



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk

Merritt Herald
Merritt News (*arrived at 7:03 p.m.*)
Shaw Cable

3 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

0042/09

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, February 10, 2009 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

BC HYDRO

- 5.1 General Presentation on BC Hydro to Council; Jeanette Hoft, Community Relations Manager, BC Hydro January 30, 2009 Letter
File: 5500

Gene Bryant, Public Affairs Coordinator, Community Relations, Thompson/Okanagan/Columbia, BC Hydro made a general presentation to Council discussing such topics as:

- Current status
- BC Hydro's support to the Provincial Government's Energy Plan
- BC Hydro support to Merritt
- Corporate donations and sponsorship programs
- Transmission and distribution
- Outage communication initiative

BUSKER

- 5.2 Requesting a Busker Permit on City Property (City does not have a busking bylaw); Dennis Bzowy February 09, 2009 Letter
File: 0250

Mr. D. Bzowy was not present

LITERACY TASK FORCE

- 5.3 Literacy Task Force; Robyn Grebliunas
File: 0250

Ms. Robyn Grebliunas and Mr. Tony Broman, Executive Director, Merritt Youth and Family Resource Society presented to Council the efforts of the Literacy Task Force

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

**LAND USE
AMENDMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPROVAL
PROCEDURES**

- 7.1 Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009; Development Services Officer's February 04, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.2076

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0043/09

THAT City of Merritt Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009 be given first reading

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0044/09

THAT City of Merritt Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009 be referred to the City Centre Board for input with regards to the financial impacts to the façade development area

**FIRE RESCUE
DEPARTMENT**

- 7.2 Amending Bylaws - Fire Department; Corporate Services Manager's February 09, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1904

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0045/09

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Amendment Bylaw No. 2077, 2009 be given first reading

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0046/09

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Amendment Bylaw No. 2077, 2009 be given second reading

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0047/09

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Amendment Bylaw No. 2077, 2009 be given third reading

**FIRE AND SAFETY
REGULATION**

7.3 Amending Bylaws - Fire Department; Corporate Services
Manager's February 09, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1905

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0048/09

**THAT City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment
Bylaw No. 2080, 2009 be given first reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0049/09

**THAT City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment
Bylaw No. 2080, 2009 be given second reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0050/09

**THAT City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment
Bylaw No. 2080, 2009 be given third reading**

**MOBILE FOOD
CONCESSION**

7.4 Mobile Food Concession Business Regulation Bylaw; Corporate
Administrative Assistant's February 10, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.2081

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0051/09

**THAT City of Merritt Mobile Food Concession Business
Regulation Bylaw No. 2081, 2009 be given first reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0052/09

**THAT City of Merritt Mobile Food Concession Business
Regulation Bylaw No. 2081, 2009 be given second reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0053/09

**THAT City of Merritt Mobile Food Concession Business
Regulation Bylaw No. 2081, 2009 be given third reading**

8. NEW BUSINESS

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

- 8.1 Chamber of Commerce Lease Agreement; Corporate Services Manager's February 12, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2381.08

Councillor Murdoch declared himself in conflict with the following item. Councillor Murdoch left the meeting at 8:16 p.m. and returned at 8:20 p.m. after the matter had been dealt with

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0054/09

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the lease agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce for the space located at 2185B Voght Street

DEWOLF WAY
IMPROVEMENTS

- 8.2 DeWolf Way Improvements; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager's February 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1850

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0055/09

THAT Council defers the allocation the 2009 budgeted amount for asphalt rehabilitation, the \$90,700 for DeWolf Way landscaping carried over from the 2008 budget as well as \$182,300 in gas tax for use towards the DeWolf Way Improvements project upon successfully obtaining a grant pending a report from staff clarifying:

- **type of grants to be applied for**
- **confirmation if any asphalt rehabilitation projects will be performed in 2009 with or without water and sewer works**
- **the objectives of the improvements - for the benefit of tourists or truckers**
- **confirmation if lane for Legacy Square (Voght and Garcia) will be rehabilitated;**

AND THAT the City holds an open house regarding the project prior to beginning the engineering work required

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 9.1 Mayor Roline advised she would be bringing forward a motion for a Policy that City owned properties have an energy efficiency policy i.e. lights off when room vacant and shut computers off at night

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

0056/09

- 10.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council support Councillor Kroeker in his nomination bid for the Board of Directors of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)

- 10.2 Councillor Hunter requested a letter be sent to the Provincial Government requesting a full time youth probation officer position be reinstated in the City of Merritt

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

PROCLAMATION

- 11.1 Proclamation: **"Kidney Health Month"** March 2009
File: 0630

COMMUNITY
POLICING

- 11.2 Merritt RCMP Community Policing Office; January 2009 Meetings and Presentations; Tina Acreman & Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Memorandum
File: 7500

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
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 10th Day of March, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**