



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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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. S. Boven, Public Works Manager  
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager  
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald  
Merritt News  
Q101  
Shaw Cable

7 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES

0317/09

4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

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COMMUNITY  
POLICING OFFICE

5.1 S/Sgt Scott Tod addressed Council about the role and importance of the Community Policing Office  
File: 7500.1

GOLD  
COUNTRY/GEO  
TOURISM

5.2 Gold Country Communities Society and Geo Tourism Program; Amy Thacker and Tanya Wong, Gold Country Communities Society presentation regarding the direction of the Society and the excellent results of the new Geotourism program  
File: 0382

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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STREET LIGHTING

6.1 Street Lighting on Douglas Street; Darrel Brooks July 19, 2009  
Letter  
File: 0220

Tracy Brooks, 1434 Douglas Street and Paulette Lortrie, 1401 Douglas Street, requested street lighting in their neighbourhood for safety reasons

Streetlight Request; Public Works Manager's October 07, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 5400

Mr. Boven advised that five street lights would be requested for the area for installation by BC Hydro

7. BYLAWS

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TAX EXEMPTION

7.1 Amendment to City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2091, 2009; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager's October 07, 2009 Memorandum  
File: 3900.2091 and 2080

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0318/09

**THAT Council rescinds the third reading of City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2091, 2009**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0319/09

**THAT City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2091, 2009 be amended by adding under Section 5:  
Lot 3, Plan KAP58641, D.L. 121, K.D.Y.D. (Nicola Native Lodge Society)**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0320/09

**That City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2091, 2009 be given third reading as amended**

8. NEW BUSINESS

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MERRITT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

8.1 Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2009  
File: 0384

8.1(a) Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0321/09

**THAT City staff set up and take down barricades for the Country Christmas parade as per the previous year, including the Civic Centre parking lot**  
*Request to Public Works Manager to coordinate barricades so that transit service is not impeded or interrupted*

8.1(b) Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0322/09

**THAT City staff place a reminder on the City page in the Merritt Herald, and in the Merritt News, and as a public service announcement on Q101 radio, reminding everyone to not park on the Country Christmas parade route after 4:00 p.m. on parade day**

- 8.1 (c) Recommendation regarding combining Country Christmas with Spirit Square grand opening – Mayor Roline advised that Country Christmas Parade is on Friday November 27 and Spirit Square ceremony will be on Saturday November 28
- 8.1(d) Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0323/09 **THAT City staff invite all neighbouring municipalities to enter their floats and participate in the parade (same letters as sent in 2008)**
- CREMATION PLOTS 8.2 Request for two (2) Cremation Plots; Wendy L. Taylor Letter File: 4100
- 0324/09 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- THAT the request from the Taylor family for two (2) cremation lots out of sequence be granted**
- NICOLA TRIBAL ASSOCIATION/ SPIRIT SQUARE ART 8.3 Request for Letter of Support for Grant Application for Aboriginal Artwork for Spirit Square; Amber Papou October 07, 2009 Letter File: 1854
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 0325/09 **THAT Council supports the grant application to Aboriginal Arts Development Awards for Aboriginal Artwork for Spirit Square**
9. NOTICES OF MOTION
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10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL
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- PARTNERS IN ACTION 10.1 Councillor Kroeker report on “Partners in Action” conference held in Vernon October 4-7, 2009
11. INFORMATION ITEMS
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- SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 11.1 Minutes; Spirit of BC Community Committee September 03, 2009 Meeting File: 0570.1

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| <b>WATER RESOURCE<br/>ADVISORY<br/>COMMITTEE</b> | 11.2 | Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee September 09, 2009 Meeting File: 0572   |
| <b>PRIME-BC</b>                                  | 11.3 | User Fee for the Police Records Information Management Environment of British Columbia (PRIME-BC); Honourable Kash Heed, Solicitor General's September 22, 2009 Letter File: 1705          |
|  |      | Moved, Seconded and <b>CARRIED</b>   |
| <b>0326/09</b>                                   |      | <b>THAT the City write a letter to the Solicitor General protesting the additional costs for PRIME-BC and escalating police costs without appropriate consultation with municipalities</b> |
| <b>PROVINCIAL ARTS<br/>CUT</b>                   | 11.4 | Notice of Motion - Provincial Arts Cuts; Richard Stewart, Mayor, City of Coquitlam September 24, 2009 Letter File: 0200 & 0135   |
| <b>PROCLAMATION</b>                              | 11.5 | Proclamation - " <b>Foster Family Month in British Columbia</b> "; October, 2009 File: 0630  |
| <b>INTERIOR HEALTH</b>                           | 11.6 | H1N1 and Pandemic Information for Municipalities; Interior Health September 17, 2009 Letter File: 0500   |
| <b>THOMPSON<br/>OKANAGAN<br/>TOURISM</b>         | 11.7 | Thompson Okanagan Tourism 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Tourism Summit and Annual General Meeting; November 12-13, 2009 Kelowna, B.C. File: 0390  |
| <b>CLIMATE CHARTER</b>                           | 11.8 | The Climate Charter and GHG Inventories; Tim Clarke, Senior Manager, KPMG Sustainability Services September 24, 2009 Letter File: 0390   |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Services Manager**

**Confirmed on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2009**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**