



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor N. Hunter
Councillor H. Kroeker
Councillor A. Murdoch
Councillor S. Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Mr. T. Reynolds, Financial Services Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

19 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, December 23, 2008 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

WALK OF STARS

- 5.1 Walk of Stars Society Presentation; Ron Sanders, President, Merritt Walk of Stars November 24, 2008 Letter
File: 0381
Mr. Sanders presented work plan for Walk of Stars and identified areas for discussion with Council:
- Maintenance of signage, banners, gateway
 - Billboard for Country Music Association of BC
 - Gala for May 30th (Civic Centre in kind?)
 - Arts Policy needed for grants
 - Removing and clean-up of dumpsters downtown
 - Need for washrooms downtown
- As well, advised plans going ahead for Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame
WED Announcement to be made at event on January 24th

MERRITT OTTERS SWIM CLUB

- 5.2 Merritt Otters Swim Club re: Proposed Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Shut-down; Dalyce Brandt, Vice President, Merritt Otters Swim Club November 05, 2008 Letter
File: 7905
Ms Brandt and Mr. Rubner of the Otters requested consideration of their swim season (May to August) when scheduling Aquatic Centre shut down for repairs

MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

- 5.3 Dennis Kurylowich, Powerpoint Presentation on Behalf of the Ministry of Highways
File: 0135
Mr. Kurylowich provided information on Highway Maintenance in the Thompson Nicola area

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

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7.1 City of Merritt Ticket Information Bylaw No. 2044, 2009;
Corporate Services Manager's January 07, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.2044

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 2044, 2009 be given first reading

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 2044, 2009 be given second reading

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0004/09

THAT City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 2044, 2009 be given third reading

8. NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

8.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT Council makes the following appointments to the following advisory committees for a two year term:

Air Quality (File 0375) :

Brenda Stockford

Ralph Adams

Lou Bouwmeester

Richie Gage

Hal O'Keefe

TNRD Rep

Member from Forestry

Member from Interior Health

City Centre Board (File 0380):

Mike Fairfield (Marketing)
Herb Graham (TNRD)
Pat Lamb (Downtown business)
Patrick Lindsay (CFDC)
Graham Whitecross (Downtown business)
Jayne Yeadon (Heritage)
Peter Moyes (Murals)
Ron Sanders (Walk of Stars)
Tod Dean (Chamber of Commerce)
Leanne Joe (First Nations)
Jack Polmans (Museum)
Carol Madryga (Heritage alternate)

Country Christmas (File 0384):

Gail McKee
Mae Ketter
Amber Bjorkman
Sheila Gudmundson
Lorraine Smith
Judy Fassbender
Denise Kearney
Charlotte Martin
Denise Nicholson

Spirit of BC Community (File 0570.1):

Mike Fairfield
Stuart Jackson
Etelka Gillespie
Neil McLeod
Karen Fox

Water Resource Advisory (File 0572):

Hal Sulz
Clara Norgaard
Liis Jeffries
Gail Reynoldson
Gloria McGovern

**AQUATIC CENTRE
TASK FORCE**

8.2 Task Force: Aquatic Centre Structural Repair Project; Leisure Services manager's January 07, 2009 Memorandum
File: 7905

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council appoints Mayor Roline, Councillor Goetz, the Leisure Services Manager, a senior member of Finance or the Administrator and a member from the TNRD to a task force to oversee discussions in regards to the Aquatic Centre structural repair project

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Staff be directed to write a letter to the Ministry of Health urging that the youth mental health worker position in Merritt be filled as quickly as possible

10.2 Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT Staff be directed to draft a policy to recognize the RCMP Auxiliary volunteers
Voting opposed: Mayor Roline, Councillors Baker, Kroeker and Sanders

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**GOLD COUNTRY
COMMUNITIES
SOCIETY**

11.1 Minutes; Gold Country Communities Society September 11, 2008 Meeting
File: 0382

**PLANNING GRANTS-
PHASE 2**

11.2 Built Environment & Active Transportation Community Planning Grants - Phase 2; Local Government Program Services, UBCM December 12, 2008 Letter
File: 0270

**MERRITT COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS**

- 11.3 Merritt Country Christmas Thank You; Amber Bjorkman,
Chairperson, Merritt Country Christmas Committee December
18, 2008 Letter
File: 0384 & 0220

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Services Manager**

Confirmed on the 27th Day of January, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**