



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

REGRETS

Councillor A. Murdoch

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Ms C. Marleau, Deputy Leisure Services Manager
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

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14 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)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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0345/09

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 be adopted

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0346/09

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, November 03, 2009 be adopted

4.3 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0347/09

THAT the Minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 03, 2009 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

HIGHWAY
DIRECTIONAL
SIGNAGE

0348/09

5.1 Revised Ideas/Renderings for new Highway Signage; Julian Malinksy, Ministry of Transportation October 28, 2009 Letter File: 0410.3

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the request for support for new highway signage be dealt with this evening

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0349/09

THAT Council supports the Ministry of Transportation moving towards international symbol signage and improving information signage in the Merritt vicinity

LIGHT POLLUTION
ISSUES

5.2 Light Pollution Issues; Paul Greenhalgh, Fraser Valley Astronomers Society and Merritt Astronomical Society October 25, 2009 Letter File: 0375

Request that the City consider light pollution as an environmental issue and take steps to mitigate wherever possible and whenever reviewing new projects.

EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES RECOGNITION

- 5.3 Mayor Roline made a presentation to Emergency Social Services on behalf of the Thompson Nicola Regional District, recognizing their assistance during the 2009 Wildfire season
File: 0553.1

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CLAYBANKS RV PARK AGREEMENT RENEWAL

- 6.1 Claybanks RV Park Agreement - Renewal; Deputy Leisure Services Manager's November 10, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2320.19

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to extend the agreement between the City of Merritt and J&R Park Services for the operation management of Claybanks RV Park, including all amendments, for a five (5) year term starting on January 01, 2010 and expiring on December 31, 2014.

Voting opposed: Councillors Baker, Goetz and Sanders

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorized to extend the agreement between the City of Merritt and J&R Park Services for the operation management of Claybanks RV Park including all amendments, except the one allotting use of the overflow "on an as needed basis", for a one (1) year term starting on January 01, 2010 and expiring on December 31, 2010;

AND THAT the provision of management services for Claybanks RV Park go to public tendering in April 2010 allowing for staff to review/amend some of the terms and references (i.e. defining when to apply the "extra adult" charge, how attendance is recorded, etc)

Voting opposed: Councillors Hunter and Kroeker

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7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

2625 JACKSON
AVENUE

- 8.1 2625 Jackson Avenue - Driveway Crossover; Public Works Manager's November 04, 2009 Memorandum
File: 5400

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT the City install a new driveway crossover at 2625 Jackson Avenue to mitigate drainage issues

Voting opposed: Councillors Baker, Goetz, Kroeker and Sanders

CEMETERY PLOT

- 8.2 Request for Plot 73, Section BB, Row 4 at Pineridge Cemetery; Brenda and Brent Campbell October 28, 2009 Letter
File: 4100

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0351/09

THAT the request by Brent and Brenda Campbell to purchase Plot 73, Section BB, Row 4 at Pineridge Cemetery (out of sequence) be granted

CLAYBANKS RV
PARK PAVING

- 8.3 Claybanks RV Park Paving; Jack and Rosemary McNeil October 25, 2009 Letter
Claybanks RV Park Paving; Public Works Manager's October 29, 2009 Memorandum
File: 6140

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0352/09

THAT the request of support for paving Claybanks RV Park be deferred to the budget process and if desirous to complete the work; it be completed with contracted forces

**ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS**

8.4 Minutes; Environmental Awareness Committee October 22, 2009
Meeting
File: 0578

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0353/09

THAT Council endorse the goals of the Environmental Awareness Committee as identified in the October 22, 2009 committee minutes which include

#1 - A complete informational brochure on how to recycle and re-use unwanted items.

#2 - Make Merritt more bicycle friendly with possible use of Gas Tax funds.

#3 - Develop a strategy to reduce landfill waste by 10% in the next year.

#4 - Determine criteria to run a program to find the 'greenest' person in Merritt/campaign for Earth Day

#5 - Encourage the City to be more environmentally friendly by reviewing City Center Plans and Bylaws. Look at lights, infrastructure and create efficient traffic patterns

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS**

11.1 Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee October 28, 2009
Meeting
File: 0384

**BUILDING CANADA
FUND**

11.2 Funding Confirmation; Rosita Petruzzelli, Senior Advisor,
Marine and Infrastructure Development Branch, Ministry of
Transportation and Infrastructure October 19, 2009 Letter
File: 1854

PROCLAMATION

11.3 Proclamation; **Restorative Justice Week**, November 15-22, 2009
File: 0630

**COMMUNITY
POLICING**

11.4 Merritt RCMP Community Policing Office October 2009
Meetings and Presentations; Jessica McDiarmid and Cst. Tracy
Dunsmore Memorandum
File: 7500.1

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**PEOPLE
CONGREGATING**

- 11.5 Quilchena Avenue Issues of People Congregating; Patrick Lindsay, CEO & General Manager, Community Futures Nicola Valley Letter
File: 4000

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:46 p.m.

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

Corporate Services Manager

Confirmed on the 24th Day of November, 2009

Mayor