



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

REGRETS

Councillor N. Clarke

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  
Ms. P. Sillibeau, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager  
*(arrived at 7:05 p.m.)*  
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief  
Mr. J. Umpherson, Business & Economic Development Manager

Merritt Herald  
Merritt News  
Q101.1  
Shaw Cable

4 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES

224/11

4.1 Moved, seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 08, 2011 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

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Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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OUTDOOR  
RECREATIONAL  
FACILITY  
COMMITTEE

6.1 Presentation from Outdoor Recreational Facility Users Committee; Kelly Bartch, Chairperson, Outdoor Recreational Facility Users Committee Letter  
File: 0364

*Mr. K. Bartch, Chairperson, Outdoor Recreational Facility Users Committee presented to Council the Committee's mandate and proposals for Voght Park and Central Park*

*The Outdoor Recreational Facility Users Committee requests for the next phase that Council provide funding for a professional conceptual and architectural plan which will lead to the costing out of this venture. This will be required in order to proceed with any grant applications.*

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

**THAT the request for the next phase for development of the Central Park and Voght Park be referred to the 2012 budget process**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

225/11

**THAT the Leisure Services Manager prepare a Request for Proposal for the next phase for development of the Central Park and Voght Park**

Voting Opposed: Councillor Kroeker

7. BYLAWS

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REVITALIZATION  
TAX EXEMPTION

- 7.1 Revitalization Tax Exemption Program for Business, Industry, Utilities, and High Density Residential Development and Redevelopment; James Umpherson, Economic Development Manager's November 16, 2011 Memorandum

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

226/11

**THAT the City of Merritt Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2126, 2011 be given first reading**

*Council referred the City of Merritt Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2126, 2011 to a Committee of the Whole Meeting*

8. NEW BUSINESS

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MERRITT GREEN  
ENERGY

- 8.1 Merritt Green Energy; Development Services Officers November 7, 2011 Memorandum  
File: 3354

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

227/11

**THAT Council support Merritt Green Energy's application to the Agriculture Land Commission for utility use on agricultural land for the purposes of transmission pole placement, including within the area of the City's rapid infiltration basins**

MERRITT'S 100<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
COMMITTEE

- 8.2 Minutes; Merritt's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting October 27, 2011  
File: 0372

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

228/11

**THAT Council grant a variance to Merritt's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to the Memorial Recognition Community Enhancement Program Policy to be able to use Barco Products Canada Bench Style #PUP954-WL6 to be placed outside the City core;**

**AND THAT Council direct Merritt's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to provide more definition to the request such as where the benches would be placed, what would be written on the benches, the cost of the finished product including the cement pad etc**

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**MERRITT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE** 8.3 Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee Meeting November 2, 2011  
File: 0384

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

229/11

**THAT Council remove Ashly Davy, Lynda Davy and Sue Backus from the Merritt Country Christmas Committee;**

**AND THAT Judy Hughes be appointed to the Merritt Country Christmas Committee**

**CITY OF GREENWOOD** 8.4 National Sex Offender Registry; Colleen Lang, Mayor, City of Greenwood Letter October 3, 2011  
File: 0200

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

230/11

**THAT Council support the City of Greenwood in urging the Federal Government to make the necessary changes to the Criminal Code of Canada making the sexual offender registry public**

Voting Opposed: Councillor Murdoch

**BC-CLAG** 8.5 BC Community Living Action Group; Jane Dyson, Executive Director, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities Letter October 13, 2011  
File: 0630

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

231/11

**THAT Council provide a letter of support to the BC Community Living Action Group**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

**TRANSCANADA YELLOWHEAD** 10.1 TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Mid Term Directors Meeting; Councillor Harry Kroeker  
File: 0367

TOTA SUMMIT  
REPORT

10.2 Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association Summit; Councillor Shelly Sanders  
File: 6900

Councillor Murdoch thanked Randy Murray and Councillor Sanders for their effective articulation on health issues during the meeting with John Les last week

Councillor Baker thanked the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer for a job well done running the 2011 Municipal Election and reminded the community to attend the Community Concert on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and the Country Christmas parade on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Councillor Sanders commented on the Art on Ice she attended

Councillor Goetz echoed Councillor Baker and thanked the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer as well as the press and media during the election

Mayor Roline commented that BCCMA announced their partnering with the Merritt Desert Inn to open the BCCMA Hall of Fame in 2012

Councillor Sanders thanked the community for the opportunity to serve on Council, she enjoyed the process and is going to miss it

Mayor Roline thanked Mavis and Jack Polmans for updating the history books as well as Deanne Parise-Brigden and Mae Ketter for the economic development services provided in the past to the City

Councillor Goetz advised that the Country Christmas parade will have a Grand Marshall this year with Ken Moyes representing the Merritt pioneer families

Councillor Baker thanked Councillor Sanders for her three (3) years of service and exemplary performance and she will be missed

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE

11.1 Minutes; Airport Committee Meeting November 07, 2011  
File: 0374

WRAC

11.2 Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 02, 2011  
File: 0572

AIR QUALITY  
COMMITTEE

11.3 Minutes; Air Quality Committee Meeting November 02, 2011  
File: 0375

CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

11.4 Chamber of Commerce Lease Renewal; Leisure Services  
Manager's October 13, 2011 Memorandum  
File: 2381.08

*Councillor Murdoch declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting  
at 6:04 p.m.*

*Moved, Seconded and CARRIED*

IC036/11

*THAT the City offer a six (6) month lease agreement at the  
current rate of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per month with the  
opportunity for the City to review the Chamber of Commerce  
plan after three (3) months to determine the Chamber of  
Commerce sustainability after the six (6) month lease;*

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

*Moved, Seconded and CARRIED*

IC037/11

*THAT the Agreement between the City of Merritt and the  
Chamber of Commerce be taken out of In-Camera*

*Councillor Murdoch returned to the meeting at 6:22 p.m.*

THE CURRENT

11.5 Highlights of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of  
Directors' Meeting of October 13, 2011  
File: 0480

TNRD

11.6 Free Composting Workshop; TNRD October 11, 2011 Press  
Release  
File: 0480

<b>TNRD</b>	11.7	How To Be Bear Aware for Fall 2011; TNRD October 11, 2011 Press Release File: 0480
<b>TNRD</b>	11.8	TNRD Library System Celebrates Canadian Library Month; TNRD September 27, 2011 Press Release File: 0480
<b>TNRD</b>	11.9	Declaration of Election By Voting and Declaration of Election by Acclamation; Liz Cornwall, Deputy Chief Election Officer File: 0480
<b>TOURISM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF BC</b>	11.10	Thank-you letter; Lana Denoni, Chair, Tourism Industry Association of BC Letter October 31, 2011 File: 6900
<b>GOLD COUNTRY</b>	11.11	Gold Country Update - October/November 2011; Erica Hummel, Business & Marketing Manager, Gold Country Communities Society File: 0382
<b>MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT</b>	11.12	Terry Lake, Minister of Environment Letter October 12, 2011 File: 0135
<b>UBCM</b>	11.13	UPDATE RCMP Contract Negotiations; UBCM Secretariat Member Release October 25, 2011 File: 0270
<b>NICOLA WATERSHED ROUND TABLE</b>	11.14	Nicola Water Use Management Plan; Elizabeth Salamon-de-Friedberg, Project Administrator, Nicola Water Use Management Plan Letter October 20, 2011 File: 0366
<b>FORTIS BC</b>	11.15	Fortis BC; Gord Schoberg, Senior Manager, Community & First Nations Relations, Fortis BC Letter November 2, 2011 File: 5500
<b>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE</b>	11.16	W.H. (Wes) Shoemaker, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture File: 0135
<b>MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	11.17	Community Recreation Program - Application Intake; Renee Audy, Infrastructure and Engineering, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Letter October 21, 2011 File: 1851

- THE CURRENT**                      11.18    Highlights of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors' Meeting of October 27, 2011  
File: 0480
- TNRD**                                      11.19    TNRD Library System Take Proactive Approach to Potential Bed Bugs; TNRD November 3, 2011 Press Release  
File: 0480
- TNRD**                                      11.20    Bear No Fruit For Bears in TNRD; TNRD November 3, 2011 Press Release  
File: 0480

Mayor Roline thanked all Council members for their contributions over the past three (3) years and is looking forward to working with the new Council

12.                      **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:03 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Deputy Clerk**

**Confirmed on the 06<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2011**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**