



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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. S. O'Flaherty, Development Services Officer
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Q101.1
Shaw Cable

8 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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102/11

4.1 Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

WATER
CONSERVATION
STUDENTS

5.1 Emily Clark and Andrew Clark; Water Conservation Students to make a Presentation to Council
File: 0572

Ms. E. Clark and Mr. A. Clark outlined the goals of the water conservation students for the summer of 2011. Their goals to date and for the balance of their contract along with accomplishments to date include:

- Writing articles for the newspapers on xeriscaping and water conservation
- Educate residents and commercial business on water conservation
- Continuing patrols
- Door hangars and book marks
- School presentation
- Re-vamping the web site
- Displays
- Assessment on universal water metering project

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

- NOISE ABATEMENT** 7.1 City of Merritt Noise Abatement Amendment Bylaw No. 2104, 2010
File: 3900.1866
ATV Task Force April 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes
ATV Task Force May 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes
ATV Task Force May 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes
ATV Task Force June 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED
- THAT City of Merritt Noise Abatement Amendment Bylaw No. 2104, 2010 be adopted**
Voting Opposed: Councillors Goetz, Clarke, Baker and Kroeker
- OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN** 7.2 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2116, 2011; Development Services Officer and Molto Bene Enterprises June 09, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3900.2116
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 103/11 **THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2116, 2011 be given first reading**
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 104/11 **THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2116, 2011 be given second reading**
- Moved, Seconded and CARRIED
- 105/11 **THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2116, 2011 be submitted to a Public Hearing on June 28, 2011**

8. NEW BUSINESS

**DROUGHT LEVEL
SIGN**

- 8.1 Nicola Watershed Community Round Table Drought Level Sign;
Chief Administrative Officer's June 06, 2011 Memorandum
File: 6900

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

106/11

THAT Council approve the erection of a "Drought Level Sign" on the hill slope above Crossroads Community Church as requested in the letter dated March 31, 2011 from the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table;

AND THAT the sign include the City of Merritt logo

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

107/11

THAT Council waive the sign permit application fee for the "Drought Level Sign" being erected by the Nicola Watershed Community Round Table

**VANCOUVER
SOARING CLUB**

- 8.2 Request for use of the Airport by the Vancouver Soaring Club from August 06 to August 21, 2011; Herb Graham, Merritt Flying Club June 06, 2011 Letter
File: 8400

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

108/11

THAT the Vancouver Soaring Association be given permission to use the Merritt Airport and Facilities August 06-21, 2011 subject to:

- **Camping area established not on the tarmac or in front of the Terminal Building**
- **Crowd/vehicle control**
- **Vancouver Soaring Association operating in accordance with Transport Canada regulations**
- **The taxiway be used as a marshalling area;**

AND THAT the Vancouver Soaring Association liaise with Herb Graham of the Merritt Flying Club

TEMPORARY
EXTENSION OF
LICENSED AREA-
COLDWATER HOTEL

8.3 Application for Temporary Extension of Licensed Area-
Coldwater Hotel; Leisure Services Manager's June 08, 2011
Memorandum
File: 4320.4

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

109/11

**THAT the City lends support for the Coldwater Hotel's
application to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch in
order to temporarily extend their licensed area as per their
request**

Voting Opposed: Councillor Clarke

SPECIAL LIQUOR
LICENSE

8.4 Application for Special Occasion Liquor License; Leisure Services
Manager's June 08, 2011 Memorandum
File: 4320.4

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

110/11

**THAT the City approves Merritt's 100th Anniversary
Committee's application for a Special Occasion Liquor License
for the Community Dance scheduled for July 30, 2011 at Rotary
Park**

COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT/
MEMORIAL
RECOGNITION

8.5 Community Enhancement/Memorial Recognition Policy
Downtown Core Benches; Leisure Services Manager's June 06,
2011 Memorandum
File: 0595

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

111/11

**THAT the City remain with the Alpha Design bench design for
the benches for the downtown core under the Community
Enhancement/Memorial Recognition Program**

**AIRPORT
SUBDIVISION AND
SERVICING LOAN
AUTHORIZATION
ALTERNATIVE
APPROVAL PROCESS**

8.6 City of Merritt Airport Subdivision and Servicing Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2119, 2011 – Deadline for Alternative Approval Process; Financial Services Manager’s June 08, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3900.2119

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

112/11

THAT Council sets the deadline for receiving elector responses as part of the alternative approval process for City of Merritt Airport Subdivision and Servicing Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2119, 2011 as August 02, 2011

**COMMUNITIES IN
BLOOM COMMITTEE**

8.7 Minutes; Communities in Bloom Committee May 16, 2011 Meeting
File: 0552.2

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

113/11

THAT Council directs the Public Works Department to designate a test area for the use of perennials and plants that reproduce rather than annuals

**ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS
COMMITTEE**

8.8 Minutes; Environmental Awareness Committee May 26, 2011 Meeting
File: 0578

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

114/11

THAT Council directs the Public Works Department to investigate and designate a test area as an alternative to pesticide use, the City over seed grass fields with white clover as it stays green and invades common weeds such as dandelions

**MERRITT WALK OF
STARS**

8.9 Merritt Walk of Stars Funding Request; Merritt Walk of Stars Board of Directors June 07, 2011 Letter
File: 0381

This item was tabled until after the next meeting between Council and the Merritt Walk of Stars Society

COMMUNITY
FUTURES NICOLA
VALLEY

- 8.10 Report for January, February and March 2011 - Economic Development Services, Community Futures Nicola Valley, Deanne Parise, Economic Development Officer's May 10, 2011 Report
File: 2240.50

115/11

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council accepts the January, February and March 2011 Economic Development Services report as submitted

LITERACY MONTH

- 8.11 Literacy Month; Robyn Grebliunas, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Merritt Literacy Letter
File: 0220

Mayor Roline proclaimed June 2011 as "**Literacy Month**"

116/11

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council direct Leisure Services to provide Literacy Merritt with multiple pool passes to be used as prizes for Get Unplugged and Play

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Baker reported he attended the Protective Services Appreciation Dinner as well as the Relay for Life

Councillor Sanders also attended the Relay for Life and along with Mayor Roline and Chief Administrative Officer Matt Noble attended the Hotel/Motel Association meeting

Councillor Goetz complimented Councillor Sanders and the Communities in Bloom Committee for all the clean-up efforts within the City of Merritt

Councillor Murdoch reported that effective Saturday, July 02, 2011 BC Transit will increase bus service to six (6) days per week/fifteen (15) hours per day

Mayor Roline commented she attended the opening ceremonies for the Relay for Life. She also attended the Country Run

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	11.1	Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee May 03, 2011 Meeting File: 0572
OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY USERS COMMITTEE	11.2	Minutes; Outdoor Recreational Facility Users Committee May 16, 2011 Meeting File: 0364
CITY CENTRE BOARD	11.3	Minutes; City Centre Board May 18, 2011 Meeting File: 0380
AIRPORT COMMITTEE	11.4	Minutes; Airport Committee May 19, 2011 Meeting File: 0374
MERRITT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE	11.5	Minutes; Merritt's 100 th Anniversary Committee May 19, 2011 Meeting File: 0372
MERRITT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE	11.6	Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee May 25, 2011 Meeting File: 0384
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE	11.7	Minutes; Communities in Bloom Committee May 30, 2011 Meeting File: 0552.2
COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE	11.8	May 2011 Month End Report; Kelly Donaldson and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Report File: 7500.1
BYLAW SERVICES	11.9	May 2011 Bylaw Month End Report; Bylaw Services Officer's June 01, 2011 Memorandum File: 4000
SILGA	11.10	2011 SILGA Convention in Merritt; Kevin Flynn, President, Southern Interior Local Government Association May 10, 2011 Letter File: 0276
PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION BOARD	11.11	Municipal Advisory for New Rates for Taxis and Passenger Directed Vehicles; Passenger Transportation Board May 19, 2011 Letter File: 0135

IN THE HOUSE

11.12 New Federal Cabinet; UBCM, in THE HOUSE, May 20, 2011
Issue
File: 0175

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:08p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 28th Day of June, 2011

**Original signed by
Mayor**