



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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

Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Ms. C. Marleau, Deputy Leisure Services Manager
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Development Services Technician
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.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Stephanie Johnson, 1676 Greig Street and on behalf of Jeff Johnson, Margaret and Ken Johnson - expressing concern that the proposed shed referred to in Development Permit 2008-I will severely impact the view from their property and lessen their enjoyment.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

0096/09

4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 be adopted

4.2 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0097/09

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

**MERRITT
AMBASSADOR TEAM**

5.1 Merritt Ambassador Team; Councillor M. Goetz March 25, 2009
Letter
File: 0250

The 2009 Merritt Youth Ambassadors - Lin Sherwood, Sarah Simon and Shayla Marie Muir-Holder - were introduced and addressed Council

**NICOLA VALLEY FISH
AND GAME CLUB**

5.2 Nicola Valley Fish and Game Club; Bill Otway April 01, 2009
Letter
File: 0250

Bill Otway addressed Council and requested support in principle for a hatchery to be volunteer built and maintained in Spences Bridge in effort to rebuild the sport fishery

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**BANNERS AND
RANCH GATES**

6.1 Walk of Stars - Banners & Poles; Administrator's March 30, 2009
Memorandum
File: 0381 and 3060

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0098/09

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

Voting opposed: Councillor Baker

**MERRITT YOUTH
SOCCER**

- 6.2 Merritt Youth Soccer – Grant(s) for New Soccer Fields at Central Park; Administrator’s March 26, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0250 and 1854

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0099/09

THAT Council approves allocation of a portion of Central Park, as previously identified in Council Resolution No. 0520/07, to develop a youth soccer field with the condition that field construction standards be approved by the City;

AND THAT the Merritt Youth Soccer Association provide information regarding the development of the soccer fields to the abutting residences

Voting opposed: Councillor Kroeker

7. **BYLAWS**

**LOAN
AUTHORIZATION-
DEEP AQUIFER WELL**

- 7.1 City of Merritt Deep Aquifer Well Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 2075, 2008
File: 3900.1993

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0100/09

THAT City of Merritt Deep Aquifer Well Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 2075, 2008 be adopted

<p>ZONING-300 LINDLEY CREEK ROAD</p>	<p>7.2</p>	<p>Returned by Mayor Roline for reconsideration pursuant to Section 131 of the <i>Community Charter</i> Rezoning Application - 300 Lindley Creek Road; Administrator's February 25, 2009 Memorandum File: 3360 RZ2009-01</p> <p>Moved, seconded and CARRIED</p>
<p>0101/09</p>		<p>THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2082, 2009 be given first reading Voting opposed: Councillor Murdoch</p> <p>Moved, Seconded and CARRIED</p>
<p>0102/09</p>		<p>THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2082, 2009 be given second reading Voting opposed: Councillors Hunter and Murdoch</p> <p>Moved, seconded and CARRIED</p>
<p>0103/09</p>		<p>THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2082, 2009 be forwarded to a Public Hearing Voting opposed: Councillors Hunter and Murdoch</p>
<p>FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN</p>	<p>7.3</p>	<p>City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2084, 2009 File: 3900.2084</p> <p>Moved, seconded and CARRIED</p>
<p>0104/09</p>		<p>THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2084, 2009 be adopted</p>

8. NEW BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT -
1701 VOGHT STREET

- 8.1 *Councillor Murdoch declared he was in conflict in respect of the following item and left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.*
Development Variance Permit Application 2008-I - 1701 Voght Street; Administrator's April 07, 2009 Memorandum; Jeff and Stephanie Johnson March 31, 2009 Letter; Robert Hack and Darch Osborne April 02, 2009 Letter; Ken and Margaret Johnson March 31, 2009 Letter
Petition to Oppose Home Hardware's Development Permit Variance
File: 3060 DP2008-I

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0105/09

THAT Development Permit Application 2008-I - 1701 Voght Street be issued in accordance with Option 3;

AND THAT a building permit not be issued at the location for the warehouse shed until a security for all works contained in Development Permit 2008-I is received

Voting opposed: Councillor Kroeker
Councillor Murdoch rejoined the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT -
2352 MCGORAN
PLACE

- 8.2 Development Variance Permit Application 2009-01 - 2352 McGoran Place; Development Services Officer's March 30, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3090 DVP2009-01

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0106/09

THAT Council approve the Development Variance Permit Application 2009-01 - 2352 McGoran Place

DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT-2026
GRANITE AVENUE

- 8.3 Development Permit Application 2009-A - 2026 Granite Avenue; Administrator's April 08, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3060 DP2009-A

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

0107/09

THAT Council waive the \$250.00 fee to amend a development permit application;

AND THAT Council approve the amendment to Development Permit 2009-A which removed the requirement for sprinklers on the proposed stage in Legacy Square

**LEGACY SQUARE
TASK FORCE**

8.4 Legacy Square Task Force Appointees
File: 0380.1

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0108/09

THAT Council appoint the following to the Legacy Square Task Force:

- **Mayor Susan Roline**
- **Marlie Worrin, Financial Services Manager**
- **Ron Sanders (Peter Moyes alternate)**
- **Norm Brigden**

**MOUNTAIN PINE
BEETLE/BIO ENERGY
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

8.5 Mountain Pine Beetle Feasibility Study - Contribution Agreement; Administrator's March 26, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0577

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0109/09

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to sign the Contribution Agreement for financial assistance under the Mountain Pine Beetle Program (CEDI);

AND THAT the City's funding contribution of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars be sourced from the Tourism and Economic Development (TED) discretionary account

ADOPT-A-ROAD

8.6 Adopt-A-Road; Clerk Typist March 19, 2009 Letter
File: 0556.1

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0110/09

THAT Council affirms its commitment to the Adopt-A-Road program and its undertaking within the program for the section of Nicola Avenue from Voght Street to Houston Street

**SPECIAL OCCASION
LIQUOR LICENCE**

8.7 Special Occasion Liquor Licence - Cascades Forest District Applicant; Deputy Leisure Services Manager's April 08, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4320.1

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0111/09

THAT Council approves the special occasion liquor licence application for the Cascade Forest District Slo Pitch Tournament to be held May 30-31, 2009 at Central Park

- CITY CENTRE BOARD** 8.8 Minutes; City Centre Board March 18, 2009 Meeting
File: 0380
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0112/09 **THAT Council request administration to provide a plan for the removal of dumpsters out of the downtown alley between the 2000 and 2100 blocks (aka "International Alley")**
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0113/09 **THAT Council endorse the City Centre Board's request that a representative from the Downtown Business Committee be invited to join the City Centre Board**
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0114/09 **THAT Council direct staff to compose a letter to the Tribal Council requesting a representative to represent First Nations interests on the City Centre Board following Leanne Joe's resignation from the City Centre Board**
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROCEDURE** 8.9 Energy Saving in City Buildings; Mayor's April 01, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0595
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0115/09 **THAT Council endorses the procedure on energy savings in City buildings**
- PILOT PROGRAM PROPOSAL** 8.10 Southern Interior Medevac - Proposal; Bob Gray and Jake Ootes, Southern Interior Medivac Group March 31, 2009 Letter
File: 0250
- Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0116/09 **THAT Council supports in principle the Southern Interior Medivac Group proposal for helicopter emergency service in southern Interior of British Columbia**

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- TOURISM READY IMPROVEMENTS** 11.1 Tourism Ready Improvements - Walk of Stars Society; Administrator's March 30, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0380
- BYLAW REPORT** 11.2 March 2009 Bylaw Report; Bylaw Service Officer's April 08, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4000
- MERRITT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS** 11.3 Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee March 18, 2009 Meeting
File: 0384
- AIR QUALITY** 11.4 Minutes; Air Quality Committee April 01, 2009 Meeting
File: 0375
- SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY** 11.5 Minutes; Spirit of BC Community Committee April 02, 2009 Meeting
File: 0570.1
- COMMUNITY POLICING** 11.6 Merritt RCMP Community Policing Office March 2009 Meetings and Presentations; Tina Acreman and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Memorandum
File: 7500.1
- BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA** 11.7 Business Improvement Areas of British Columbia; Andre Isakov, Administrative Officer, BIABC March 27, 2009 Letter
File: 0250
- COMMUNITY FUTURES** 11.8 Partners in Action Conference - October 04-07, 2009, Vernon, B.C.; Community Futures
File: 0390

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0117/09

THAT Councillor Kroeker be approved to attend the Partners in Action Conference October 04-07, 2009 in Vernon B.C.

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Services Manager**

Confirmed on the 28th Day of April, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**