



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, November 22, 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 Norm Brigden

Councillor Nadia Clarke

Councillor Harry Kroeker

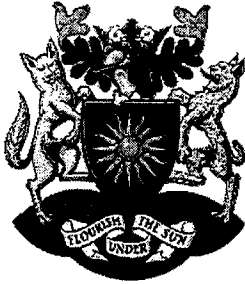
Councillor Elmer Reimer

Councillor Peter Samra

Councillor Ron Sherwood

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005 AT 7:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

ABSENT

Councillor E. Reimer

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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3.2 Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0498/05

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, November 08, 2005 be adopted**

4. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AAC LICENCES

- 5.1 Achieving Permanency of the Innovative Forest Practices Agreement (IFPA) Uplift AAC; Philippe Batini, USIB Band Manager Letter; Corporate Services Manager's November 18, 2005 Memorandum

File: 0410.7

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0499/05

THAT a letter of support regarding the permanency of AAC uplifts be sent to the Nicola Similkameen Innovative Forestry Society.

6. BYLAWS

ROAD DEDICATION

- 6.1 City of Merritt Elm Road Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 1867A, 2005
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0500/05

THAT City of Merritt Elm Road Removal of Dedication Bylaw No. 1867A, 2005 be adopted

FAÇADE GUIDELINES

- 6.2 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1879, 2004 Amendment Bylaw No. 1923, 2005
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0501/05

THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1879, 2004 Amendment Bylaw No. 1923, 2005 be read a third time

0502/05

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1879, 2004 Amendment Bylaw No. 1923, 2005 be adopted

**COUNCIL
INDEMNITY**

6.3 City of Merritt Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 1924, 2005
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0503/05

**THAT City of Merritt Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 1924, 2005
be adopted**

TAX EXEMPTION

6.4 City of Merritt Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1925,
2005
File: 3900

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0504/05

**THAT City of Merritt Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No.
1925, 2005 be adopted**

**SHORT TERM
BORROWING**

6.5 Short Term Borrowing; Financial Services Manager's November
15, 2005 Memorandum
File: 1760

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0505/05

**THAT City of Merritt Construction of 2005 Road Works Bylaw
No. 1927, 2005 be given first reading**

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0506/05

**THAT City of Merritt Construction of 2005 Road Works Bylaw
No. 1927, 2005 be given second reading**

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0507/05

**THAT City of Merritt Construction of 2005 Road Works Bylaw
No. 1927, 2005 be given third reading**

7. NEW BUSINESS

CENOTAPH

- 7.1 Cenotaph; Leroy Wager, President, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 96 October 28, 2005 Letter
File: 0250

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0508/05

THAT staff be instructed to contact the Royal Canadian Legion and the Rotary Clubs to discuss possible funding and location options for moving the cenotaph and report back to budget deliberations.

SENIOR CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION

- 7.2 Renewal of Lease - Senior Citizens Association; Corporate Services Manager's November 08, 2005 Memorandum
File: 2381.15

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0509/05

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the lease agreement with the Merritt Senior Citizens Association

Mayor Laird declared a conflict of interest regarding the following item as he is employed by a developer who could potentially benefit from the Council decision. Mayor Laird left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Councillor Sherwood took the Chair.

DEVELOPMENT COST
CHARGE BYLAW

- 7.3 Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1895, 2005 - Request to Adjust; Administrator's November 08, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3150

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0510/05

THAT the City of Merritt Development Cost Charge program remains unchanged.

Mayor Laird resumed the Chair at 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY WORKS FUND 7.4 Community Works Fund Agreement; Financial Services Manager's November 14, 2005 Memorandum
File: 0430

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0511/05

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager to execute the Community Works Fund Agreement as established under the Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal for Cities and Communities

SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM 7.5 Snow Removal Program - Merritt Centennials; Corporate Services Manager's November 15, 2005 Memorandum
File: 0361

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0512/05

THAT \$500 from the Access Awareness Reserve Account (which has a current balance of \$500) be paid to the Merritt Centennials in support of the Snow Clearing Assistance Program for 2005-2006

TRAIL PROJECTS 7.6 Trail Projects - Rotary Involvement; Leisure Services Manager's November 16, 2005 Memorandum

File: 6180

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0513/05

THAT Council directs the Leisure Services Manager to write a letter to the Merritt Rotary Clubs outlining the partnership process for trail planning, priorities, construction, maintenance and dedication

**ROAD RIGHT OF
WAY DEDICATION**

7.7 Road Right of Way Dedication - Tolko Industries Ltd.;
Administrator's November 14, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3230

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0514/05

THAT Council rescinds Resolution No. 0464/04 and directs Administration to have the statutory right of way of 20 m. surveyed over Lot 1, Plan 2300, a statutory right of way plan and agreement registered in favor of the City of Merritt for the purpose of future road dedication and servicing;

AND THAT Council directs Administration to proceed to address the encroachment of Lindley Creek Road over part of Lot 1, Plan 2300 and report back at the next Regular meeting of Council on the preferred method and costs

**EMPLOYEE
RECOGNITION
POLICY**

7.8 Employee Recognition Policy; Corporate Services Manager and
Financial Services Manager's November 16, 2005 Memorandum
File: 2510

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0515/05

THAT the Employee Recognition Policy as attached be amended to provide for the presentation of a single plaque with room for numerous years' recognition to an employee and that the suppliers of the gift certificates be local.

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0516/05

THAT the Employee Recognition Policy as amended by adopted.

**JUNIOR B HOCKEY
TEAM**

7.9 Request for Support - Junior B Hockey Team; Administrator's
November 16, 2005 Memorandum
File: 0530

This item was withdrawn from the agenda as the Kootenay International Junior B Hockey League had forwarded a letter stating there would be no expansion at this time.

CONKLIN AVENUE 7.10 Conklin Avenue – Request for Closure, Sale and Consolidation;
Administrator’s November 18, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3361.19

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0517/05

THAT Administration be directed to review the request and prepare a report for Council on all aspects for the potential to stop up and close, remove dedication, offer for sale and consolidation of an undeveloped portion of Conklin Avenue between Garcia Street and Voght Street

DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT

7.11 968 Midday Valley Road – Proposed Development Variance Permit; Administrator’s November 17, 2005 Memorandum
File: 3090 DVP2005-06

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0518/05

THAT City of Merritt Development Variance Permit Application 2005-06 be approved and that the Development Variance Permit state the approval was on a “without prejudice” basis.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

MONTH END
REPORT

10.1 October Month End Report; Fire Chief’s November 07, 2005 Memorandum
File: 7300

YEAR END
PROFECTIONS

10.2 Year End Projections; Financial Services Manager’s November 15, 2005 Memorandum
File: 1870

LETTER FROM
MINISTER

10.3 Ida Chong, CGA, Minister, Ministry of Community Services
November 01, 2005 Letter
File: 0155

ACTIVITY REPORT

10.4 October 2005 Activity Report; Bylaw Services Officer's
November 16, 2005 Memorandum
File: 4000

11. TERMINATION OF MEETING

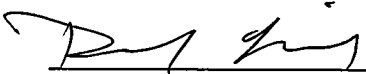
The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:34 p.m.

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



Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 05th Day of December, 2005.



Mayor