



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, October 25, 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 Harry Kroeker

Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Ron Sherwood

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COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005
AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councillor B. Baird

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
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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0448/05

3.1 Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, October 11, 2005 be adopted

- 0449/05 3.2 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 be adopted and the following resolution endorsed:**
- 0450/05 *THAT Council supports in principle moving forward on the Gateway 286 project on a partnership basis and that a land use plan be developed;*
- 0451/05 *AND THAT Administration be instructed to inform and share the information contained in the October 11, 2005 letter from Urban Systems with identified stakeholders including Mr. VanderZalm, Mr. Chutter, BC Lands, BC Tourism, and the Lower Nicola Indian Band*
4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

 nil
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

 nil
6. BYLAWS

- MTI 6.1 City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 1912, 2005
 File: 3900
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0452/05 **THAT City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 1912, 2005 be adopted**
- TAX EXEMPTION 6.2 City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1917, 2005
 File: 3900
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0453/05 **THAT City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1917, 2005 be adopted**

TAX EXEMPTION	6.3	City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1918, 2005 File: 3900
		Moved, seconded and CARRIED
0454/05		THAT City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1918, 2005 be adopted
BOARD OF VARIANCE	6.4	City of Merritt Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1919, 2005 File: 3900
		Moved, seconded and CARRIED
0455/05		THAT City of Merritt Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1919, 2005 be adopted
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	6.5	City of Merritt Administrative Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 1920, 2005 File: 3900
		Moved, seconded and CARRIED
0456/05		THAT City of Merritt Administrative Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 1920, 2005 be adopted
SIGN BYLAW	6.6	Sign Bylaw Amendment – Sponsorship Advertising; Corporate Services Manager’s October 13, 2005 Memorandum File: 3900
		Moved, seconded and CARRIED
0457/05		THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1921, 2005 be given first reading
		Moved, seconded and CARRIED
0458/05		THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1921, 2005 be given second reading
		Moved, seconded and CARRIED
0459/05		THAT City of Merritt Sign Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1921, 2005 be given third reading

ZONING BYLAW

- 6.7 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1922, 2005 - 2840 Voght Street and 2776 Voght Street; Administrator's October 17, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3360RZ2005-05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0460/05

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1922, 2005 be given first reading

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0461/05

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1922, 2005 be given second reading

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0462/05

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1922, 2005 be submitted to Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 08, 2005;

AND THAT Notice of the Public Hearing be advertised pursuant to Section 892 of the *Local Government Act*

7. NEW BUSINESS

AIR QUALITY

- 7.1 Air Quality in Merritt - Draft Report; Administrator's October 17, 2005 Memorandum
File: 5294

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0463/05

THAT Council appoints an Air Quality Stakeholder Committee with the objective of recommending a plan to improve and protect air quality in the City that includes a feasible set of goals to be achieved in a specific time period

AND THAT Council requests air quality monitoring to resume in Merritt and indicate that the City is prepared as a stakeholder to provide in-kind and financial assistance to the extent identified in its five (5) year financial plan

AIR QUALITY (cont'd)

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0464/05

THAT the BC Lung Association be requested to participate in the air quality monitoring program

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0465/05

THAT industry in Merritt be invited to participate in the air quality monitoring program

2005 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

7.2

2005 Capital Works Program, Public Works Manager's October 20, 2005 Memorandum
File: 5205

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0466/05

THAT Council delete the Voght Street sidewalk installation project out of the 2005 Capital Works program and award the remaining works to LNB Construction Inc. subject to the contract being within the approved budgeted amount

TOURISM &
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE - RFP

7.3

Tourism and Economic Development Committee RFP Recommendations; Herb Graham, Chair, Economic Development Committee October 21, 2005 Letter
File: 0575

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0467/05

THAT this matter be deferred pending a meeting with the TED Committee to discuss the proposals received

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

SALE OF TERASEN

9.1

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0468/05

THAT the City of Merritt supports the City of Burnaby's calls for public hearings to be held with respect to the sale of Terasen to Kinder Morgan.

Voting opposed: Councillor Sherwood

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- ACTIVITY REPORT** 10.1 September 2005 Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's October 17, 2005 Memorandum
File: 4000
- CRIME PREVENTION PROCLAMATION** 10.2 Proclamation of "Crime Prevention Week 2005" November 01 to November 07, 2005
File: 0630
- MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE** 10.3 BCCFA; Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic and the Future of Communities and Ecosystems, Research Synthesis and Strategy Workshop Series, October 13, 2005 Letter
File: 0365.1

11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 08th Day of November, 2005.



Mayor