



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, JANUARY 08, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor H. Kroeker
Councillor A. Murdoch
Councillor C. Norgaard

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. Noble, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. D. Finnigan, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk
Mr. L. Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager
Ms. P. Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief
Mr. J. Umpherson, Business & Economic Development Manager

Merritt Herald
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Shaw Cable

3 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**

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THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOURISM
MARKETING

6.1 Councillor Murdoch's notice of motion for the January 08, 2013 Regular Council meeting that:

- That the City of Merritt acknowledge the importance of a cooperative, regional approach to tourism marketing and work with Tourism Nicola Valley to form a Best Practice DMO, supporting both Merritt tourism stakeholders and those within the Nicola Valley
- That Mayor and Council appoint a representative from Council to participate in the proposed Marketing Advisory Committee (MAC) of Tourism Nicola Valley, and act as "liaison" between the City and Tourism Nicola Valley

Tourism Marketing; Chief Administrative Officer's January 08, 2013 Memorandum

File: 2066

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Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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AND THAT Mayor and Council appoint a representative from Council to participate in the proposed Marketing Advisory Committee (MAC) of Tourism Nicola Valley, and act as "liaison" between the City and Tourism Nicola Valley;

AND FURTHER THAT a policy being written and presented to the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee

**ARTS & CULTURE
POLICY**

6.2 Arts & Culture Policy; Deputy Clerk's December 12, 2012
Memorandum
File: 0575 and 6820

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED Unanimously

THAT Council defer the process of writing an Arts and Culture Policy awaiting a response from the Arlington Group and allow Council the opportunity to have this discussion during the 2013 budget process

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council proceed with an Arts & Culture Policy Task Force being at arm's length from the City involving representation of all stakeholders to create an Arts & Culture Policy

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council accept the proposed Terms of Reference for the Arts & Culture Policy Task Force

**COMMUNITY
GARDENS**

6.3 Community Gardens; Financial Services Manager's January 03, 2013 Memorandum
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT the grant request from Community Garden be considered with other grant requests as part of the budget process

7. **BYLAWS**

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

CADET HALL LEASE

- 8.1 Cadet Hall Lease; Leisure Services Manager's January 02, 2013 Memorandum
File: 2381.11

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City agrees to renew the lease for the operation of the Cadet Hall to the Merritt Army Cadet Parents Association and to the Navy League of Canada, for the period of January 01, 2013 to October 31, 2015 at the rate on one (\$1.00) dollar per year

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Norgaard reported on the reception for Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon and thanked and praised Larry Plotnikoff and his staff

Councillor Goetz seconded

Councillor Christopherson agreed as well and thanked the Public Works Superintendent for the tour provided of the Water works and the Wastewater Treatment plant

Mayor Roline also agreed with comments regarding the reception for the Lieutenant Governor as well as recognized a milestone achieved by Fire Fighter Jay Mosley attaining 20 years of service with the Merritt Fire Rescue Department and acknowledged the passing of Karen Flick, Manager of the Merritt Food Bank

Councillor Baker commented on the cannonball competition held at the Aquatic Centre

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

AIRPORT
COMMITTEE

- 11.1 Minutes; Airport Committee November 21, 2012 Meeting
File: 0374

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 08, 2013

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| AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE | 11.2 | Minutes; Air Quality Committee December 12, 2012 Meeting
File: 0375 |
| WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE | 11.3 | Minutes; Water Resource Advisory Committee December 12, 2012 Meeting
File: 0572 |
| BYLAW REPORT | 11.4 | November 2012 Monthly Report; Bylaw Services Officer's December 12, 2012 Memorandum
File: 4000 |
| NICOLA WATER USE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE | 11.5 | Nicola Water Use Management Plan (WUMP) Update; Valerie Z. Cameron, P. Geo., Water Stewardship Manager, Provincial Operations, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations December 20, 2012 Letter
File: 0366 |
| THANK YOU | 11.6 | Thank You Letter; Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia December 11, 2012 Letter
File: 0135 |
| NATIONAL HEALTH & FITNESS DAY | 11.7 | National Health & Fitness Day; Senator Nancy Green Raine December 03, 2012 Letter
File: 0630 |

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 22nd Day of January, 2013

**Original signed by
Mayor**