



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor H. Kroeker

REGRETS

Councillor N. Hunter
Councillor A. Murdoch
Councillor S. Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. Bohmer, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. R. Tolerton, Corporate Services Manager
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt News
Shaw Cable

5 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)

Mr. Mike Kind, Real Estate certified professional on behalf of developers of 2799 Clapperton requesting support for variance

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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0371/09

4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 08, 2009 be adopted with a correction to show Councillors Goetz and Hunter voting opposed to item 6.2

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEILSON STREET

0290/09

6.1 Neilson Street Paving; Administrator's August 19, 2009 Memorandum
File: SD2008-13, 3090 DVP2008-05, 3357 OCP2008-06 and 3360 RZ2008-11

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the matter of Neilson Street paving be deferred pending a meeting between staff and the affected property owners, with a report back to Council;

AND THAT the Public Hearing for City of Merritt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2059, 2008 and City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2058, 2008 be delayed until the matter of Neilson Street paving is resolved

Neilson Street Paving; Development Services Officer's December 15, 2009 Memorandum
File: 3357 & 3360

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0372/09

THAT this matter be deferred pending a report from Administration regarding whether the other half of paving on Neilson Street could be funded as a Local Area Service project
Voting opposed: Councillor Baker

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

**COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULE**

- 8.1 2010 Council Meeting Schedule; Deputy Clerk's December 14, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0590

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0373/09

THAT Council approve the following schedule of Regular Council meetings for 2010:

**Tuesday January 12, 2010
Tuesday January 26, 2010
Tuesday February 09, 2010
Tuesday February 23, 2010
Tuesday March 09, 2010
Tuesday March 23, 2010
Tuesday April 13, 2010
Tuesday April 27, 2010
Tuesday May 11, 2010
Tuesday May 25, 2010
Tuesday June 08, 2010
Tuesday June 22, 2010
Tuesday July 13, 2010
Tuesday July 27, 2010
Tuesday August 10, 2010
Tuesday August 24, 2010
Tuesday September 14, 2010
Tuesday September 21, 2010
Tuesday October 12, 2010
Tuesday October 26, 2010
Tuesday November 09, 2010
Tuesday November 23, 2010
Tuesday December 14, 2010**

**NICOLA FAMILY
THERAPY**

- 8.2 Nicola Family Therapy - Lease 2185A Voght Street; Corporate Services Manager's December 08, 2009 Memorandum
File: 2280.21

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0374/09

THAT the lease for Nicola Family Therapy at 2185A Voght Street be extended to December 31, 2010 at the current rate of \$625.00 per month

**DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT-
2799 CLAPPERTON
AVENUE**

8.3 Development Variance Permit - 2799 Clapperton Avenue;
Development Services Officer's December 15, 2009
Memorandum
File: 3090 DVP2009-03

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0375/09

THAT a Development Variance Permit be granted for 2799 Clapperton Avenue which would vary Subdivision and Development Bylaw 1187 Schedule A: Services Levels, to reduce the service levels of this development from Highway Standard 1 to Highway Standard 2; and allow supply of 2 water services to the lot

**EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENT
POLICY**

8.4 Expense Reimbursement Policy; Financial Services Manager's
December 16, 2009 Memorandum
File: 0595

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0376/09

THAT Council amends the Expense Reimbursement Policy to clarify what is required when reimbursement for travel when air transportation is an option

**2010 MERRITT WALK
OF STARS YOUTH
MURAL PROJECT**

8.5 Request for a Letter Supporting the 2010 Merritt Walk of Stars
Youth Mural Project; Amber Papou December 04, 2009 Letter
File: 0381

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0377/09

THAT a letter be sent supporting the 2010 Merritt Walk of Stars Youth Mural Project

CATALYST

8.6 Interim Relief for BC Municipalities hosting BC Industry;
Richard Garneau, President & CEO, Catalyst Paper Corporation
December 04, 2009 Letter
File: 1970, 0315 & 0220

This item was received for information

COMMUNITY
FUTURES NICOLA
VALLEY

8.6 Letter of Support for Agreement with Western Economic Development Renewal; Patrick Lindsay, General manager, Community Futures Nicola Valley December 02, 2009 Letter
File: 0362

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0378/09

THAT a letter supporting the agreement for the Western Economic Development Renewal for CFDC be sent

COMMUNITY
FUTURES NICOLA
VALLEY

8.7 Letter of Support for Grant Application for Bridging the Gap Between Home-Based Business and the Marketplace; Mae Ketter, Economic Development Assistant, Community Futures Nicola Valley December 15, 2009 Letter
File: 1854

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0379/09

THAT this matter be deferred pending clarification on the role of the Economic Development Officer as Coordinator for the incubator project, the grant notation indicating \$7,800 in cash support from the City, and what rate will be charged for the stalls

SILGA

8.8 Consideration for Hosting the 2011 SILGA Annual Conference; Mayor Susan Roline's December 23, 2009 Letter
File: 0276

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0380/09

THAT Council supports hosting the 2011 SILGA Annual Conference

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

0381/09

THAT the Mayor issue a proclamation that in recognition of her long and unstinting support of the hockey team, henceforth the last Merritt Centennials home game in December be declared as Alva Reid Day and all participants encouraged to wear red and white

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

BYLAW REPORT	11.1	Bylaw Report; Bylaw Enforcement Officer's December 08, 2009 Memorandum File: 4050
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	11.2	Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee December 02, 2009 Meeting File: 0572
SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	11.3	Minutes; Spirit of BC Community Committee December 03, 2009 Meeting File: 0570.1
MERRITT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE	11.4	Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee December 03, 2009 Meeting File: 0384
COMMUNITY POLICING	11.5	Merritt RCMP Community Policing Office September 2009 Meetings and Presentations; Jessica McDiarmid and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Memorandum File: 7500.1
BC HYDRO POWERSMART	11.6	BC Hydro Powersmart - Energy Management Assessment (EMA) Final Report & Action Plan; Public Works Manager's December 16, 2009 Memorandum File: 5500
GAMESTOWN 2010	11.7	Gamestown 2010; Honourable Mary McNeil, Minister of State for the Olympics and ActNow BC Letter File: 0420
OFF ROAD VEHICLES	11.8	Management Framework for Managing Off-Road Vehicles; Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts November 10, 2009 Letter File: 0135
CANADIAN NATIONAL RETRIEVER CHAMPIONSHIPS	11.9	Canadian National Retriever Championships; Graham Tyler, Chairman, 2010 National Retriever Championships Letter File: 0220

- MINING INDUSTRY** 11.10 Article and Editorial Published in the November 10, 2009 Edition of the Vancouver Sun; Pierre Gratton, President & CEO, Mining Association of BC, Janine North, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Development Initiative Trust and Gavin Dirom, President & CEO, Association for Mineral Exploration BC
November 20, 2009 Letter
File: 0220
- RCMP** 11.11 Weighted Clearance Rates BC; S/Sgt Scott Tod's December 16, 2009 Letter
File: 7500

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Services Manager**

Confirmed on the 12th Day of January, 2010

**Original signed by
Mayor**