



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor N. Hunter
Councillor A. Murdoch
Councillor S. Sanders

REGRETS

Councillor D. Baker
Councillor H. Kroeker

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk
Ms. C. Marleau, Deputy Leisure Services Manager
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

46 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

- 3.1 Mr. Ron Colville, Manager, Eldorado Trailer Park, 1401 Nicola Avenue addressed Council regarding the application for rezoning to increase the number of mobile home spaces within the park

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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0155/09

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 be adopted

0156/09

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 be adopted

0157/09

4.3a Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 be adopted

4.3b **Recommendation:**

THAT Council provide direction on areas of focus for economic development so that efforts are in line with Council's Strategic Plan

Council agreed that the direction on areas of focus for economic development will evolve out of the strategic plan and will be understood as the strategic plan moves forward so there is no need for a resolution

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

**ZERO TOLERANCE
POLICY DOWNTOWN**

5.1 Zero Tolerance Policy in the Downtown Core; Jen Eaton, Country Bug Books & Gifts May 13, 2009 Letter
File: 0250

Ms. J. Eaton speaking for the businesses in the downtown core requested Council enforce a zero tolerance policy towards public drunkenness, drug use, loitering, spitting and the use of bicycles or skateboards on sidewalks

Mr. P. Flanagan addressed Council expressing the concerns of this delegation are indicative of the need for Merritt to move towards the establishment of community based policing

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RANGERS

5.2 Centennial Year for the Cadet Instructor Cadre; Rod Hughes, Commander, Commanding Officer March 11, 2009 Letter
File: 0250

Mayor Roline made a presentation to Angele Grenier in commemoration of the "Centennial Year" for the Cadet Instructor Cadre. The Rocky Mountain Ranger Cadets were also present and introduced themselves to Council.

WAYFINDER PROJECT

5.3 BC Wide Wayfinder Project; Michelle Loughery Murals May 19, 2009 Letter
File: 1854

No representative from Michelle Loughery Murals was present

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0158/09

THAT Council approve a letter of support indicating that Merritt would like to be an anchor community in the Wayfinder Project on the condition that there is no financial responsibility to the City of Merritt

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTIVE MOUNTAIN RACEWAY

6.1 Active Mountain Raceway Water/Sewer Agreement
File: 2240.01

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

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0159/09

THAT Council directs staff to extend the existing water and sewer servicing agreement with Active Mountain Raceway

LATECOMER
CHARGES

- 6.2 Moonshadows RV Park and Active Mountain Raceway Services Agreements – Latecomers Charge; Administrator’s May 20, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2240.01

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0144/09

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

Received for clarification

7. BYLAWS

OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY PLAN-
LINDLEY CREEK
ROAD

- 7.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2035, 2008; Administrator’s May 19, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3357 OCP2008-1

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0160/09

THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2035, 2008 be adopted

ZONING-NICOLA
AVENUE

- 7.2 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2086, 2009; Administrator’s May 05, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3360 RZ2009-02

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0161/09

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2086, 2009 be given first reading

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2086, 2009 be deferred until the owner of Eldorado Trailer Park, Social Planning Council, Economic Development Officer, Fire Chief and Development Services Officer can attend a Council meeting;

AND THAT any comments from interested parties be submitted in writing

8. NEW BUSINESS

2008 AUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

- 8.1 2008 Audited Financial Statements; Financial Services Manager's May 19, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1681

0162/09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council accepts the 2008 Audited Financial Statements

MERRITT ARENA
COMPRESSOR

- 8.2 Merritt Arena Compressor Tender Award; Deputy Leisure Services Manager's May 11, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2240.71

0163/09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council awards the tender for replacing the Merritt Arena compressor to Norlock Refrigeration in the amount of \$57,559.81 including all applicable taxes

DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT-GRANITE
AVENUE

- 8.3 Schoening Funeral Services Ltd. - 2113 Granite Avenue Development Permit Application; Administrator's May 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3060 DP2009-D

Councillor Goetz declared himself in a conflict of interest in respect to the following matter as a family member works at Schoening Funeral Services Ltd. Councillor Goetz left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

0164/09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approves Development Permit 2009-D - Schoening Funeral Services Ltd., 2113 Granite Avenue

Councillor Goetz returned to the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT-BELSHAW
STREET

- 8.4 Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) - 4155 Belshaw Street Development Permit Application; Administrator's April 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3060 DP2009-E

0165/09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approves Development Permit 2009-E - Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) , 4155 Belshaw Street

**DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT
AMENDMENT-
DEWOLF WAY**

8.5 JAI Investments Inc. - 3683 DeWolf Way Amendment to Development Permit Application; Administrator's May 05, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3060 DP2006-F

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0166/09

THAT Council approves the amendment to Development Permit 2006-F - JAI Investments Inc., 3683 DeWolf Way

**BOUNDARY
EXPANSION**

8.6 Boundary Expansion - 3011 Thorpe Avenue; Corporate Services Manager's May 20, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2240.39

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0167/09

THAT Council supports application for a boundary expansion to incorporate 3011 Thorpe Avenue into the City boundaries

TORCH RELAY

8.7 Torch Relay Celebrations Grant Application; Corporate Services Manager's May 20, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0570.3

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0168/09

THAT Council delegates the signing authority for the Celebration and Commemoration Program Grant to the Corporate Services Manager

BUSINESS CARDS

8.8 Business Card Logo; Mayor's May 20, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0110

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0169/09

THAT Council approves the use of the Country Music Capital of Canada logo on all City business cards with the City Mission Statement on the reverse;

AND THAT the business cards be printed in the new format as business cards are required

Voting Opposed: Councillor Murdoch

**MOUNTAINFEST
STREET MALL**

- 8.9 2009 Mountainfest Street Mall; Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce May 07, 2009 Letter
Chamber of Commerce Request for Barricades and Garbage Bins;
Financial Services Manager's May 19, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1854, 5325 & 0363

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0170/09

THAT Council approves the provision of the in-kind work for the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce Mountainfest Street Mall but instruct staff to drop off and pick up the barricades/garbage bins during normal working hours for Public Works employees and to empty the garbage bins on Friday and Monday

SHAW

- 8.10 Shaw Cable Equipment Replacement; Brad Paterson, Programming Supervisor Thompson Fraser Valley, Shaw TV May 08, 2009 Letter
Shaw Cable Letter Dated May 08, 2009; Financial Services Manager's May 19, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1700 & 5530

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0171/09

THAT the request from Shaw Cable requesting equipment replacement remain in and be dealt within the 2010 budget discussions

LILAC PROGRAM

- 8.11 Lilac Program with Bill Vander Zalm and Van's Nurseries; Deanne Parise-Brigden, Economic Development Officer, Merritt & the Nicola Valley May 01, 2009 Letter
Lilac Program with Bill Vander Zalm and Van's Nurseries;
Financial Services Manager's May 19, 2009 Memorandum
File: 6300.1

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0172/09

THAT the City continues with the Lilac Program for 2009 and instructs staff to purchase additional lilacs to be planted on City owned property

CLIMATE CHARTER 8.12 The Climate Charter and GHG Inventories; Tim Clarke, Senior Manager, KPMG Sustainability Services April 22, 2009 Letter
File: 0390

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0173/09

THAT Council directs staff to investigate in-house training offered through KPMG Sustainability Services for the Climate Charter and GHG Inventories inviting neighbouring communities

GREYHOUND

8.13 Greyhound Service; Dave Hickie, Operations Control and Regulatory Policy, Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp., May 06, 2009 Letter
File: 6900 & 0410.3

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0174/09

THAT the City sends a letter to Greyhound Service strongly opposing the application Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp. filed with the BC Passenger Transportation Board for a reduction of bus service to the City of Merritt;

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Province requesting that if Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp. be allowed to reduce service that the monopoly allowed to Greyhound by the Province be disallowed

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

TRANSCANADA
YELLOWHEAD
HIGHWAY
ASSOCIATION

10.1 TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association Annual General Meeting; Councillor H. Kroeker's May 20, 2009 Report
File: 0367

SILGA

10.2 SILGA Conference; Councillor S. Sanders Circulated Report
File: 0276

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- BYLAW REPORT** 11.1 Bylaw Report; Bylaw Services Officer's May 14, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4000
- PROCLAMATION** 11.2 Proclamation; "Access Awareness Day" June 06, 2009
File: 0630
- MFA PROGRAM** 11.3 MFA Program Dividends; Frank Leonard, Chair Municipality Finance Authority of BC April 20, 2009 Letter
File: 1691
- COMMUNITY WORKS FUNDS** 11.4 Acceleration of Community Works Funds Payments; Robert Hobson, President, UBCM April 21, 2009 Letter
File: 2240.46
- BC BOTTLE DEPOT ASSOCIATION** 11.5 Wholesale Reconstruction of the Product Stewardship System in BC; Neil Hastie, President & CEO, Encorp Pacific (Canada) April 28, 2009 Letter
File: 0250
- NESTLE WATERS** 11.6 Ban on Sale of Bottle Water; Gail Cosman, President, Nestle Waters April 20, 2009 Letter
File: 0250
- WEST NILE VIRUS** 11.7 2009 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative - Base Funding; Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer, UBCM April 23, 2009 Letter
File: 1854
- URBAN SYSTEMS-DEEP AQUIFER DEVELOPMENT** 11.8 May 05, 2009 Meeting with Council Regarding the Deep Aquifer Development Project; Brian Hobbs, P. Eng, Urban Systems May 12, 2009 Letter
File: 2280.30

0175/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report outlining the options regarding the Deep Aquifer Development and how the City is going to react to the advice received May 12, 2009 from Urban Systems

**MOUNTAIN PINE
BEETLE**

11.9 Mountain Pine Beetle DVD Presentation; Dalyce Brandt,
Coordinator, Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition Letter
File: 0371

0176/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT Council approves Mayor Susan Roline attending the
Rural Scenario Planning and Leadership Workshop held on
May 25, 2009 in Kamloops**

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 09th Day of June, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**