



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2011

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor N. Clarke
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor H. Kroeker

REGRETS

Councillor D. Baker
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
Shaw Cable

13 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

BEAR AWARE

5.1 Bear Aware Presentation; Katelyn Leitch, TNRD Bear Aware Community Coordinator
File: 0250

Katelyn Leitch, TNRD Bear Aware Community Coordinator will make the presentation at the August 23, 2011 Regular Council meeting

SMART METERS

5.2 BC Hydro's Smart Meter Program; Walter Vohradsky
File: 0250

Mr. W. Vohradsky presented to Council his concerns of health, privacy, security, harmful interference, safety, conservation, increased utility bills and program costs with regards to the BC Hydro "Smart Meter" installation

Mr. W. Vohradsky requested Council petition the Minister of Health that due to the potential for wireless "Smart Meters" to cause harm, a moratorium be placed on mandatory installation of the wireless meters

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCIAL
PARTNERING

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

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council direct Administration to create a Draft 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

7. BYLAWS

**SUBDIVISION AND
SERVICING OF THE
AIRPORT**

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- 7.1 City of Merritt Airport Subdivision and Servicing Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2119, 2011
File: 3900.2119

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT City of Merritt Airport Subdivision and Servicing Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2119, 2011 be adopted

8. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

**DIRECTIONAL
SIGNAGE
COMMITTEE**

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- 9.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Directional Signage Committee be returned to Council for further consideration as the Committee currently does not have enough members for a quorum

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Goetz extended congratulations on a job well done to the Merritt 100th Anniversary Committee on the Anniversary celebration week events as well as the Merritt Flying Club and the Merritt Fire Department for hosting and organizing the fly-ins during the 100th Anniversary celebration weekend

Mayor Roline extended a thank you to all the 100th Anniversary Committee volunteers for a job well done during the 100th Anniversary celebration week and reported that the City had received a certificate from Dan Albas, MP Okanagan-Coquihalla congratulating the City on the celebration of it's 100th Anniversary

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- AIRPORT COMMITTEE** 11.1 Minutes; Airport Committee June 11, 2011 Meeting
File: 0374
- OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY USERS COMMITTEE** 11.2 Minutes; Outdoor Recreational Facility Users Committee July 18, 2011 Meeting
File: 0364
- INSPECTION SERVICES** 11.3 Inspection Services Report for Second Quarter 2011; Building Safety and Inspection Services July 28, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3800
- BYLAW SERVICES** 11.4 July 2011 Bylaw Report; Bylaw Services Officer's July 31, 2011 Memorandum
File: 4000
- COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE** 11.5 Merritt Community Policing Office July 2011 Month End Report; Kelly Donaldson and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Memorandum
File: 7500.1
- BC HYDRO** 11.6 Funding Available for Electric Beautification Projects; Dan von Hollen, Design Manager, Thompson Shuswap Area, BC Hydro July 19, 2011 Letter
File: 1851
- Council directed staff to contact BC Hydro requesting a presentation on the public issues surrounding the installation of the "Smart Meter" program*
- TNRD** 11.7 Illegal Dumping Sites and Hotspots in the TNRD; TNRD July 18, 2011 Press Release
File: 0480
- TOWN OF SMITHERS** 11.8 Municipal Police Service Agreement; Cress Farrow, Mayor, Town of Smithers July 11, 2011 Letter
File: 0135
- CANADIAN WOOD COUNCIL** 11.9 Wood First Resolution; Mary Tracey, Executive Director, Canadian Wood Council Wood *WORKS!* BC July 20, 2011 Letter
File: 0595

**OLD AGE
PENSIONERS'
ORGANIZATION**

11.10 MSP Premiums for Seniors; Fred J. Coates, Provincial President, British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization June 26, 2011 Letter
File: 0270

**WILDFIRE
MITIGATION**

11.11 Wildfire Mitigation; Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna June 30, 2011 Letter
File: 0200

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:56 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 23rd Day of August, 2011

**Original signed by
Mayor**