



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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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. S. Boven, Public Works Manager  
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager  
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  
Q101.1  
Shaw Cable

18 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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008/13

4.1 Moved, seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 08, 2013 be adopted**

009/12

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 be adopted**

010/12

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT Council receive the Draft Economic Development Strategy for information;**

Moved, Seconded

**THAT Council accept the Terms of Reference as proposed**

011/12

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the Terms of Reference Purpose be amended by adding the word ``Develop`` to item 1. (To develop, review and advise on City of Merritt Economic Development Strategic Plan)**

Moved, Seconded and

**THAT the proposed composition be deleted and replaced with:**

- Economic Development Manager (non-voting)
- Chief Administrative Officer (non-voting)
- 2 members of Council as selected by Council
- Representatives from:
  - Nicola Tribal Association
  - Museum/Seniors Centre
  - Community Futures Nicola Valley
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Hotel Association
  - Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

This motion was ruled to not be a legal motion

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

012/13

**THAT the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee be amended with the addition of item 8. to the purpose being `To establish a task force`**

Voting Opposed: Councillors Kroeker and Murdoch

Back to main motion as amended

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

013/13

**THAT Council accept the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee as amended**

Voting Opposed: Councillors Kroeker and Murdoch

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5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

ASK WELLNESS  
CENTRE

- 5.1 2012 Kamloops and Merritt Homeless Count; Bobbi Parkes, Director, Merritt ASK Wellness and Chelsea Morrey, Housing and Outreach Coordinator, SHOP Assistant, ASK Wellness Centre  
File: 0250

Ms. B. Parkes, Director, Merritt ASK Wellness and Ms. C. Morrey, Housing and Outreach Coordinator, Merritt ASK Wellness presented to Council:

- Who is ASK Wellness
- What does ASK Wellness do
- Generous supporters and partners
- Social housing
- Homelessness statistics and impact
- Merritt homelessness count 2012 (15)
- Why and who is counted
- Merritt needs affordable housing
- Next steps for affordable housing solutions

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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

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**OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN**

7.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment  
Bylaw No. 2141, 2012  
File: 3900.2116

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

014/13

**THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw  
Amendment Bylaw No. 2141, 2012 be given third reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

015/13

**THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw  
Amendment Bylaw No. 2141, 2012 be adopted**

**ZONING**

7.2 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2142, 2012  
File: 3900.1894

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

016/13

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.  
2142, 2012 be given third reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

017/13

**THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No.  
2142. 2012 be adopted**

8. NEW BUSINESS

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UTILITY BILLING

- 8.1 Separation of Utility Billing from the Tax Notice; Deputy Financial Services Manager's January 15, 2013 Memorandum File: 2070

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

018/13

**THAT the City proceed with removing the utilities from the Tax Notice billing process and generate an annual invoice April 01<sup>st</sup> with the penalty waived for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) year and starting in 2014 a five (5%) percent penalty for amounts outstanding after the due date. The due date is forty-five (45) days from the invoice issue date;**

**AND THAT Council gives Administration direction to amend Bylaw 1641, Bylaw 2007 and Bylaw 1358 to reflect the new Residential Utility invoice billed annually on April 01<sup>st</sup> for each Waterworks, Sewerage System and Solid Waste bylaw**

AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE

- 8.2 January 09, 2013 Air Quality Committee Minutes File: 0375

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

019/13

**THAT Council allow the Interior Health Authority representative and the Ministry of Environment representative be allowed to participate in the meeting via tele-conference**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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Nil

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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MONTH END REPORT

- 11.1 December 2012 Bylaw Report; Bylaw Services Officers January 03, 2013 Memorandum File: 4000

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| <b>MONTH END REPORT</b>          | 11.2 | December 2012 Merritt Community Policing Office Month End Report; Ryan Reid and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore Report<br>File: 7500.1 |
| <b>ENTERTAINMENT IN MERRITT</b>  | 11.3 | Entertainment in Merritt; Leisure Services Manager's January 14, 2013 Memorandum<br>File: 8100                             |
| <b>SILGA</b>                     | 11.4 | SILGA Convention – Call for Nominations; Rhona Martin, Past President, SILGA January 07, 2013 Letter<br>File: 0276         |
| <b>SILGA</b>                     | 11.5 | Call for Resolutions for 2013 SILGA Convention; Harry Kroeker, President, SILGA January 07, 2013 Letter<br>File: 0276      |
| <b>GREAT CANADIAN BIKE RALLY</b> | 11.6 | Release of In-Camera Resolutions Regarding the Great Canadian Bike Rally<br>File: 2280.42                                  |

*Moved, Seconded and CARRIED*  
**IC051/12** *THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with legal actions to collect the twenty thousand one hundred and four dollars and eighteen (\$20,104.18) cents owed to the City of Merritt against the personal guarantee obtained from Paul Fairfield and Mike Fairfield for the outstanding debt from the 2011 Great Canadian Bike Rally*  
*Voting Opposed: Councillor Murdoch*

*Mayor Roline returned to the meeting at 8:45 pm*

*Moved, Seconded and CARRIED*  
**IC052/12** *THAT Council direct Administration to arrange for a face to face meeting with Mayor Roline, Great Canadian Bike Rally and the Chief Administrative Officer with documented minutes to discuss Council's views regarding the 2012 debt*

*Moved, Seconded and CARRIED*  
**IC053/12** *THAT the City advise the Great Canadian Bike Rally the City will not issue any approvals for the 2013 Great Canadian Bike Rally until such time as all outstanding obligations the Great Canadian Bike Rally have with the City are resolved to Council's satisfaction;*  
*AND THAT no further participation can be expected from the City until these obligations are met*  
*Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Murdoch*

Great Canadian Bike Rally  
File: 2240.82

IC003/13

*Moved, Seconded and CARRIED  
THAT resolutions IC051/12, IC052/12 and IC053/12 from the  
September 18, 2012 In-Camera Council meeting be taken out of  
In-Camera*

Councillor Goetz commented and thanked the Public Works  
Department for filling the potholes on Voght Street

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Deputy Clerk**

**Confirmed on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2013**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**