



CITY OF MERRITT

## AGENDA

### PUBLIC HEARING

CITY HALL  
2185 Voght Street  
Merritt, B.C.

Tuesday, June 08, 2010  
At 7:00 pm

Mission Statement: *The City of Merritt is a progressive, attractive, economically viable City that is socially responsible and environmentally sustainable.*

#### Council

Mayor Susan Roline

Councillor Dave Baker

Councillor Mike Goetz

Councillor Nadia Hunter

Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Alastair Murdoch

Councillor Shelley Sanders

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**COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL**  
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTION OF THE BYLAW

- 2.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amending  
Bylaw No. 2094, 2010  
File: 3900.1879

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3. STAFF REPORT

- 3.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amending  
Bylaw No. 2094, 2010; Administrator's May 23, 2010  
Memorandum  
File: 3357 OCP2010-01

4. PROPONENT'S SUBMISSION

5. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

6. CONSIDERATION OF RETURNING BYLAW TO REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING FOR FURTHER READINGS

7. CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**CITY OF MERRITT  
BYLAW NO. 2094, 2010**

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**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**AND WHEREAS** Local Government Act allows for changes to that Official Community Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Merritt has held a Public Hearing pursuant to the *Local Government Act*;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. That this bylaw shall be cited as "**CITY OF MERRITT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2094, 2010.**"
2. That the following be added under "City-Wide Policies":

3.7 Council is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The City of Merritt will reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions 10% on or before the year 2020 from 2007 baseline levels.

<b>READ A FIRST TIME this</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010
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<b>ADOPTED this</b>	day of May, 2010

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**SUSAN ROLINE, MAYOR**

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**RUTH TOLERTON,  
CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER**

# Report

City of Merritt  
For Public Hearing  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**To:** Mayor and Council

**File Number:** 3357

**From:** Administrator

**Date:** May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

**Application No.** OCP2010-01

**Purpose:** To meet the legislative requirements of Bill 27, 2008 requiring local governments to include greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets in Official Community Plans by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**Report Prepared By:** Sean O'Flaherty, Development Services Officer

## Background:

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the City of Merritt signed on with the Province's Climate Action Charter and committed to be carbon neutral in its own operations by 2012. At the fall sitting in 2007, the Province passed Bill 44 that required local governments to take action on reducing GHG. That Bill committed the Province to reduce GHG 33% below 2007 levels by 2020 and 80% below 2007 levels by 2050, and mandated each local government to set community-wide reduction targets that are ambitious yet achievable.

## Analysis:

The Ministry of Environment in conjunction with Hyla Environmental Services Ltd. developed emission inventories for local governments province-wide which estimate GHG emissions for the baseline year of 2007. According to the research, Merritt's GHG emissions are 64,111 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> (equivalent) emissions per year. The majority of emissions are derived from transportation, totaling 41,759 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> or 64% of total emissions.

Reviewed by:			
Administrator:	Financial Services Mgr:	Corporate Services Mgr:	Other:
<i>Joseph A. Callie</i>			



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For comparison, the GHG reduction target of the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is 10% by 2020 and 33% by 2050. The province has set more ambitious targets of 33% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 but has left flexibility for local governments to choose their own achievable targets.

Supporting policies and actions will need to be implemented for success in meeting the targets. These policies should focus first on reducing automobile generated GHG, and second on reducing GHG from buildings.

### **Agency Referrals**

This Official Community Plan amendment application has been referred to the Thompson Nicola Regional District. The Manager of Planning Services, Bob Finley, supports the intent of this OCP amendment, feels it is aligned with the TNRD's direction, and complies with the provincial Bill 27 Green Communities Statute Amendment Act.

### **Public Notice**

Notice of this Public Hearing was advertised in the May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 issues of the Merritt newspapers. Notice was also posted on the City's website.

### **Options**

1. Adopt the target of a 10% reduction by 2020 as recommended
2. Adopt the TNRD targets of 10% by 2020 and 33% by 2050
3. Adopt the provincial targets of 33% by 2020 and 80% by 2050
4. Consider other targets

Respectfully,

Attd.

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