



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, MARCH 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
Councillor S. Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

14 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

FINANCIAL PLAN

Presentation of City of Merritt 2009-2013 Five Year Financial Plan by Financial Services Manager

Public Input to Five Year Financial Plan

- Why is City's tax rate not held to 0 as in other communities
- Will RCMP provide more coverage downtown and will Community Policing hours increase to provide more enforcement in evenings
- What is Douglas Street Outfall

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES**

0077/09

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 be adopted

Correction requested to show Councillors Kroeker and Murdoch voting opposed on item 5.1 of March 10 2009 Regular Council minutes

0078/09

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 as corrected be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

**MERRITT YOUTH
SOCCER**

5.1 Merritt Youth Soccer Association requesting continued Council support for soccer fields; Merritt Youth Soccer Association Directors March 10, 2009 Letter
File: 0250

Brian Snee and Eric Weiser requested Council support for grant applications be submitted to fund construction of soccer fields.

**INFORMATION
TOURISM,
MARKETING
TOURISM AND
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

5.2 Final quarter reports for 2008 presented by;
Community Futures Nicola valley - Economic Development
Baillie House - Visitor Information Centre
Merritt Marketing Group - Destination Tourism
File: 2240.47 - 2240.48 - 2240.50

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BUSKER

- 6.1 Requesting a Busker Permit on City Property (City does not have a buskering bylaw); Dennis Bzowy February 09, 2009 Letter (*rescheduled from February 24, 2009*)
File: 0250

0059/09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Corporate Services Manager provide a report on what guidelines should be considered for a trial of busker permits in the City

Voting opposed: Councillors Kroeker and Murdoch

Street Entertainment Guidelines and Permit; Corporate Services Manager's March 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4000

0079/09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve street entertainment in the City's downtown core on a trial basis for 2009 and in accordance with the guidelines presented as attached to the Corporate Services Manager's report

Voting opposed: Councillors Kroeker and Murdoch

DEWOLF WAY IMPROVEMENTS

- 6.2 Funding Proposal for DeWolf Way Enhancements;
File: 6528

0080/09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council allocates 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;

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

Direction to staff to indicate on file that the grants target 50% funding

7. BYLAWS

**FIRE RESCUE
DEPARTMENT**

- 7.1 City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Amendment Bylaw No. 2077, 2009
File: 3900.1904

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0081/09

THAT City of Merritt Fire Rescue Department Amendment Bylaw No. 2077, 2009 be adopted

**FIRE AND SAFETY
REGULATION**

- 7.2 City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2080, 2009
File: 3900.1905

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0082/09

THAT City of Merritt Fire and Safety Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2080, 2009 be adopted

WATERWORKS

- 7.3 City of Merritt Waterworks Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 2083, 2009
File: 3900.2007

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0083/09

THAT City of Merritt Waterworks Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 2083, 2009 be adopted

- 5 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN** 7.4 2009-2013 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2084, 2009; Financial Services Manager's March 18, 2009 Memorandum File: 3900.2084
- 0084/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0085/09 **THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2084, 2009 be given first reading**
- 0086/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0086/09 **THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2084, 2009 be given second reading**
- 0086/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0086/09 **THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2084, 2009 be given third reading**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- WATER AND SEWER AGREEMENT - ACTIVE MOUNTAIN RACEWAY AND MOON SHADOWS RV** 8.1 Water and Sewer Agreement for Active Mountain Raceway and Moon Shadows RV & Camping; Claude Lelievre, President, Active Mountain March 09, 2009 Letter
Water and Sewer Agreement for Active Mountain Raceway and Moon Shadows RV & Camping; Public Works Manager's March 19, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2240.01
- 0087/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0087/09 **THAT Council directs staff to cap the low pressure force main on Neilson Road at the City boundary, thus discontinuing service outside City limits to Moon Shadows RV Park**
Voting opposed: Councillor Sanders
- 0088/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0088/09 **THAT the matter of the Water and Sewer Agreement for Active Mountain Raceway be tabled until after Council's strategic planning session April 18-19/09, and that Mr. Claude Lelievre be requested to appear as a delegation when the matter is returned before Council**

DEMOLITION PERMIT

8.2 Demolition Permit; Administrator's March 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0380.1

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0089/09

THAT Council approves the demolition of the third (nearest to the lane) non-sprinkled portion of the building located on the Legacy Square site which is owned by the City;

AND THAT Administration apply for a demolition permit

BANNERS AND RANCH GATES

8.3 Walk of Stars Society Sign and Graphics System - Banners and Ranch Gate Maintenance; Administrator's March 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0361 & 3060

Moved, Seconded

THAT maintenance of the banner/route markers and associated poles that were installed as a component of the Walk of Stars Society Sign and Graphics System remain a responsibility of the Walk of Stars Society

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0090/09

THAT the issue of maintenance of the banner/route markers and associated poles that were installed as a component of the Walk of Stars Society Sign and Graphics System be deferred pending a report on the usage of the Walk of Stars poles for City signs and bus stops

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

8.4 Griffin Harboring More Than Two Dogs; Bylaw Enforcement Officer's March 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4005

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0091/09

THAT the issue of enforcement of the Animal Control Bylaw with respect to the number of dogs permitted be tabled pending receipt of a report being prepared by Mayor Roline

- BOTTLE WATER USE REDUCTION** 8.5 Support of FCM Resolution to Reduce Bottle Water Use; Councillor S. Sanders March 16, 2009 Letter
File: 0278
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0092/09
- THAT the City of Merritt endorse the FCM Resolution to discourage the sale of bottled water where an accessible source of tap water is available**
Voting opposed: Mayor Roline and Councillor Kroeker
- 0093/09
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT the City of Merritt develop an awareness campaign about the environmental impacts related to the use of bottled water**
- WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** 8.6 Minutes; Water Advisory Committee March 04, 2009 Meeting
File: 0572
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0094/09
- THAT the City use native and drought tolerant plants in any new landscaping during the DeWolf Way improvements**
- BURNABY SCHOOL LANDS** 8.7 Letter of Support Burnaby School Lands; Derek Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby February 18, 2009 Letter
File: 0200
- Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**
- THAT Administration report back with appropriate wording for a resolution on disposition of school board lands that reflects Merritt's position**
Voting opposed: Mayor Roline, Councillors Baker, Goetz, Hunter, Kroeker and Sanders
- 0095/09
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT the City send a letter of support in principle for the UBCM resolution proposed by the City of Burnaby with respect to the disposition of school lands as outline in the February 19, 2009 letter from Mayor Derek Corrigan**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Mayor Roline advised that pursuant to section 131 of the Community Charter, at the next regular Council meeting she will bring City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2082, 2009 (re 300 Lindley Creek Road) before Council for reconsideration.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| EARTH HOUR | 11.1 | Earth Hour; Corporate Services Manager's March 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0250 |
| AIR QUALITY | 11.2 | Minutes; Air Quality Committee March 04, 2009 Meeting
File: 0375 |
| SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY | 11.3 | Minutes; Spirit of BC Community Committee March 05, 2009 Meeting
File: 0570.1 |
| COMMUNITY POLICING | 11.4 | Merritt RCMP Community Policing Officer February 2009 Meetings and Presentations; Tina Acreman and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Memorandum
File: 7500.1 |
| PROCLAMATION | 11.5 | Proclamation: "Oral Health Month" April 2009
File: 0630 |
| FEDERAL FUNDING | 11.6 | Federal Funding - Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program; Christine Cass, Program Officer, Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage March 12, 2009 Letter
File: 0135 |
| MFA CREDIT RATING | 11.7 | MFA Credit Rating "AAA" affirmed; Allison Boyd, Executive Assistant, mfa March 11, 2009 Letter
File: 1691 |

- LITERACY AWARDS** 11.8 The Canada Post Community Literacy Awards; Robert Waite; Senior Vice-President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Canada Post Letter
File: 0250
- AIR QUALITY PLANNING** 11.9 Merritt Air Quality Planning Process; Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment Letter
File: 0135

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Services Manager**

Confirmed on the 14th Day of April, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**