



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

#### COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2009

AT 5:00 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**

Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager  
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Development Services Officer  
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager

Merritt Herald

Karen Irving, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce  
Mae Ketter, CFDC  
Doug Beech, Century 21  
Etelka Gillespie, Merritt Herald, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce  
Guy Duchene, VSA, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce  
Deanne Parise, CFDC  
Patrick Lindsay, CFDC  
Peter Moyes, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ATTRACTING  
BUSINESS**

3. **REPORTS**

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- 3.1 Round table discussion on what issues are impediments to businesses relocating to Merritt - price of land, taxes, lack of power - and what action City Council could take to make Merritt more investor friendly. Suggestions that BC Assessment is not consistent in assessments, and the at DCC's need to be adjusted, as well as payment of fees spread out. Other discussion involved creating a booklet (Langford's was provided as a sample), reinstating the Development Facilitation Board, and advertising as Merritt "open for business".

Council will put forward a recommendation to the regular Council meeting that a task force be struck to review the City's development process and fees.

4. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:32 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Services Manager**

**Confirmed on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2009**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**