



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2009

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

REGRETS

Councillor H. Kroeker

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. Bohmer, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk
Ms. C. Marleau, Deputy Leisure Services Manager
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

8 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)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0184/09

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 be adopted

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0185/09

THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a report with possible solutions regarding enforcement of a zero tolerance policy towards drunkenness, drug use, loitering, spitting and the use of bicycles or skateboard on sidewalks in the downtown core

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0186/09

THAT the Minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 02, 2009 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

GOOD EARTH
COMPANY

5.1 Good Earth Company – Green Waste Facility Concept; The Good Earth Company and Thompson-Nicola Regional District Present a Vision for the Future of Composting and Reduction of Waste; Scott Fischer, Sunshine Valley Good Earth Company April 29, 2009 Letter
File: 5360 & 2280.38

Mr. Scott Fisher representing Good Earth Company and Mr. Don May representing the Thompson-Nicola Regional District presented to Council a vision for the future of composting and reduction of waste as a follow up to the Green Waste Facility Concept.

The presentation included a request that the City of Merritt provide a 2-5 acre piece of land on Airport Road.

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0187/09

THAT Administration be directed to prepare a report addressing the requests from the Good Earth Company and comments on the phases of the Green Waste Facility Concept as well as addressing how to move this project forward

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**TRANSIT
AGREEMENT**

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

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

Observations on the Proposed 2008/2009 Annual Operating Agreement; Alastair Murdoch, President, Nicola Valley Transportation Society Letter
File: 2240.63

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0188/09

THAT the City send a letter to BC Transit requesting an increase in service level to include the weekends;

AND THAT a copy of the letter be sent to the Minister;

AND FURTHER THAT the concerns from the Nicola Valley Transportation Society for 2010 be endorsed

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0189/09

THAT Council direct staff prepare a report on the cost (capital and operational) of installing garbage receptacles at the bus stops

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0190/09

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

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

**2009 STRATEGIC
PLAN**

- 8.1 City of Merritt 2009 Strategic Plan
File: 0540

Council presented their 2009 Strategic Plan with each Councillor presenting the area of the Strategic Plan championed by them

**DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT -
1988 NICOLA AVENUE**

- 8.2 Development Variance Permit Application - 1988 Nicola Avenue; Administrator's May 29, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3090 DVP2006-02

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0191/09

THAT Council tables the Development Variance Permit Application 2006-02 - 1988 Nicola Avenue pending further information;

AND THAT Councillor Baker discuss with School District No. 58 the possibility that the sign be available to Council as part of their Strategic Plan to include other community events and public information;

AND FURTHER THAT Administration clarify for Council if a term can be issued on a Variance Permit

**GRANT
APPLICATION**

- 8.3 Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Grant Application; Deputy Leisure Services Manager's June 01, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1854

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0192/09

THAT Council supports the pursuit of funding, through the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program, for upgrading the Merritt Memorial Arena compressor unit as well as for the installation of low flow, energy efficient toilets, urinals and sinks at the Merritt Memorial Arena, Merritt Civic Centre and the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre

**DISPOSAL OF
TABLES & CHAIRS**

8.4 Disposal of Tables and Chairs at the Civic Centre; Deputy Leisure Services Manager's June 03, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1630

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0193/09

THAT Council direct staff to advertise items for sale through public auction including the tables and chairs from the Civic Centre once City buildings have been provided with tables and chairs if required

Voting Opposed: Councillor Baker

SEWER AGREEMENT

8.5 Moon Shadows RV Park Sewer Agreement; Corporate Services Manager's June 03, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2240.37

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0194/09

THAT the execution of the provision of sewer services agreement between the City of Merritt and Active Mountain for the Moon Shadows RV Park be tabled pending clarification regarding the article of requirement for application to bring the property into City boundaries

**COMMUNITY
ADJUSTMENT
FUNDING**

8.6 Community Adjustment Funding Letter of Support; Patrick Lindsay, Manager, Community Futures Nicola Valley June 4, 2009 Letter
File: 1854

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0195/09

THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Community Adjustment Funding for the Highland Pellet Manufacturing to build and operate a wood pellet manufacturing facility

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0196/09

THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Community Adjustment Funding for Ascent Development Corp. (Sunrise Centre) for a commercial and residential development

- 0197/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Community Adjustment Funding for Xeri roX Productions Ltd. to purchase property and build a plant to produce a product called "Xericrete"**
- 0198/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Community Adjustment Funding for the Coldwater Indian Band to build a demonstration housing project**
- 0199/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Community Adjustment Funding for the Nooaitch Indian Band to create a "Cultural Camp"**
- 0200/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Community Adjustment Funding for the Lower Nicola Community Association to upgrade facilities**
- 0201/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Community Adjustment Funding for the Lower Nicola Indian Band to construct a Multicultural Arts and Heritage Centre**
- SIDIT 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8.7 SIDIT 3rd Annual General Meeting; Anita Rhodes, Administrative Assistant - SIDIT May 28, 2009 Letter File: 0410.9
- 0202/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT Mayor Roline attend the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) on June 24, 2009 at the Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna, B.C.**
- HANDHELD COMMUNICATION DEVICES 8.8 Use of Cell Phones and Other Handheld Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle; Al Hanet, President, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities May 28, 2009 Letter

Received for Information

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Nil

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

INSPECTION SERVICES	11.1	Inspection Services Report for First Quarter 2009; Building Safety and Inspection Services May 21, 2009 Memorandum File: 3800
AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE	11.2	Minutes; Air Quality Committee May 06, 2009 Meeting File: 0375
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	11.3	Minutes, Water Resource Advisory Committee May 06, 2009 Meeting File: 0572
COUNTRY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE	11.4	Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee May 13, 2009 Meeting File: 0384
SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	11.5	Minutes; Spirit of BC Community Committee May 14, 2009 Meeting File: 0570.1
CITY CENTRE BOARD	11.6	Minutes; City Centre Board May 20, 2009 Meeting File: 0380
TSN & KRAFT	11.7	TSN and Kraft Foods Contest to Broadcast Sportsdesk; David Finch May 14, 2009 Letter File: 0250
BOTTLED WATER	11.8	Bottled Water: Take Municipal Action in BC; Joe Cressy, Campaigns Coordinator, Polaris Institute May 28, 2009 Letter File: 0250
COMING EVENTS	11.9	Coming Events; Amy Thacker, Marketing Coordinator-Tourism, Gold Country Communities Society May 26, 2009 Letter File: 0382

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:32 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 23rd Day of June, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**