



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor N. Hunter
Councillor H. Kroeker

REGRETS

Councillor A. Murdoch
Councillor S. Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager
Ms C. Marleau, Deputy Leisure Services Manager
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

10 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0203/09

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 09, 2009 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

AIR QUALITY

5.1 Ralph Adams, Ministry of Environment presented an update on the air quality monitoring within the City of Merritt
File: 0375

WOOD STOVE
EXCHANGE

5.2 Tim Larsen, Wood Stove Exchange Program Coordinator; Air Quality Committee summary of the Wood Stove Exchange Program
File: 0375

0204/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council endorses the City of Merritt participating in the 2010 Wood Stove Exchange Program

RCMP

5.3 S/Sgt Scott Tod to report to Council
File: 7010
S/Sgt Tod provided an update on crime statistics and case burden and an overview of the RCMP's operations plan for the coming year

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ZERO TOLERANCE
POLICY DOWNTOWN

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

Zero Tolerance; Dr. E.A. Ladyman, D.V.M. June 04, 2009 Letter

Zero Tolerance - City Centre; Corporate Services Manager's June 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4000
Report received and no further action taken

**MOON SHADOWS RV
PARK SEWER
AGREEMENT**

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

Moon Shadows RV Park Sewer Agreement; Administrator's June 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2240.37

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0205/09

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the provision of sewer services agreement between the City of Merritt and Active Mountain for the Moon Shadows RV Park

**DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT -
1988 NICOLA AVENUE**

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

Development Permits and Development Variance Permits; Administrator's June 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3010

Councillor Baker advised the School District is amenable to posting City events and news on the proposed reader board.

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0206/09

THAT Council approve the Development Variance Permit Application 2006-02 - 1988 Nicola Avenue

7. BYLAWS

- CEMETERY
- 7.1 City of Merritt Cemetery Bylaw; Corporate Services Manager's June 04, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.2087
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0207/09
- THAT City of Merritt Cemetery Bylaw No. 2087, 2009 be given first reading**
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0208/09
- THAT City of Merritt Cemetery Bylaw No. 2087, 2009 be given second reading**
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0209/09
- THAT City of Merritt Cemetery Bylaw No. 2087, 2009 be given third reading**
- ZONING - 2301
LANGLEY STREET
- 7.2 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2088, 2009; Administrator's June 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3360 RZ2009-03
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0210/09
- That City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2088, 2009 be given first reading**
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0211/09
- THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2088, 2009 be given second reading**
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0212/09
- THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2088, 2009 be submitted to Public Hearing**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- ANNUAL REPORT 8.1 Annual Report; Financial Services Manager's June 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1870
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0213/09 **THAT Council adopts the Annual Report as presented**
- 2008 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION 8.2 2008 Statement of Financial Information; Financial Services Manager's June 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1871
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0214/09 **THAT Council adopts the 2008 Statement of Financial Information**
- SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE 8.3 Special Occasion Liquor License - Merritt Mixed Slo Pitch; Deputy Leisure Services Manager's June 16, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4320.01
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0215/09 **THAT Council approves the special occasion liquor license application for the Merritt Mixed Slo Pitch Tournament to be held July 18-19, 2009 at Central Park**
- MUNICIPAL SECURITY ISSUING RESOLUTION 8.4 Municipal Security Issuing Resolution - Fire Truck Purchase; Financial Services Manager's June 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1995
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0216/09 **THAT Council of the City of Merritt approves borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, as part of their 2009 Fall Issue, \$600,000 as authorized through loan authorization bylaw, City of Merritt Fire Truck Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1995, 2007;**
- AND THAT the Thompson-Nicola Regional District be requested to consent to the City borrowing over a twenty (20) year term and include the borrowing in the Thompson Nicola Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw**

**MUNICIPAL
SECURITY ISSUING
RESOLUTION**

8.5 Municipal Security Issuing Resolution - Deep Well; Financial Services Manager's June 17, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1993

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0217/09

THAT Council of the City of Merritt approves borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, as part of their 2009 Fall Issue, \$1,200,000 as authorized through loan authorization bylaw, City of Merritt Deep Aquifer Well Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 2075, 2008;

AND THAT the Thompson-Nicola Regional District be requested to consent to the City borrowing over a twenty (20) year term and include the borrowing in the Thompson Nicola Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw

QUARTERLY REPORT

8.6 Community Futures Nicola Valley 2nd Quarter Report; Deanne Parise, Economic Development Officer's June 10, 2009 Letter
File: 2240.50

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0218/09

THAT Council accepts the 2nd quarter report from Community Futures Nicola Valley

QUARTERLY REPORT

8.7 Merritt Visitor Information Booth 2nd Quarter Report; Baillie House Letter
File: 2240.49

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0219/09

THAT Council accepts the 2nd quarter report from Merritt Visitor Information Booth

QUARTERLY REPORT

8.8 Merritt Marketing Group 2nd Quarter Report; Merritt Marketing Group Letter
File: 2240.47

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0220/09

THAT Council accepts the 2nd quarter report from Merritt Marketing Group

**SPIRIT OF BC
COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE**

8.9 Minutes, Spirit of BC Community Committee June 04, 2009 Meeting
File: 0570.1

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0221/09

THAT Council authorizes \$2,000 to Spirit of BC Community Committee from the Tourism and Economic Development fund to cover upfront promotional costs for the Torch Relay, and that the funds be replaced should the grant application be successful

**WATER RESOURCE
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

8.10 Minutes, Water Resource Advisory Committee June 03, 2009 Meeting
Water Conservation Educators; Corporate Services Manager's June 18, 2009 e-mail
File: 0572

8.10 a Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0222/09

THAT Council supports the attendance of municipal planners and landscapers to a dialogue meeting on appropriate water-wise plants on October 07, 2009

CITY CENTRE BOARD

Minutes, City Centre Board June 17, 2009 Meeting
File: 0380

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0223/09

THAT Council permits the Spirit Square Task Force to place a time capsule in the Spirit Square

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0224/09

THAT Council directs staff to compile cost estimates for trees, garbage receptacles, lighting, benches and planters for Granite Avenue and Garcia Street improvements

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0225/09

THAT Council authorizes the temporary placement of black banner poles and banners in the City Centre for the Merritt Mountain Music Festival with the responsibility temporarily being the Merritt Walk of Stars Society

0226/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City Centre Board supports City of Merritt Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009 subject to an amendment of 9 (b) that would include a referral to the City Centre Board for sign applications where it pertains to the city centre

0227/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council directs staff to cut the weeds along Pooley Avenue prior to the Merritt Mountain Music Festival

KIDS HELP PHONE 8.12 Kids Help Phone; Bruce Jagger, Manager, Philanthropic Gifts
June 03, 2009 Letter
File: 1851

Letter received for information

BUILDING CANADA FUND APPLICATION 8.13 Building Canada Fund Application May 01, 2009 Deadline landfill Closure, Upgrading and Environmental Impact Reduction Project #26583; Greg S. Toma, MCIP, Chief Administrative Officer, Thompson-Nicola Regional District June 10, 2009 Letter
File: 0480

0228/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council directs Administration to write to the Honourable Stockwell Day, MP, Senator Nancy Green Raine and Harry Lali, MLA requesting their assistance in support of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's Building Canada Fund application for the landfill closure, upgrading and environmental impact project

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Goetz: THAT as part of Council's strategic plan item to be *Employer of Choice* City staff be provided with discounts to the Aquatic Centre

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

TRANS CANADA
YELLOWHEAD
HIGHWAY ASSOC
0229/09

10.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT approval is given for Councillor Kroeker to attend the mid term and Annual General meetings of the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNITY
POLICING

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

WEST NILE VIRUS

11.2 2009 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative-Larvacide; Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer, Local Government Program Services, UBCM May 28, 2009 Letter
File: 2320.46 & 5280.1

UBCM EXECUTIVE

11.3 Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive; UBCM June 2009 Letter
File: 0270

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Services Manager**

Confirmed on the 14th Day of July, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**