



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor N. Brigden
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor H. Kroeker
Councillor A. Murdoch
Councillor C. Norgaard

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. Sibilleau, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief
Mr. J. Umpherson, Business & Economic Development Manager

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0 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

242/11

THAT the Minutes for the Inaugural Council Meeting held on Monday, December 05, 2011 be adopted

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

243/11

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 06, 2011 be adopted as amended as follows:

August 14th meeting changed to August 07th

August 28th meeting changed to August 21st

November 13th meeting changed to November 06th

November 27th meeting changed to November 20th

4.3 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

244/11

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, December 06, 2011 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

REVITALIZATION
TAX EXEMPTION

- 7.1 Revitalization Tax Exemption Program for Business, Industry, Utilities and High Density Residential Development and Redevelopment; Business & Economic Development Manager's December 13, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3900.2126

Moved, Seconded

THAT City of Merritt Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2126, 2011 be amended as follows:

Section 2 with the deletion of "Approving Officer" and "Revitalization Area";

Section 3 (3) by deleting five (5) and adding four (4);

Section 5 deleted in it's entirety and replaced with "The attached map in Schedule #3 is representative only.

Applicable property will be based on 4(a), 4(b), 4(c) and 4(d);

Section 6(d) by deleting five (5) and adding four (4);

Section 10 deleted in it's entirety and replaced with "The period of the tax exemption shall be from January 01st of the year in which the exemption first applies and expires after the fourth (4th) year

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

245/11

THAT City of Merritt Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2126, 2011 be referred to staff for further clarification regarding the application and approval process

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Goetz

8. NEW BUSINESS

TEMPORARY USE
PERMIT

- 8.1 Temporary Use Permit for a Bus Tour Company - 1896 Blair Street; Chief Administrative Officer's December 14, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3356 TUP2011-01

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

246/11

THAT Temporary Use Permit TUP2011-01 - 1896 Blair Street be issued for a period of two (2) years subject to a maximum of six (6) buses

RIGHT-OF-WAYS 8.2 ALK - River Wind Right-of-Ways, Covenants, Agreements;
Chief Administrative Officer's December 14, 2011 Memorandum
File: 3320

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

247/11

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the agreements and covenants associated with the River Wind project on the land described as Rem. A, DL 121, PL KAP57842, KDYD

COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION 8.3 Community Recreation Program Infrastructure Grant Application Merritt Civic Centre Upgrades - Capital Pre-Budget Approval; Leisure Services Manager's December 08, 2011 Memorandum
File: 1853

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

248/11

THAT the City gives approval for the application for a Community Recreation Program Infrastructure Grant for the Civic Centre Upgrade Project;

AND THAT the City carries forward forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars from unexpended 2011 Civic Centre capital budget projects;

AND FURTHER THAT the City gives pre-budgetary capital approval for up to sixty thousand (\$60,000) dollars towards the project contingent upon the grant application being successful

SIGNING AUTHORITIES 8.4 Signing Authorities; Financial Services Manager's December 14, 2011 Memorandum
File: 1690

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

049/11

THAT Council rescind Resolution No. 0277/10 in its entirety;

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council amends its appointments of signing officers by endorsing the following Resolutions:

Pat Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager of the City of Merritt (the "Corporation") be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation to negotiate with, deposit with, or transfer to THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA and (the "Bank"), for credit to the Corporation's account only all or any cheques and other orders for the payment of money, and for that purpose to endorse the same on behalf of the Corporation either in writing or by rubber stamp;

AND THAT all cheques of the Corporation be drawn in the name of the Corporation and be mechanically, electronically or manually signed on its behalf by Pat Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager and Susan Roline, Mayor; or manually signed by Pat Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager or Matt Noble, Chief Administrative Officer and counter signed by Mayor Susan Roline or Councillor Dave Baker;

AND FURTHER THAT Matt Noble, Chief Administrative Officer or Pat Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager be and is/are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation from time to time to receive from the said Bank a statement of the account of the Corporation together with all relative vouchers and all unpaid bills lodged for collection by the Corporation and all items returned unpaid and charged to the account of the Corporation, and to sign and deliver to the Bank the Bank's form of verification, settlement of balance and release;

AND FURTHER THAT Matt Noble, Chief Administrative Officer or Pat Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager be and is/are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation to obtain delivery from the Bank of all or any stocks, bonds and other securities held by the Bank in safekeeping or otherwise for the account of the Corporation and to give valid and binding receipts therefore;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until written notice to the contrary shall have been given to the Manager for the time being of the branch of the Bank at which the account of the Corporation is kept, and receipt of such notice duly acknowledged in writing;

AND FURTHER THAT each of the persons named below is duly authorized by the MFABC Member ("Authorized Officer") to give trade instructions and directions to CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services ("CIBC Mellon GSS") for the investment fund family named City of Merritt (the "MFABC Member") pursuant to the terms of the trust/custodial agreements(s) with CIBC Mellon Trust Company;

AND FUTURE THAT all instructions require the signature of one of the Authorized Officers:

**Pat Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager
Matt Noble, Chief Administrative Officer**

GOLD COUNTRY 8.5 Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS) Membership Agreement; Business & Economic Development Manager's December 13, 2011 Memorandum
File: 0691 and 0382

Moved, Seconded

THAT the City renews the tourism marketing and development partnership with the Gold Country Communities Society based on the attached proposal for a three (3) year term at the increased rate of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars annually;

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

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

251/11 **THAT the renewal of the tourism marketing and development partnership with the Gold Country Communities Society be referred to budget**

QUAD RIDERS ATV 8.6 Quad Riders ATV Association of British Columbia; Business and **ASSOCIATION OF BC** Economic Development Manager's December 14, 2011 Memorandum
File: 0691

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

252/11 **THAT Council accepts the proposal for a non-financial letter of support to the Quad Riders ATV Association of British Columbia "Poker Ride" for July 01, 2012**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Goetz commented on the letter from the Chilean Fire Department thanking the City of Merritt for the donation of the fire truck as well as Daz Candola and his service to community

Councillor Baker attended the extreme weather's open house

Councillor Brigden reported on the meeting he attended with the Community Garden program group to re-establish the program and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Mayor Roline commented that UBCM is looking for members to fill vacancies as a result of the recent municipal elections. Mayor Roline would like to put her name forward for a Director at large position

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

253/11

THAT Council support Mayor Roline in the submission of her name for the Director at Large position on the UBCM Executive

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

BYLAW REPORT

11.1 November 2011 Bylaw Report; Bylaw Services Officer's November 30, 2011 Memorandum
File: 4000

**COMMUNITY
POLICING MONTH
END REPORT**

11.2 Merritt Community Policing Office Month End Report - November 2011; Kelly Donaldson and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Memorandum
File: 7500.1

**COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS
COMMITTEE**

11.3 Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee November 16, 2011 Meeting
File: 0374

THE CURRENT

11.4 The Current; Highlights from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Director's November 10, 2011 Meeting
File: 0480

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| TNRD | 11.5 | TNRD Launches Online Environmental Health Services Feedback Forum; November 14, 2011 Press Release
File: 0480 |
| TNRD | 11.6 | Declaration of Official Election Results; Liz Cornwell, Chief Election Officer, TNRD November 23, 2011 Release
File: 0480 |
| UBCM | 11.7 | In THE HOUSE; UBCM Provincial Legislation 2011; November 24, 2011 Issue
File: 0270 |
| AIR QUALITY
COMMITTEE | 11.8 | Minutes; Air Quality Committee December 07, 2011 Meeting
File: 0375 |
| MERRITT COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS
COMMITTEE | 11.9 | Minutes; Merritt Country Christmas Committee December 07, 2011
File: 0374 |

Councillor Goetz thanked Charlotte Martin for her work as Chair of the Merritt Country Christmas Committee

Councillor Kroeker echoed by all members of Council wished all of Council, staff and the community a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:33 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 10th Day of January, 2012

**Original signed by
Mayor**