



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk
Ms. C. Marleau, Deputy Leisure Services Manager
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News (*arrived at 7:23 p.m.*)
Q101.1
Shaw Cable

5 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)

**POLICE COMMUNITY
LIAISON
COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 Patrick Flannigan representing the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce explained on the concepts of the proposed liaison safety committee
File: 0363

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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0327/09

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2009 be adopted

0328/09

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 be adopted

0329/09

4.3 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

**SOUTHERN
INTERIOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION**

5.1 Southern Interior Local Government Association; Councillor Ida Makaro, Director, Southern Interior Local Government Association August 20, 2009 Letter
File: 0276

Ida Makaro, Southern Interior Local Government Association Director at Large made a presentation to Council entitled "SILGA - Awareness is Opportunity"

CULTURAL TOURISM

5.2 Conference or Seminar on Cultural Tourism Spring 2010; Jim Bruce, President, Merritt Live Theatre Society September 10, 2009 Letter
File: 1854

Jim Bruce, President, Merritt Live Theatre Society presented to Council the concept of Merritt hosting a conference/seminar on Cultural Tourism in the spring of 2010

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY
POLICING OFFICE

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

Council direction that the Community Policing Office item be tabled pending more information and a discussion held for direction in the downtown area with Councils' expectations outlined and taking into consideration the new program being brought forward by the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce

Council supports the intent of moving forward and agrees to continue the program for six (6) months on the provision that the program be seriously reviewed

7. BYLAWS

TAX EXEMPTION

- 7.1 City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2091, 2009
File: 3900.2091

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0330/09

THAT City of Merritt Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2091, 2009 be adopted

8. NEW BUSINESS

STAFFING LEVELS

- 8.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0331/09

THAT a temporary hiring freeze for permanent positions be implemented until the budget process is further along - January 01, 2010;

AND THAT the hiring freeze does not apply to any union position currently funded and staffed which becomes vacant

AUTOMATED WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

8.2 *Council directed staff prepare a report with payment options for residents, marketing of the program and benefits of the program for the October 27, 2009 Regular Council meeting*

Marketing and Benefits to Curbside Collections and Recycling; Public Works Superintendent's October 22, 2009 Memorandum File: 6365

Automated Collection Program/Curbside Recycling Cart Costs; Financial Services Manager's October 22, 2009 Memorandum File: 1705

Council directed staff to provide more information including comments of experience from other communities with similar systems in use such as how the program worked, size of containers, if an increase in recycling products and a reduction in solid waste was determined, if recycling depots experienced more or less use, arms on the garbage truck, the financial impact and confirmation of increase in user fees being reduced over a five (5) year period

MERRITT CURLING CLUB LEASE

8.3 Merritt Curling Club Lease; Corporate Services Manager's October 06, 2009 Memorandum File: 2381.12

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0332/09

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to execute the lease agreement between the City of Merritt and the Merritt Curling Club

BUSKING

8.4 Busking; Bylaw Services Officer's October 15, 2009 Memorandum File: 4000

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0333/09

THAT the Busking Program continue;

AND THAT staff be directed to formulate the regulations into a Busking Policy with consultation from the City Centre Board

Council requested written comments within thirty (30) days from City Centre Board addressing the amount of time buskers will be allowed to spend in Spirit Square

COMMUNICATION PLANS 8.5 Communication Plans; Corporate Services Manager's October 21, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0595

0334/09

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council adopt the Communications Plans Policy

CLAYBANKS RV PARK AGREEMENT RENEWAL 8.6 Claybanks RV Park Agreement - Renewal; Deputy Leisure Services Manager's October 21, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2320.19

Council directed staff to provide more information including clarification of revenues generated by the park for the period of 2004-2008 as well as the amount paid by the City to the contractors as per the current agreement (section 3.7) for the period of 2004-2008, why this agreement was not sent to tender as per the City's Purchasing Policy, how many times the park was filled to capacity and how many adults are allowed before the additional adult fee is charged (Schedule "A")

WATER RESERVOIR & BOOSTER STATION 8.7 Water Reservoir & Booster Station Cost to Complete; Claude Lelievre, President, CEO, Active Mountain Resort September 14, 2009 Letter
File: 1854.1

Active Mountain Reservoir; Administrator's October 20, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1982

Active Mountain Development - Building Permit; Building Safety and Inspection October 20, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3800

Active Mountain Reservoir; Financial Services Manager's October 14, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3900.1982

Council direction that the discussion regarding the Water Reservoir and Booster Station be tabled waiting further information from Active Mountain Resort

POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE 8.8 Police Community Liaison Committee; Etelka Gillespie, Acting President, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce August 18, 2009 Letter
File: 0363

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0335/09

THAT Council defer a decision regarding the Police Community Liaison Committee pending further meetings with the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce

MERRITT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE 8.9 Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee October 08, 2009 Meeting
File: 0384

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0336/09

THAT the City work with the Merritt Country Christmas Committee to have the lower foyer of City Hall decorated for Country Christmas

WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8.10 Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee October 07, 2009 Meeting
File: 572

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0337/09

THAT consideration of the request from the Water Resource Advisory Committee for a budget of eighteen thousand (\$18,000) dollars for 2010 be referred to budget discussions

HERITAGE COMMISSION 8.11 Budget Request; Carol Madryga, Director, Heritage Commission October 17, 2009 Letter
File: 1705

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0338/09

THAT consideration of the request from the Heritage Commission for a budget of twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars for 2010 be referred to budget discussions

- CITY CENTRE BOARD 8.12 Minutes; City Centre Board October 21, 2009 Meeting
File: 0380
- 0339/09 8.12a Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT City staff be utilized to do preliminary drafts of possible one way traffic patterns providing angle parking on the 1900-2100 blocks of Quilchena Avenue with traffic flowing in the west to east direction from Planet Fitness to Q101.1 building**
- 0340/09 8.12b Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT City install three (3) or four (4) benches on Garcia Street from Quilchena Avenue to Coutlee Avenue and the intersection of Coutlee Avenue and Garcia Street on a trial basis;**
- AND THAT the benches have an arm rest in the middle**
- 8.12c Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 0341/09 **THAT the City fund up to three thousand (\$3000) dollars from the Tourism and Economic Development (TED) budget to match funds raised for the Spirit Square Grand Opening**
Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Kroeker
- BOSTON PIZZA 8.13 Application to Extend Current Liquor Licensing to Allow "Patron Participation"; Leanne Dixon, Franchisee, Boston Pizza
October 16, 2009 Letter
File: 4320.4
- 0342/09 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- THAT the City of Merritt supports the application request from Boston Pizza to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for a permanent change to their liquor license to allow "Patron Participation" within its establishment**

**2009 COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS PARADE
FLOAT**

8.14 City of Merritt 2009 Country Christmas Parade Float; Councillor Sanders October 21, 2009 Recommendation
File: 5325

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0343/09

THAT the City of Merritt float entry to the 2009 Country Christmas Parade be coordinated by the Spirit of BC Community Committee;

AND THAT a budget to a maximum amount of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars be allocated to the Spirit of BC Community Committee for this project

**RECYCLING
COUNCIL OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA**

8.15 Recycling Council of British Columbia Membership; Brock Macdonald, Executive Director, Recycling Council of British Columbia October 13, 2009 Letter
File: 5365

Received for information only

**CANADIAN COAST
GUARD**

8.16 Transfer of Canadian Coast Guard from DFO to Public Safety Ministry and Destaffing of Lighthouse Stations; Jim Abram, Director, Strathcona Regional District September 29, 2009 Letter
File: 0200

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0344/09

THAT a letter supporting the transfer of the Canadian Coast Guard from Department of Fisheries and Oceans to Public Safety Ministry be sent to the Ministry of Public Safety;

AND THAT a letter supporting the staffing of lighthouse stations on both Canadian coasts be sent to the Ministry of Public Safety

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker, Goetz and Murdoch

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

CITY CENTRE BOARD	11.1	Minutes, City Centre Board September 16, 2009 Meeting File: 0380
SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	11.2	Minutes, Spirit of BC Community Committee October 05, 2009 Meeting File: 0570.1
AIR QUALITY	11.3	Minutes, Air Quality Committee October 07, 2009 Meeting File: 0375
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS	11.4	Minutes; Environmental Awareness Committee October 08, 2009 Meeting File: 0578
BUILDING SAFETY AND INSPECTION	11.5	Inspection Services Report for Third Quarter 2009' Building Safety and Inspections Services October 15, 2009 Memorandum File: 3800
BYLAW REPORT	11.6	Bylaw Report; Bylaw Services Officer's October 14, 2009 Memorandum File: 4050
COMMUNITY POLICING	11.7	Merritt RCMP Community Policing Office September 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 9:45 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 10th Day of November, 2009

**Original signed by
Mayor**