



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor A. Murdoch

REGRETS

Councillor N. Clarke
Councillor H. Kroeker
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. L. Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief
Ms. M. Worrin, Financial Services Manager

Merritt Herald
Merritt News
Q101.1
Shaw Cable

18 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

- 3.1 Mr. W. Vohradsky presented a fact sheet for “Smart Meters” to Council regarding Item 5.3 and Item 6.1 of the agenda, and posed the question: “Why does BC Hydro continue to evade the health issue concerns of “Smart Meters”

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- 4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 09, 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

Ms. K. Leitch, Thompson-Nicola Regional District Bear Aware Community Coordinator presented to Council the Bear Aware program administered through the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

The mandate of Bear Aware is to reduce the number of human-bear conflicts in communities through education, innovation and cooperation. There were sixteen (16) bears destroyed in Merritt in 2010 and there were one hundred and thirty-eight (138) calls made to Report All Poachers and Polluters Hotline to report human-bear conflicts.

Ms. Leitch requested Council consider a proposal to provide additional funding in the amount of twenty-eight hundred (\$2,800) dollars for twenty (20) work days to be used for garbage tagging, door to door education and education at public events plus mileage costs two thousand (\$2,000) dollars for four thousand (4,000) kilometers to be used in the City of Merritt by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Bear Aware Coordinator

**WATER
CONSERVATION**

- 5.2 Water Conservation Presentation; Emily Clark and Andrew Clark, City of Merritt Water Conservation Summer Students
File: 0572

Ms. E. Clark and Mr. A. Clark made their final presentation for the 2011 Water Conservation Program.

They outlined the trends and results from the 2011 summer including:

- School presentation impacts
- Working with local businesses
- Posters of Merritt watershed
- Xeriscaping workshop
- Advertising
- City events
- Filed studies
- Water meter pilot study
- Water warning routes and study-there were only two (2) repeat offenders in 2011

SMART METERS

- 5.3 BC Hydro Smart Meters; Gene Bryant, BC Hydro
File: 5500

Mr. G. Bryant, BC Hydro made a presentation to Council regarding the BC Hydro "Smart Grid" program and understanding radio frequency and BC Hydro's "Smart Meters"

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SMART METERS

- 6.1 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

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council participate in the discussion being held during UBCM addressing "Smart Meters" in order to gather information and make a more informed and educated decision regarding requesting a moratorium be placed on mandatory installation of the wireless meters

7. BYLAWS

DEWOLF WAY

- 7.1 City of Merritt DeWolf Way Enhancement Loan Authorization
Bylaw No. 2120, 2011
File: 3900.2120

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT City of Merritt DeWolf Way Enhancement Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2120, 2011 be adopted

8. NEW BUSINESS

**DIRECTIONAL
SIGNAGE
COMMITTEE**

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- 8.1 *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*

Directional Signage Committee - Terms of Reference; Deputy
Clerk's August 10, 2011 Memorandum
File: 0386

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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**THAT Council amend the composition of the Terms of
Reference for the Directional Signage Committee to one (1)
member of Council, one (1) member of City staff and a total of
five (5) members from the community**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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**THAT Council appoint the following individuals to the
Directional Signage Committee:**

- **Cora-Lee Sarasin**
- **Ron Sanders**
- **Kathy Dahlquist-Gray with Chelsea Werrun as an
alternate**
- **Councillor Harry Kroeker**
- **Development Services Officer**

*Jack Polmans and Julie VanKoll were appointed at previous Council
meetings*

**DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT-
1600 BANN STREET**

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- 8.2 Development Variance Permit - 1600 Bann Street; Development
Services Officer's August 02, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3090 DVP2011-02

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT Council approve the Development Variance Permit
Application 2011-02 for 1600 Bann Street**

DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT-3360 RIVER
RANCH ROAD

8.3 Development Permit - 3360 River Ranch Road; Chief
Administrative Officer's August 17, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3060 DP2010-S

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT Council approve the Development Permit Application
2010-S for 3360 River Ranch Road subject to the security bond
being received for the landscaping amount**

PACIFICSPO RT BC

8.4 Agreement Approval-PacificSport BC/City of Merritt; Leisure
Services Manager's August 15, 2011 Memorandum
File:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT approval be given for the acceptance of the Agreement
between the City of Merritt and PacificSport BC;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be
authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City**

NICOLA VALLEY
AQUATIC CENTRE

8.5 Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre Whirlpool Replacement; Leisure
Services Manager's August 16, 2011 Memorandum
File: 7905

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT the City approves the replacement of the Nicola Valley
Aquatic Centre's two (2) whirlpools at a cost of fifty four
thousand nine hundred and eight two (\$54,982.00) dollars to be
funded through the existing approved Nicola Valley Aquatic
Centre whirlpool/lighting replacement capital budget**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Goetz congratulated Sarah Simon on her achievement
of BC Ambassador representing Merritt

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 100TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMITTEE | 11.1 | Minutes; Merritt's 100 th Anniversary Committee July 20, 2011 Meeting
File: 0372 |
| AIRPORT
COMMITTEE | 11.2 | Minutes; Airport Committee August 08, 2011 Meeting
File: 0374 |
| OFF ROAD VEHICLE
MANAGEMENT | 11.3 | Information about the Off Road Vehicle Management Framework; Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations April 30, 2011 Release
File: 0135 |
| BC HYDRO
REGENERATION | 11.4 | BC Hydro Regeneration; David Cobb, President & Chief Executive Officer, BC Hydro, August 11, 2011 Statement
File: 5500 |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:47p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 06th Day of September, 2011

**Original signed by
Mayor**