



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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Mayor Susan Roline  
Councillor D. Baker  
Councillor M. Goetz  
Councillor N. Hunter  
Councillor H. Kroeker  
Councillor A. Murdoch  
Councillor S. Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. Bohmer, Public Works Superintendent  
Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager  
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Development Services Officer  
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager  
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt News  
Shaw Cable

15 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0140/09

**THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting commencing on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 be adopted**

- 0141/09 4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 be adopted**
- 0142/09 4.3 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, May 05, 2009 be adopted**
5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions
- MOON SHADOWS RV & CAMPING 5.1 Water & Sewer Agreement - Moon Shadows RV & Camping; Claude Lelievre, President March 07, 2009 Letter Moon Shadows RV & Camping; Administrator's May 06,2009 Memorandum  
File: 2240.01
- 0143/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT Council directs preparation of a sewer servicing agreement between the City and Moon Shadows RV & Camping**
- 0144/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT Administration report to Council on why a Latecomers agreement and bylaw was not created in conjunction with the extension of services to Moon Shadows RV and Camping**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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**NICOLA VALLEYS  
FORGOTTEN &  
FERAL FELINES  
SOCIETY**

- 6.1 Angie Koczkur; Nicola Valleys Forgotten and Feral Felines Society Letter  
Request from Nicola Valleys Forgotten and Feral Felines Society; Financial Services Manager's May 05, 2009 Memorandum  
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.*

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0145/09

**THAT Administration be directed to prepare a draft variance to the Animal Control Bylaw to allow for 6 cats in Nicola Valley Forgotten and Feral Cat Society foster homes**

Voting opposed: Councillor Hunter

**DEEP PRODUCTION  
WELL**

- 6.2 Deep Well 21 Day Pump Test; Public Works Manager's May 07, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 1854.2

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0146/09

**THAT BC Groundwater be directed to not perform a 21 day pump test and to instruct Urban Systems Ltd to complete the well by March 31, 2010 so that the City can receive the grant funds;**

**AND THAT Administration be directed to seek approvals from Interior Health Authority based on information gathered in the 5 day pump test**

Voting opposed: Councillor Kroeker

7. BYLAWS

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ZONING - LINDLEY  
CREEK ROAD

7.1 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2082, 2009  
File: 3900.1894

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0147/09

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2082, 2009 be given third reading**

Voting opposed: Councillors Goetz, Hunter and Murdoch

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0148/09

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2082, 2009 be adopted**

Voting opposed: Councillors Goetz, Hunter and Murdoch

2009 TAX RATES

7.2 City of Merritt 2009 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2085, 2009  
File: 3900.2085

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0149/09

**THAT City of Merritt 2009 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2085, 2009 be adopted**

8. NEW BUSINESS

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AUTOMATED WASTE  
& RECYCLING  
COLLECTION

8.1 Considerations for an Automated Waste and Recycling  
Collection Program; Public Works Superintendent's May 06, 2009  
Memorandum  
File: 5360

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0150/09

**THAT Council give approval to the proposed automated collection program and establish timelines for implementation of the program including the addition of a curbside recycling collection in 2010**

**TRANSIT  
AGREEMENT**

8.2 BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement; Financial Services  
Manager's May 06, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 2240.63

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council endorses the Merritt and Area 2009/2010 Annual  
Operating Agreement between the City of Merritt, BC Transit  
and the Nicola Valley Transportation Society;

AND THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be  
authorized to execute the agreement

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0151/09

**THAT endorsement of the Merritt and Area 2009/2010 Annual  
Operating Agreement between the City of Merritt, BC Transit  
and the Nicola Valley Transportation Society be tabled until  
such time as the Nicola Valley Transportation Society presents  
its comments and concerns**

**CITY CENTRE BOARD**

8.3 Minutes; City Centre Board April 15, 2009 Meeting  
File: 0380

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0152/09

**THAT the City fund up to \$10,000 from the 2009 Tourism and  
Economic Development account for banners for downtown  
beautification**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0153/09

**THAT, providing it is in accordance with the conditions of the  
grant contract, Council endorses the name of Legacy Square  
being changed to Spirit Square**

0154/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT Helmuth Kanduth be appointed to the City Centre  
Board for a two (2) year term representing the Nicola Valley  
Community Arts Council;**

**AND THAT Kurt Christopherson be appointed as an alternate  
to the City Centre Board for a two (2) year term representing  
the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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*Councillor Sanders left the meeting at 10:22 p.m.*

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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**DEWOLF WAY  
ENHANCEMENT  
PROJECT**

11.1 DeWolf Way Enhancement Project - Open House Briefing;  
Public Works Manager's April 23, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 5400

**BUSINESS TAX  
RATES**

11.2 Business Tax Rates; Brian Benny, Director of Provincial Affairs,  
British Columbia April 08, 2009 Letter  
Class 6 - Business Tax Rate; Financial Services Manager's May  
04, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 2050

**HERITAGE  
COMMISSION**

11.3 Minutes; Heritage Commission April 20, 2009 Meeting  
File: 0546

**COMMUNITY  
POLICING**

11.4 Merritt RCMP Community Policing Office April 2009 Meetings  
and Presentations; Tina Acreman and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore  
Memorandum  
File: 7500.1

**BAILLIE HOUSE**

11.5 First Quarter Report; Merritt Visitor Information Centre, Baillie  
House  
File: 2240.48

**COMMUNITY  
FUTURES**

11.6 First Quarter Report; Community Futures Nicola Valley, Deanne  
Parise, Economic Development Officer, Community Futures  
April 22, 2009 Letter  
File: 2240.50

**MERRITT  
MARKETING GROUP**

11.7 First Quarter Report; Tourism Marketing, Merritt Marketing  
Group  
File: 2240.47

**PROCLAMATION**

11.8 Proclamation; "**Public Works Week**" May 17-23, 2009  
File: 0630

**AMBULANCE  
PARAMEDICS**

- 11.9 Support to Defend the Ambulance Emergency Response Services; John Strohmaier, Provincial President, CUPE Local 873  
April 15, 2009 Letter  
File: 0250

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:35 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Services Manager**

**Confirmed on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2009**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**