



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

REGRETS

Councillor H. Kroeker

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. Noble, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Darrell Finnigan, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk
Ms. D. Lovin, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Development Services Officer
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Q101.1
Shaw Cable

15 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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145/11

4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

MERRITT YOUTH
COUNCIL

5.1 Presentation to Council; Dan Murphy, Youth Council Coordinator, Merritt Youth Council June 24, 2011 Letter File: 0250

Mr. Dan Murphy, Youth Council Coordinator made a presentation to Council. Mr. Murphy provided background material on the facilitation and formation of the Youth Council as well as their intended role in the community as an advisory to organizations and Council to bridge the gap between the community at large and the youth community. The Youth Council extended an invitation to Council to attend any of their weekly Wednesday evening meetings held at the Teen Centre

BC HYDRO SMART
METERS

146/11

5.2 Moved/Seconded and **CARRIED Unanimously**

THAT pursuant to City of Merritt Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2055, 2008; Mr. Walter Vohradsky be granted permission to make a presentation to Council at the July 26, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

Mr. W. Vohradsky presented to Council an open letter on BC Hydro's Smart Meter Program requesting a Council resolution to petition the Ministry of Health for a moratorium on the installation of BC Hydro Smart Meters

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**AIRPORT
COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Minutes; Airport Committee June 13, 2011 Meeting
Airport Committee-Merritt Flying Club; Chief Administrative
Officer's July 20, 2011 Memorandum
File: 0374

Recommendations from Airport Committee to Council:

THAT the City accept the fire precautions taken by the Merritt Flying Club in the Merritt Flying Club hangar at the Airport and provide an occupancy permit upon the City's receipt of a letter waiving liability from the Merritt Flying Club

THAT the existing lease that is in effect until May 2013 remain the same and that building sprinkling regulations be reviewed when that lease expires

THAT the Development Cost Charges for the Merritt Flying Clubs hangar at the Airport be extended to allow payment over three (3) years to allow the Merritt Flying Club time to raise funds

This item was tabled to the July 26, 2011 Regular Council meeting to allow the Airport Committee and Administration to discuss these matters with the Merritt Flying Club

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

0147/11

That Council deny the recommendations of the Airport Committee June 13, 2011 Meeting and request the Airport Committee to meet with Administration on August 08, 2011 and provide recommendations that are clear and within regulations that are supportable by Council

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

**SPECIAL OCCASION
LIQUOR LICENCE**

8.1 Application for Special Occasion Liquor Licence; Leisure Services Manager's July 20, 2011 Memorandum
File: 4320.4

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

148/11

THAT the City approves Merritt Mixed Slow Pitch League's "Team Detox's" application for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence for their year-end tournament scheduled for August 06-07, 2011 at Central Park

TNRD REFERRAL

8.2 TNRD Referral - Active Mountain Raceway Land Use Amendments; Chief Administrative Officer's July 14, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3360.1.02

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

149/11

THAT Council directs its response with regards to the Active Mountain Raceway land use amendments to the Thompson - Nicola Regional District as follows:

- **The City recommends support of the proposed development**
- **The proposed development can be supplied by the City of Merritt community water system**
- **The proposed development can connect to the City of Merritt community sanitary sewer system**

GOLD COUNTRY

8.3 Gold Country; Chief Administrative Officer's July 20, 2011 Memorandum
File: 0382

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

150/11

THAT Council approve the seven thousand (\$7,000) dollar payment to Gold Country for the 2011 membership;

AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement between the City of Merritt and Gold Country Communities Society

Voting Opposed: Councillor Goetz

**FINANCIAL
PARTNERING**

- 8.4 Partnering Funds; Councillor Kroeker's July 18, 2011 Memorandum
File: 1610

Recommendation:

THAT Council direct Administration to create a Policy and/or Procedure to address whenever the City enters into financial partnering with organizations and/or societies; those funds provided by the organization and/or society be spent before City funds are expended

This item was tabled until Councillor Kroeker is available to provide input and clarification on the intent of the motion

**DIRECTIONAL
SIGNAGE
COMMITTEE**

- 8.5 Directional Signage Committee; Heather Fader, Executive Director, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce June 21, 2011 Letter
File: 0386

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council appoint Julie VanKoll to the Directional Signage Committee representing the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Goetz congratulated Mike Fairfield and his crew on the success of the Great Canadian Bike Rally, our local golfer at the Canadian Open and Councillor Sanders and the Communities in Bloom Committee and commented on the number and variations of activities to take part in on a weekend within the City

Councillor Sanders on behalf of the Communities in Bloom Committee thanked the Public Works Department and Bylaw Enforcement Officer for their assistance in making the City look great

Mayor Roline invited everyone to the 100th Anniversary celebrations officially kicking off at 1:00 pm at Baillie House with Pioneer Day on Wednesday, July 27, 2011

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM	11.1	Minutes; Communities in Bloom Committee June 20, 2011 Meeting File: 0552.2
100TH ANNIVERSARY	11.2	Minutes; Merritt's 100 th Anniversary Committee June 16, 2011 Meeting File: 0372
2011 WEST NILE VIRUS RISK REDUCTION	11.3	2011 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative-Grant Approval; Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer, UBCM File: 5280.1
COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATIONS	11.4	Support for Motion at UBCM Proposing the Elimination of MSP Premiums for all Seniors in British Columbia; Sylvia MacLeay, COSCO President June 13, 2011 Letter File: 0270
BC RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION	11.5	Support for a Resolution at UBCM Calling for the Elimination of Medical Services Plan (MSP) Premiums for BC Seniors; Douglas Edgar, President, BC Retired Teachers' Association June 16, 2011 Letter File: 0270
CITY OF PITT MEADOWS	11.6	Municipal Police Service Agreement; Don MacLean, Mayor, City of Pitt Meadows July 04, 2011 Letter File: 0200 & 1705
TNRD	11.7	Rural Communities in TNRD Benefit from Connecting Citizen's Grants; TNRD June 21, 2011 Press Release File: 0480
TNRD	11.8	TELUS Donates \$125,000 to North Kamloops Library through Fundraising; TNRD June 23, 2011 Press Release File: 0480
TNRD	11.9	TNRD Board Appoints Sukh Gill as new Chief Administrative Officer; TNRD June 23, 2011 Press Release File: 0480

- TNRD 11.10 Lower Nicola Community Hall Receives Funding for Upgrades;
TNRD June 23, 2011 Press Release
File: 0480
- TNRD 11.11 TNRD Libraries Encourage Kids to Savour each Word this
Summer; TNRD June 24, 2011 Press Release
File: 0480
- TNRD 11.12 How to be Bear Aware in the TNRD; TNRD July 06, 2011 Press
Release
File: 0480

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 09th Day of August, 2011

**Original signed by
Mayor**