



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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

REGRETS

Councillor S. Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Mr. T. Reynolds, Financial Services Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager
Chief D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief
Ms M. Worrin, Deputy Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

4 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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0019/09

4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

the ARTS COUNCIL

0020/09

5.1 Kurt Christopherson, Concert Chair, Nicola Valley Community Arts Council January 12, 2009 Letter
Nicola Valley Community Arts Council Presentation to Council Summary of Items; the Arts Council Letter
File: 7910

Mr. Christopherson spoke of the improvements needed at the Civic Centre to make it more suitable as a performing arts venue. The Arts Council is concerned about expending finances that could go more effectively to permanent improvement and wishes to work with the City to make these a reality. Identified were: lighting, sound, electrical upgrades, a better stage, skirting and curtains.

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Arts Council be requested to bring forward a proposed plan for upgrading the Civic Centre with associated costs/cost sharing

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**MANUFACTURED
HOME OWNERS**

- 6.1 Manufactured Home Owners Association of Merritt; Marlene Juell January 07, 2009 Letter
File: 0250

Marlene Juell spoke of the need for protection of home owners living in mobile home parks, and requested that Council put forth a policy similar to that adopted in other municipalities.

Mobile Home Park Redevelopment Policy; Corporate Services Manager's January 30, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0595

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0021/09

THAT a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled to review mobile home park redevelopment policy considerations and that the Mobile Home Owners Association and Mobile Home Park land owners be invited to participate

7. BYLAWS

WELL CLOSURE

- 7.1 City of Merritt Well Closure Regulation Bylaw No. 2063, 2008
File: 3900.2063

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0022/09

THAT City of Merritt Well Closure Regulation Bylaw No. 2063, 2008 be adopted

**ZONING - MOBILE
HOME PARKS**

7.2 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2072, 2009-
Regulations for Mobile Home Parks; Administrator's February
04, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1894

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0023/09

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.
2072, 2009 be given first reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0024/09

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.
2072, 2009 be given second reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0025/09

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.
2072, 2009 be submitted to a Public Hearing**

BUILDING

7.3 City of Merritt Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2078,
2009
File: 3900.1865

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0026/09

**THAT City of Merritt Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.
2078, 2009 be given first reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0027/09

**THAT City of Merritt Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.
2078, 2009 be given second reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0028/09

**THAT City of Merritt Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.
2078, 2009 be given third reading**

**SUBDIVISION
APPLICATION FEES**

7.4 City of Merritt Subdivision Application Fees Bylaw No. 2079,
2009
File: 3900.2079

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0029/09

**THAT City of Merritt Subdivision Application Fees Bylaw No.
2079, 2009 be given first reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0030/09

**THAT City of Merritt Subdivision Application Fees Bylaw No.
2079, 2009 be given second reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0031/09

**THAT City of Merritt Subdivision Application Fees Bylaw No.
2079, 2009 be given third reading**

8. NEW BUSINESS

**PRE-APPROVAL OF
2009 CAPITAL
BUDGET**

- 8.1 Early Budget Approval - Capital Items; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager's February 04, 2009 Memorandum File: 1705

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0032/09

THAT Council provides early budget approval for the following list of 2009 capital items:

- **General Government**
 - **Work Management Software**
 - **E-City Hall**
 - **Building Inspection Software**

- **Fire Department**
 - **Turnout Gear Replacement**
 - **Portable Radio Upgrade**

- **Community Policing**
 - **Community Policing Office Updates**

- **Transportation - Administration**
 - **Pre-design**

- **Transportation - Equipment**
 - **LED Hazard Lights**
 - **Replace Unit #1523 (1994 GMC P/U)**
 - **Replace Unit \$1526 (1985 Ford F350)**
 - **Electric Hoist**
 - **Wide Area Mower**
 - **Traffic Barricades**
 - **Replace Command 2 Pick-up Truck (Fire Department)**

- **Transportation - Drainage**
 - **Douglas Street Outfall**

- **Transportation - Roads**
 - **Asphalt Rehabilitation Program**
 - **Clapperton Extension - Sage to Bann**

- **Transportation - Sidewalks**
 - **Sidewalk Replacement Program**
- **Other Transportation Projects**
 - **E3 Fleet Program**
- **Public Health**
 - **Cemetery Shoring**
- **Aquatic Centre**
 - **Aquatic Centre - Upper Mezzanine Structure**
- **Arena**
 - **Arena - Compressor**
- **Civic Centre**
 - **Civic Centre - Chair & Table Replacement**
- **Parks**
 - **Rotary Park - Pump**
 - **Dog Park**
- **Landscaping**
 - **DeWolf Way Improvements**
 - **Tree Program**
 - **NE Entrance Sign Landscaping**
- **Facilities**
 - **Claybanks - Picnic Tables**
 - **Claybanks - Park Upgrades**
 - **City hall & Civic Centre - Gutters /Eaves**
 - **Fence - RCMP Station**
 - **Wash Bay Drainage**
 - **Legacy Square/WED**
 - **City Centre Enhancement Project**

**PRE-APPROVAL OF
2009 GRANT-IN-AID**

8.2 Early Budget Approval - Grants-in-Aid; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager's February 04, 2009 Memorandum File: 1705

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0033/09

THAT Council provides early budget approval for the following list of 2009 Grants-in-Aid:

- Nicola Nordic Ski Club - \$500
- Merritt Youth & Family Resources - \$2,000
- Merritt Helping Hands Society - \$1,500
- Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce - \$12,000
- Nicola valley Rodeo - \$2,000
- Nicola Valley Community Arts Council - \$5,000
- Nicola Valley Community Band - \$1,000
- Nicola Watershed Community Round Table - \$500
- Merritt Country Christmas - \$3,500
- Merritt Otters Swim Club - \$1,125
- Merritt Bread Basket - \$1,000
- ASK Wellness Centre - \$5,000

**OFFICIAL VISITOR'S
GUIDE**

8.3 Designation of Merritt's "Official Tourist Information Guide"; John Morash, Publisher, Merritt News January 29, 2009 Letter File: 1475

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0034/09

THAT the Merritt News tourist publication be endorsed as the Official Tourist Guide for the City of Merritt;

AND THAT the City purchase the back cover advertising at a cost of \$2,125

**QUILCHENA BRAVES
HOCKEY CLUB**

8.4 Request for Donation of \$400.00 for the Moccasin Hockey Tournament; Duane Tom, Tournament Coordinator January 27, 2009 Letter File: 1854

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0035/09

THAT the request for a donation for the Moccasin Hockey Tournament be received

Direction given to advise organizers of City's Grant-in Aid process

LABYRINTH IN THE PARK

8.5 Establishment of a Labyrinth in the Park; Barbara Bowles
January 17, 2009 Letter
File: 0250

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0036/09

THAT staff be directed to report on the costs and possible locations for a painted meditation labyrinth

CITY CENTRE BOARD MEETING

8.6 Minutes; City Centre Board January 27, 2009 Meeting
File: 0380

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0037/09

THAT the City of Merritt installs the fixed banner poles;

AND THAT the City investigates the cost of additional poles and banners for Summer 2009

Recommendation from City Centre Board to Council:

THAT Mr. N. Brigden representing Industry be appointed to the City Centre Board;

AND THAT an amendment is made to the Terms of Reference (1.2.6) for the City Centre Board to allow 14 members
(This recommendation was already dealt with at the January 27, 2009 Regular Council meeting)

RELAY FOR LIFE

8.7 Request use of Civic Centre for Monthly Meetings; Kim Pelrine, Relay for Life Co-Chair February 02, 2009 Letter
File: 1854

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0038/09

THAT the Merritt Relay for Life be given a grant-in-aid of \$180 to cover the cost of 18 hours room rental at the Civic Centre

**OLYMPIC TORCH
RELAY CELEBRATION**

8.8 Olympic Torch Relay Celebration
File: 0570.3

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0039/09

THAT an Olympic Torch Relay Celebration Task Force be struck with the following members:

- **Spirit of BC Communities Committee Members (program entertainment and community involvement)**
- **Ruth Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager (liaison with Vanoc and logistics)**
- **Mel Bohmer, Public Works Superintendent (logistics)**
- **Representative of RCMP (Security)**

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor Hunter advised she would be bringing forward a motion with respect to reduce plastic bag usage in Merritt

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0040/09

THAT Mayor Roline is authorized to attend the Council of Forest Industries conference in Prince George April 1 to 3, 2009

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

PROCLAMATION

11.1 Proclamation: **"A Legacy of Learning: the Heritage of Education"** Heritage Week February 16-22, 2009
File: 0630

**GRANTS FOR ROAD
REHABILITATION**

11.2 Grants for Road Rehabilitation due to Pine Beetle; Public Works Manager's January 26, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1854

**MOSQUITO AND
WEST NILE VIRUS**

11.3 2008 Mosquito Control Program Summary Report and 2008 West Nile Virus Mosquito Surveillance Summary Report; Public Work's Manager's January 27, 2009 Memorandum
File: 5280.1

- ACTIVITY REPORT** 11.4 2008 Year End Activity Report and Comparison; Bylaw Services Officer's January 27, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4050
- RIDE2SURVIVE** 11.5 Invitation to Breakfast with the Riders and Volunteers Participating in the Ride2Survive at the Information Centre at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2009
File: 0220
- GOLD COUNTRY** 11.6 Gold Country Nuggets and Gemstones; Amy Thacker, Marketing Coordinator-Tourism, Gold Country Communities Society January 28, 2009 Letter
File: 0382
- COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM** 11.7 BC Communities in Bloom Early Registration Deadline Change; Catherine Kennedy January 28, 2009 Letter
File: 0552.2
- FEDERAL BUDGET 2009** 11.8 Federal Budget 2009; UBCM In the House January 28, 2009
File: 0270
- HIGHWAY SIGNAGE** 11.9 Highway Signage in Merritt; Harry Lali, MLA Yale-Lillooet January 26, 2009 Letter
Information Signage, Highways 5 and 97C, Merritt; Eric Weiser, President, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce January 20, 2009 Letter
File: 0363
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0041/09** **THAT a letter in support the Chamber of Commerce President's letter requesting improved highway signage with respect to services in Merritt be sent to the Minister of Highways**
- PITCH-IN CANADA** 11.10 New for Pitch-In Week 2009; Pitch-In Canada Volunteer News
File: 0630
- ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA** 11.11 Order of British Columbia - 2009 Call for Nominations; Karen Felker, Coordinator January 19, 2009 Letter
File: 0135
- UBCM MEMBERSHIP** 11.12 UBCM Membership; Robert Hobson, UBCM President January 19, 2009 Letter
File: 0270

SILGA

11.13 Sale of Water Lots on Reservoir Lakes - SILGA; Alison Slater, SILGA January 21, 2009 Letter
File: 0276

**HEART OF THE
MATTER**

11.14 The Heart of the Matter: Common Solutions to Rural Doctor and Health Professional Recruitment; John Harwood, Mayor, District of Clearwater January 20, 2009 Letter
File: 0480

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:16 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Services Manager**

Confirmed on the 24th Day of February, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**