



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator
Mr. M. Bohmer, Public Works Supt.
Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Ms C Marleau, Deputy Leisure Services Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt News
Radio NL
Shaw Cable

11 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Mrs. Clara Norgaard - recommending that Council defer its decision on extension of the Active Mountain Raceway sewer/water agreement until after the Committee of the Whole July 28 with the Water User Management Group;
And applauding Council on moving ahead with water metering.

Ian Gordon - re proposed green waste facility, expressed concern about City giving up valuable airport lands for expanded composting. He indicated there were already significant odours from the composting site, and the well had been run dry. He encouraged Council to relocate the composting facility.

Mr. Ron Colville representing the owner of Eldorado Trailer Park stating he wasn't aware of any of the bylaw issues listed in the staff report and that these matters were regarding private property.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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0230/09

4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 be adopted

0231/09

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

WATER SERVICE
CONNECTION LEAK

5.1 Emergency Water Leak: Sheri Vilac, RN BSN June 17, 2009 Letter File: 0220

Ms Vilac requested that the City take appropriate measures to deal with water leaks in accordance with health and water conservation standards, and requested a written apology from the Public Works Managers with respect to how she was treated when dealing with the leak in front of her premises

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**GOOD EARTH
COMPANY**

- 6.1 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
Sunshine Valley Green Earth Company – Green Waste Facility Concept; Public Works Manager’s July 7, 2009 Memorandum
File: 5360 & 2280.38

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0232/09

THAT staff be directed to report back on the feasibility of incorporating a green waste facility on the property currently leased to the Sunshine Valley Good Earth Company for composting;

AND THAT staff report on the Sunshine Valley Good Earth Company water usage for the composting facility;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report on City costs to date with respect to the composting facility and provide Council with a copy of the agreement between the City and Sunshine Valley Good Earth Company

**BUS STOP GARBAGE
RECEPTACLES**

- 6.2 Bus Stop Garbage Receptacles; Public Works Superintendent’s July 7, 2009 Memorandum
File: 8500

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0233/09

THAT staff report back on the number of bus stops fronting residential property, and open a dialogue with the affected residents to see if they want a garbage receptacle in front of their residence;

AND THAT staff place an article in the City Page of the Merritt Herald seeking public input with respect to garbage receptacles at bus stops

CANADIAN
COUNTRY MUSIC
AWARDS

- 6.3 Information on Canadian Country Music Awards Venues and Prices
File: 0250

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0234/09

THAT Council be represented by Mayor Roline and Councillor Murdoch at the Canadian Country Music Awards in Vancouver to a maximum cost of \$2,500 funded from the Tourism and Economic Development account

7. BYLAWS

ZONING - 1401
NICOLA AVENUE

- 7.1 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2086, 2009; Administrator's June 25, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1894

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0235/09

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

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

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

Voting opposed: Councillors Goetz, Hunter, Murdoch, Kroeker and Sanders

CEMETERY

- 7.2 City of Merritt Cemetery Bylaw No. 2087, 2009
File: 3900.2087

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0236/09

THAT City of Merritt Cemetery Bylaw No. 2087, 2009 be adopted

**LAND USE
AMENDMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPROVAL
PROCEDURES**

0237/09

7.3 City of Merritt Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009
File: 3900.2076

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT City of Merritt Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009 be amended by adding to Section 9 (b) "Sign Development Permits for signage in Development Permit Area "City Centre" include a referral to the City Centre Board

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0238/09

THAT City of Merritt Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009 be given second reading as amended

Voting opposed: Councillor Sanders

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0239/09

THAT City of Merritt Land Use Amendment and Development Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 2076, 2009 be given third reading

Voting opposed: Councillor Sanders

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

**ACTIVE MOUNTAIN
RACEWAY**

0240/09

8.1 Active Mountain Raceway Water/Sewer Amending Agreement
File: 2240.01

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the matter of the Water/Sewer Amending Agreement for Active Mountain Raceway be deferred pending a meeting with the property owner to discuss the future of this property

**UNIVERSAL WATER
METERING - NEXT
PHASE(S)**

8.2 Universal Water Metering – Next Phases(s); Administrator’s June 18, 2009 Memorandum
File: 5620 & 1854.25

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT Council confirms support for a universal water meter installation program;

AND THAT Council provides a funding allocation in the 2010-2015 Financial Plan

Voting opposed: Councillors Baker, Goetz, Kroeker, Murdoch, Sanders

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0241/09

THAT Administration be directed to table the direction in Council resolution 0070/09 with respect to water metering implementation until further direction from Council

Voting opposed: Councillor Hunter

**CEMETERY
OPERATIONS**

8.3 Cemetery Operations; Public Works Manager’s July 07, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4100

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0242/09

THAT Council considers increasing the funding level for cemetery operations during the 2010-2013 budget deliberations if a higher level of maintenance is desired

Direction to staff to provide complete revenue/expense figures for budget consideration

BC HYDRO-END USE ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT 8.4 BC Hydro - End Use Assessment Agreement; Public Works Manager's July 07, 2009 Memorandum
File: 5280 and 2240

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0243/09

THAT Council enters into an agreement with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority to conduct an assessment of energy usage and opportunities for enhanced energy efficiency for Fairley Park Pumphouse, Collettville Pumphouse, and Voght Park Pumphouse, in the amount of \$15,681.75 including GST (funded by BC Hydro);

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

PROVINCIAL GRANT-TORCH RELAY 8.5 Provincial Grant - Olympic Torch Relay; Corporate Services Manager's July 02, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0570.3

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0244/09

THAT Council for the City of Merritt endorses a submission to the Olympic Torch Relay Community Grant Program for funding for the City's Olympic Torch Relation celebrations

ANIMAL CONTROL 8.6 Animal Control Bylaw; Corporate Services Manager's July 06, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4005

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0245/09

THAT discussion of potential changes to the Animal Control Bylaw be deferred until mid August, pending receipt of business plan information from the Nicola Valley Feral and Forgotten Feline Society

USE OF RVs AS TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION 8.7 Use of RVs as Temporary Accommodations: Corporate Services Manager's July 02, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4000

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0246/09

THAT Council endorse the RV Guest Accommodation on Private Property Policy and Procedure

NICOLA VALLEY PRO RODEO 8.8 Request for Banners Promoting the Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo; Dr. E.A. Ladyman, Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo Committee Member Letter
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT the City fund \$720 towards the cost of a banner advertising Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo Association events
Voting opposed: Councillors Baker, Kroeker, Murdoch, Sanders

LEVEL OF SERVICE - RCMP 8.9 RCMP Contract Requests for 2010 - 2011; Financial Services Manager's July 06, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1715

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0247/09

THAT Council instruct the Financial Services Manager to send the Letter of Approval in Principle to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General stating the City requires no additional RCMP officers for the 2010/2011 fiscal year;

AND THAT the City cannot agree at this time to the increases in accommodation charges budgeted for 2010/2011

POLICE SERVICES SURVEY 8.10 Police Services: Cost and Accountability; Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor, UBCM June 24, 2009 Letter
File: 0270

Council will complete the surveys and submit them for circulation to UBCM; Administrator to provide a copy of her completed survey to Councillor Murdoch

SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HOUSING APPLICATION 8.11 Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Housing Application; Frank Rizzardo, Merritt Rotary Club June 15, 2009 Letter
Density Options; Administrator's June 26, 2009 Memorandum
Leasing Municipal Lands/Buildings; Corporate Services Manager's June 30, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1854 - 6410 & 6750

This item was received for information only

**HEAVY INDUSTRY
MILL RATE**

0248/09

8.12 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to Union of BC Municipalities government associations for consideration:

“Heavy industry in British Columbia, both in mining and forestry, is struggling to remain competitive in world markets hit heavily by the economic down turn. In addition to the challenges of a faltering world economy, these industries are further challenged by high cost of extraction for low return and diminishing resources such as forestry decimated by pine beetle. Many of these industries are located in municipalities where that industry is the economic driver and major provider of employment in the community. Industrial shutdown in such a community can pose a threat to the continued viability of that community.

THEREFORE WHEREAS heavy industry is demanding relief from municipal taxes to ensure continued operation;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities economically rely heavily on the continued operation of those heavy industries both as a source of taxation revenue and job provision within the community;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to determine an equitable solution that will allow for taxation relief for heavy industry without shifting the taxation burden to residents and business or causing operational hardship to local government.”

**SPAYUM
DEVELOPMENTS**

0249/09

8.13 Requesting Letter of Support; Donna Robins, Acting General Manager, Spayum Developments Ltd. July 06, 2009, Letter File: 1853

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City of Merritt supports Spayum Developments application to the Community Adjustment Fund for a 1000 person capacity convention centre on their property in the City of Merritt

**SIBAC FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT**

- 8.14 SIBAC - Financial Management Procedure; Financial Services Manager's June 23, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2240.61

0250/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the City reduces its financial administration fee to the Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition (SIBAC) from \$2000 monthly to \$750 monthly effective July 2009 up to December 21/09 inclusive;

AND THAT the monthly fee includes the City's involvement in City auditors reviewing SIBAC's accounts as part of the City of Merritt's annual audited financial statements

Councillors Sanders left the meeting at 9:40 p.m. due to a conflict with the following item as she is related to the President of the Walk of Stars Society.

WALK OF STARS

- 8.15 Walk of Stars Society Request for Release of Budgeted Funds; Financial Services Manager's July 06, 2009 Memorandum
TED Funding; Robyn Grebliunas, Walk of Stars April 15, 2009 Letter
File: 0381

0251/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the City releases the \$15,000 budgeted funds to the Walk of Stars Society and looks forward to receiving the Society's report on how those funds were expended

Councillor Sanders returned to the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

**RETAIL INITIATIVE
CFDC**

- 8.16 Retail Initiative for the City of Merritt; Patrick Lindsay, CEO and General Manager, Community Futures Nicola Valley July 03, 2009 Letter
Business Licence for CFDC Initiative; Corporate Services Manager's July 08, 2009 Memorandum
File: 4320.2

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0252/09

THAT Council approves issuing an umbrella business licence to CFDC for the CFDC retail initiative for a retail "incubator program" under a category of (Indoor) Street Mall provided that all bylaw requirements are met

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Baker notice of motion to amend Procedure Bylaw with respect to length of Council meetings

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**INTEGRATED
SOURCE WATER
PROGRAM**

- 11.1 Integrated Source Water Program (ISWP); Administrator's June 24, 2009 Memorandum
File: 1854.23

**REPLACEMENT
SIDEWALKS**

- 11.2 2009 Sidewalk Replacement; Public Works Manager's July 07, 2009 Memorandum
File: 5400

**ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT OFFICE**

- 11.3 Interior to Lower Mainland Transmission Project; Brian Murphy, Project Assessment Director, Environmental Assessment Office June 10, 2009 Letter
File: 0135

**CELL PHONE AND
HIGH SPEED
INTERNET**

- 11.4 Cell Phone and High Speed Internet Services; Guy Duchaine, President, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce June 26, 2009 Letter
File: 5520

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| INSPECTION SERVICES | 11.5 | Inspection Services Report for Second Quarter; Building Safety and Inspections Services July 06, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3800 |
| QUEST - SOUTH PROJECT | 11.6 | QUEST - South Project; C.D. (Lyn) Anglin, PhD., PGeo., President and CEO, Geoscience BC Letter
File: 0250 |
| LAWN BOWLING COST SUMMARY | 11.7 | Lawn Bowling Clubhouse Building Cost Summary; Public Works Superintendent's June 30, 2009 Memorandum
File: 6240.3 |
| COMMUNITY POLICING | 11.8 | Merritt RCMP Community Policing Office June 2009 Meetings and Presentations; Jessica McDiarmid and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Memorandum
File: 7500.1 |

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Services Manager**

Confirmed on the 28th Day of July, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**