



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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Mayor Susan Roline  
Councillor D. Baker  
Councillor H. Kroeker  
Councillor A. Murdoch  
Councillor S. Sanders

**REGRETS**

Councillor M. Goetz  
Councillor N. Hunter

**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  
Radio NL  
Shaw Cable

18 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0124/09

**THAT item 8.7 Grant application for Aquatic Centre, and 8.8 Grant application for DeWolf Way Enhancement, be added to the agenda**

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Ms Peggy Luker, 2266 Cleasby, spoke regarding feral cats on Merritt and her opinion that feeding a feral cat interferes with the natural cycle. Ms Luker also stated her opinion that the City needed an SPCA.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- 4.1 *Councillor Murdoch requested a correction to the minutes to reflect his leaving the meeting due to a conflict of interest re item 8.1. The minutes were corrected and it was*

0125/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 be adopted**

0126/09

- 4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

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NICOLA VALLEYS  
FORGOTTEN &  
FERAL FELINES  
SOCIETY

- 5.1 Angie Koczkur; Nicola Valleys Forgotten and Feral Felines Society Letter  
File: 0250

Ms Koczkur spoke about the Society she formed five years ago and the work and expense it has exerted towards resolving the feral cat program. Ms Koczkur provided written information on what programs work to reduce feral cat problems. She asked Council for \$24,000 per year financial support for a facility to house feral cat colonies and an adoption centre, and for Council to consider Animal Control Bylaw changes to allow for six cats in animal foster homes, and mandatory spay/neuter for both cats and dogs unless the owner is a licensed breeder.

*Following the delegation presentation, three people in the gallery spoke to Council regarding animal control in Merritt.*

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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**NICOLA VALLEY FISH  
AND GAME CLUB**

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

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

0127/09

**THAT the City of Merritt supports in principle that a hatchery be volunteer built and maintained in Spences Bridge in effort to rebuild the sport fishery**

7. BYLAWS

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**2009 TAX RATES**

7.1 2009 Tax Rates; Financial Services Manager's April 22, 2009  
Memorandum  
File: 3900.2085 and 2050

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0128/09

**THAT City of Merritt 2009 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2085, 2009 be given first reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0129/09

**THAT City of Merritt 2009 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2085, 2009 be given second reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0130/09

**THAT City of Merritt 2009 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2085, 2009 be given third reading**

8. NEW BUSINESS

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**WIDE AREA MOWER**

8.1 Wide Area Mower Tender Award; Public Works Manager's  
April 23, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 1220

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0131/09

**THAT Council awards the tender for a self propelled wide area mower to Greenway Equipment in the amount of \$56,263.21 including taxes**

**MERRITT MINOR HOCKEY** 8.2 Merritt Minor Hockey – Concession Operation Lease; Corporate Services Manager’s April 21, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 2240.09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0132/09

**THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the lease agreement with the Merritt and District Minor Hockey Association to use space at the arena to operate a concession for a term ending May 31, 2013**

**LAWN BOWLING** 8.3 Lawn Bowling Club Lease; Corporate Services Manager’s April 21, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 2831.19

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0133/09

**THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the lease agreement with the Merritt Lawn Bowling Club to provide a lease to the club for a five (5) year period**

**SENIOR’S RENTAL HOUSING** 8.4 Partnership to Create New Homes for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities; Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development April 08, 2009 Letter  
File: 4750

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0134/09

**THAT the information regarding the “Create New Homes for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Program” be disseminated to senior and social planning groups with a request for comment on the need and viability in Merritt**

**FOREST FORWARD** 8.5 Forest Forward; Natural Resources Canada  
File: 1854

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0135/09

**THAT Council supports the Municipal Emergency Coordinator making application for the Forest Forward grant**

**GAMESTOWN 2010** 8.6 GamesTown 2010; Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier and Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport Letter  
File: 0135

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**0136/09** **THAT Mayor Roline write a letter to schools in School District 58 encouraging participation in the Gamestown 2010 program**

**GRANT - AQUATIC CENTRE** 8.7 Background information circulated on table.  
File: 1853

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**0137/09** **THAT Council supports a Building Canada Fund grant application for mezzanine restoration, retrofitting and upgrading the existing dehumidification unit, replacing the ships ladder at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre**

**GRANT - DEWOLF WAY ENHANCEMENT** 8.8 Background information circulated on table.  
File: 1853

Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**0138/09** **THAT Council supports a Building Canada Fund grant application for the DeWolf Way Enhancement Project**  
Voting opposed: Councillor Murdoch

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9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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**WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** 11.1 Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee, April 01, 2009 Meeting  
File: 0572

**PROCLAMATION** 11.2 Proclamation: "Drinking Water Week 2009" May 03-09, 2009  
File: 0630

**POLICING SURVEY**

11.3 Policing Survey; S/Sgt Troy (T.D.) Gross, RCMP, NCO i/c  
Southeast District OCC April 09, 2009 Letter  
File: 1715

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:06 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Services Manager**

**Confirmed on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2009**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**