



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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Mayor Susan Roline  
Councillor D. Baker  
Councillor N. Clarke  
Councillor M. Goetz  
Councillor H. Kroeker  
Councillor A. Murdoch  
Councillor S. Sanders

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. M. Noble, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager  
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk  
Mr. L. Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager  
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief  
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald  
Merritt News  
Q101.1  
Shaw Cable

11 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

009/11

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 be adopted**

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4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

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MERRITT WALK OF  
STARS

5.1 Merritt Walk of Stars 2010/2011 Partnership Presentation; Robyn Grebliunas January 11, 2011 Letter  
File: 0250

Mr. R. Sanders, President, Merritt Walk of Stars Society presented to Council the Merritt Walk of Stars-City of Merritt Partnership Program. Mr. Sanders presented the following:

- 2010/2011 fiscal year funding report
- 2010/2011 funding from the City of Merritt and leveraging the funding
- Value of the project
- Partnership activities, objectives and deliveries
- Moving forward 2011/2012 funding request

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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FIRST RESPONDER  
PROGRAM

6.1 First Responder Program; Fire Chief's January 18, 2011 Memorandum  
File: 7200

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT Council refers the proposed implementation of the First Responder Program to the 2011 budget deliberations for consideration**

7. BYLAWS

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Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

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**MUTUAL AID  
AGREEMENT**

- 8.1 Mutual Aid Agreement-District of Logan Lake; Fire Chief's January 10, 2011 Memorandum  
File: 2280.05

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

012/11

**THAT Council rescinds Bylaw No. 1433 Mutual Aid Agreements;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer execute the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Merritt and the District of Logan Lake under the terms herein**

**CITY CENTRE BOARD**

- 8.2 City Signage Committee-Terms of Reference; Councillor A. Murdoch's January 13, 2011 Letter  
Minutes; City Centre Board January 12, 2011 Meeting  
File: 0380

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

013/11

**THAT Council approve the City Directional Signage Terms of Reference as proposed by the City Centre Board**

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT up to fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars be referred to the 2011 budget for signage matters**

**OUTDOOR  
RECREATIONAL  
FACILITY USAGE  
COMMITTEE**

- 8.3 Outdoor Recreational Facility Usage Committee; Leisure Services Manager's January 17, 2011 Memorandum  
File: 0364

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

015/11

**THAT Council appoints the following persons to the Outdoor Recreational Facility Users Committee:**

- **Representing Merritt Barbarians Rugby Club - Ray Dustin with Ryan Reid as alternate**
- **Representing Merritt Youth Soccer - Gary Dixon with Eric Weiser as alternate**
- **Representing Nicola Valley Minor Lacrosse - Kelly Bartch with Ron Hartwig alternate**
- **City Corporate Liaison - Leisure Services Manager**

**WATER RESOURCE  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

- 8.4 Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee January 11, 2011 Meeting  
File: 0572

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

016/11

**THAT Council direct staff to advertise the Sprinkling Regulations in the newspapers, radio, City website and Shaw Cable beginning April 2011 as well as inserted in the 2011 Property Tax Notices**

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

**THAT since there will be no change to watering restrictions this year, Council direct staff that there be no grace period for Watering Restriction offenders**

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker, Goetz, Murdoch and Sanders

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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Councillor Sanders made a Notice of Motion:

THAT the City ensure up to one thousand (\$1,000) dollars be set aside during budget deliberations to recognize the volunteers within the City of Merritt

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

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Councillor Baker advised the community that the Wood Stove Symposium is being held Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Civic Centre

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**YEAR END REPORT**

- 11.1 2010 Year End Bylaw Services Report; Bylaw Services Officer's January 11, 2011 Memorandum  
File: 4000

**AIR QUALITY  
COMMITTEE**

- 11.2 Minutes; Air Quality January 05, 2011 Meeting  
File: 0375

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| <b>DOWNTOWN CRIME<br/>REDUCTION UNIT</b>       | 11.3 | Merritt RCMP Downtown Crime Reduction Unit-December 2010 Report; Cst. Ryan Dell's Memorandum<br>File: 7500.1<br><br><i>Councillor Baker advised there are now three (3) RCMP officers patrolling the downtown core</i><br><br><i>Council directed staff to invite S/Sgt Todd to make a presentation to Council</i> |
| <b>STATISTICS CANADA</b>                       | 11.4 | Statistics Canada; Lise Rivais, Director, Western Region and Northern Territories December 21, 2010 Letter<br>File: 0175   |
| <b>GAS TAX</b>                                 | 11.5 | Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services-Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment; Barbara Steele, President, UBCM January 04, 2011 Letter<br>File: 0270   |
| <b>TRANS CANADA<br/>YELLOWHEAD<br/>HIGHWAY</b> | 11.6 | Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association; Clint McCullough, President 2010-11 TCYHA December 2010 Letter<br>File: 0367  |
| <b>BC CULTURAL CRAWL</b>                       | 11.7 | BC Cultural Crawl; 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary<br>File: 0250   |

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:07 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Deputy Clerk**

**Confirmed on the 08<sup>th</sup> ay of February, 2011**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**