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council directs staff to bring forward for Council's consideration a bylaw to establish a Board of Variance pursuant to Section 899 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND THAT Council directs staff to advertise for three (3) persons to sit on the City's Board of Variance for a three (3) year term effective October 01, 2005

**WALK OF STARS-
SIGN AND GRAPHIC
SYSTEM**

- 5.2 Walk of Stars - Sign and Graphic System; Administrator's August 29, 2005 Memorandum
File: 4020

0378/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council direct Administration to make arrangements for a Committee of the Whole Meeting at the earliest possible date with the Walk of Stars Society;

AND THAT the intent of the meeting being to discuss the goals and objectives of the Walk of Stars, how such goals relate to the City, and address all issues regarding such goals and objectives i.e. third party advertising revenues etc

6. BYLAWS

**FIRE RESCUE
DEPARTMENT
ESTABLISHMENT**

- 6.1 City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment Bylaw No. 1904, 2005
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and **DEFEATED**

0379/05

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment Bylaw No. 1904, 2005 be adopted
Voting Opposed: Councillors Baird, Kroeker and Gage

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0380/05

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment Bylaw No. 1904, 2005 Schedule "B" be amended with the addition of "per hour";

AND THAT staff provide explanation of the definition of an "Officer";

AND FURTHER THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Establishment Bylaw No. 1904 be brought back to the September 20, 2005 Regular Council meeting for reconsideration

**FIRE AND SAFETY
REGULATION**

- 6.2 City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulation Bylaw No. 1905, 2005
File: 3900

City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulation Bylaw No. 1905 was deferred to the October 11, 2005 Regular Council Meeting

**WATER RATES AND
REGULATIONS**

- 6.3 City of Merritt Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1913, 2005
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0381/05

THAT City of Merritt Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1913, 2005 be adopted

**PROPERTY
STANDARDS**

- 6.4 Amendment to Property Standards Bylaw; Corporate Services Manager's August 23, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0382/05

THAT City of Merritt Property Standards Amending Bylaw No. 1914, 2005 be given first reading

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0383/05

THAT City of Merritt Property Standards Amending Bylaw No. 1914, 2005 be given second reading

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0384/05

THAT City of Merritt Property Standards Amending Bylaw No. 1914, 2005 be given third reading

**FAÇADE DESIGN
PROCESS**

- 6.5 Façade Design Process; Corporate Services Manager's August 26, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0385/05

THAT City of Merritt Development Approval Procedures Amending Bylaw No. 1915, 2005 be given first reading

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0386/05

THAT City of Merritt Development Approval Procedures Amending Bylaw No. 1915, 2005 be given second reading

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0387/05

THAT City of Merritt Development Approval Procedures Amending Bylaw No. 1915, 2005 be given third reading

7. NEW BUSINESS

RCMP COMPUTER
SUPPORT

- 7.1 RCMP Computer Support; Financial Services Manager's August 25, 2005 Memorandum
File: 1715

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0388/05

THAT the City endorses the RCMP Proposal for computer support

EQUIPMENT
REPLACEMENT
RESERVE

- 7.2 Equipment Replacement Reserve; Financial Services Manager's August 22, 2005 Memorandum
File: 1700

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0389/05

THAT this report be reviewed during 2006-2011 budget deliberations

NICOLA VALLEY &
DISTRICT FOOD
BANK

- 7.3 Nicola Valley & District Food Bank request for letter of support for grant application; Linda Monkman, President, Nicola Valley & District Food Bank August 23, 2005 Letter
File: 0220

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0390/05

THAT Council direct staff to write a letter of support to the Nicola Valley & District Food Bank in their grant application

2005 INFLUENZA
IMMUNIZATION
CLINIC

- 7.4 Merritt Public Health request that the Civic Centre rental fee be waived for the 2005 Influenza Immunization Clinics; Iris Hodson, RN, Public Health Nurse, Merritt Public Health August 18, 2005 Letter
File: 1851

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0391/05

THAT Council support the Merritt Public Health request for waiving of the Civic Centre rental fee in the same manner as 2004.

(Resolution No. 0363/04 Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the rental fees for the Civic Centre for the 2004 Flu Immunization Clinic be waived (grant-in-aid)

BC COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS 7.5 BC Country Music Awards; Financial Services Manager's August 26, 2005 Memorandum
File: 1675

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0392/05

THAT Council participate as a sponsor with the Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism and Economic Development (TED) Committee at a cost of \$500.00

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT 7.6

2801 Clapperton Avenue - Proposed Development Variance Permit; Administrator's September 08, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3090 DVP2005-05

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0393/05

THAT City of Merritt Development Variance Permit Application 2005-05 be approved

CHILD FIND MAGAZINE 7.7

Request for sponsorship; Child Find newsmagazine
File: 0250

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0394/04

THAT the request for sponsorship from Child Find newsmagazine be received for information

TNRD BUDGET REQUEST 7.8

TNRD Budget Request; Financial Services Manager's September 02, 2005 Memorandum
File: 1720

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0395/05

THAT Council approve the information provided by the Fire Chief and the Leisure Services Manager with regards to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's request for budget information;

AND THAT the Thompson-Nicola Regional District be advised that these are preliminary numbers for planning purposes

SISTER CITY

- 7.9 Agreement of Establishing Friendly and Exchange Cities between Baishan City, Jilin Province of the People's Republic of China and Merritt, B.C., Canada for Council discussion and decision to participate as a Sister City
File: 0220

0396/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support in principle the Agreement of Establishing Friendly and Exchange Cities between Baishan City, Jilin Province of the People's Republic of China and Merritt, B.C., Canada

Voting Opposed: Councillors Sherwood and Baird

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

AIR SHED QUALITY

- 9.1 Councillor Sherwood reported on the presentation made by Ken Christian and Eric Taylor regarding Air Shed Quality and Planning at the Thompson-Nicola Regional District he attended on Thursday, September 08, 2005

0397/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT staff be instructed to contact Mr. Eric Taylor requesting he attend a Committee of the Whole Meeting and make the presentation to Council

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

CLAYBANKS RV
PARK

- 10.1 Compliments to contractors of Claybanks RV Park; Ed & Bernice Hicks August 12, 2005 Letter
File: 6140

0398/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to Jack and Rosemary McNeill congratulating them firstly as managers of Claybanks RV Park and secondly as ambassadors for the City of Merritt

**HONG KONG-
GUANGDONG
BUSINESS FORUM**

- 10.2 Invitation to Attend the Hong Kong-Guangdong Business Forum in Canada October 25, 2005; Donald Tsang, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region August 19, 2005 Letter
File: 0220

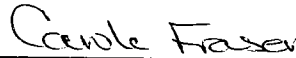
**RURAL
COMMUNITIES
SUMMIT**

- 10.3 Letter of thanks; Wayne Easter, PC, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food with special emphasis on Rural Development August 30, 2005 letter
File: 0391

11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

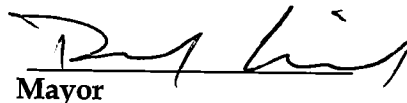
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

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



Deputy Clerk

Confirmed on the 20th Day of September, 2005.



Mayor