



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

#### COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009

AT 500 PM

1. PRESENT:

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Mayor Susan Roline  
Councillor D. Baker (5:15 pm)  
Councillor M. Goetz  
Councillor H. Kroeker  
Councillor A. Murdoch

**REGRETS**

Councillor N. Hunter  
Councillor S. Sanders

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. J. Bridarolli, Administrator  
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

3 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

3. REPORTS

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**BYLAW  
ENFORCEMENT**

- 3.1 Bylaw Enforcement; Corporate Services Manager's August 12, 2009 Memorandum  
Bylaw Statistics May-June-July 2009  
File: 4005

Discussion about the protocols currently followed by Bylaw Services with respect to enforce. Council members expressed concern about the number of complaints they were receiving with respect to how members of the public felt they were being treated.

The Corporate Services Manager explained that Bylaw Services, with the exception of parking violations, does not ticket without first going to considerable lengths to gain compliance.

Mr. Smyth, in the gallery, addressed Council with respect to the ticket he was served for failing to observe the truck route. Council had considerable discussion on the merits of the current truck route and needed changes, and whether exemption should be provided to truck owners who live in Merritt.

Council determined that they wish to review all of the regulatory bylaws to ensure that the provisions fit the intent of this Council. Committee of the Whole meetings will be scheduled prior to regular Council meetings (when there isn't a Special In Camera Scheduled) for this purpose.

Councillor Murdoch requested information with respect to how much revenue bylaw fines have generated.

Recommendation for consideration at regular Council:

**THAT bylaw enforcement continues on a complaint driven and as noticed basis**

4. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:40 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Services Manager**

**Confirmed on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2009**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**