



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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. L. Plotnikoff, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Currie, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Development Services Officer
Ms. P. Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager
Mr. J. Umpherson, Business & Economic Development Manager

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5 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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020/13

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes for the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 be adopted

021/13

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 be adopted

022/13

4.3 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 be adopted

023/13

4.4 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, February 04, 2013 be adopted

024/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the 2013 SILGA Conference

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is governed by the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and is responsible to preserve agricultural land and to encourage local governments, First Nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies; an objective would appear to be to maintain a permanent farm land reserve and some of that land has been arbitrarily earmarked as ALR (Agricultural Land Reserve) and some of that land is within municipal boundaries or adjacent to municipalities;

AND WHEREAS some of this land deemed not to be suitable to be designated as agricultural land or is of marginal production capability;

AND WHEREAS the determination of ALR within the confines of some municipalities results in even more marginalization of capability and also results in extreme costs for municipalities to develop non-contiguous services for municipal infrastructure:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM encourage the Provincial Government to review the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and the Agricultural Land Reserve Regulations with a view to establish a process to recognize that these costs to municipalities outweigh the potential benefit to British Columbia of retaining land deemed not to be suitable as reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission be requested to change the regulations pertaining to such lands

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

025/13

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the 2013 SILGA Conference

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is governed by the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and is responsible to preserve agricultural land and to encourage local governments, First Nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies; an objective would appear to be to maintain a permanent farm land reserve and some of that land has been arbitrarily earmarked as ALR (Agricultural Land Reserve) and some of that land is within municipal boundaries or adjacent to municipalities;

AND WHEREAS communities often endure long waiting periods for approvals of lands removed from the Agricultural Land Commission:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a process to simplify the procedure and reducing time lines for processing such application on behalf of municipalities be developed and implemented by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the 2013 SILGA Conference

THAT Council prepare a resolution for SILGA that a mediator and arbitrator handling a case not be allowed to be the same individual on the same case

Confirmation has been received via legal counsel that this is already the case and no resolution is required – the City simply needs to request different mediator v. arbitrator

Council Christopherson declared a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Nicola Valley Arts Council Society and left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

027/13

THAT Council provide support to the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council in the amount of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars of in-kind support, contingent on the grant funding approval;

AND THAT funding for this event be funded through the City Initiatives budget

Councillor Christopherson returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

**VISITOR
INFORMATION**

- 5.1 Visitor Information Year-end Report; Pat Weston, President, Nicola Valley Heritage Society
File: 2240.48

Ms. P. Weston, President, Nicola Valley Heritage Society presented the 2012 year-end report for the Visitor Information Centre

**BASS COAST
FESTIVAL**

- 5.2 Bass Coast Festival; Andrea Graham and Liz Thomson, Co-Founders Bass Coast Project Ltd February 07, 2013 Letter
File: 0250

Ms. A. Graham and Ms. L. Thomson presented to Council the concept of the Bass Coast Festival to be held the 2013 August long week-end at the Musicfest site and requested support from Council for the event

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

**SOLID WASTE
COLLECTION,
DISPOSAL AND
CONTROL**

7.1 City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Amending Bylaw No. 2143, 2013; Deputy Financial Services Manager's February 12, 2013 Memorandum
File: 3900.1358

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

027/13

THAT City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Amending Bylaw No. 2143, 2013 be given first reading

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

028/13

THAT City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Amending Bylaw No. 2143, 2013 be given second reading

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

029/13

THAT City of Merritt Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Control Amending Bylaw No. 2143, 2013 be given third reading

WATERWORKS

7.2 City of Merritt Waterworks Amending Bylaw No. 2144, 2013
File: 3900.2007

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

030/13

THAT City of Merritt Waterworks Amending Bylaw No. 2144, 2013 be given first reading

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

031/13

THAT City of Merritt Waterworks Amending Bylaw No. 2144, 2013 be given second reading

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

032/13

THAT City of Merritt Waterworks Amending Bylaw No. 2144, 2013 be given third reading

SANITARY SEWER 7.3 City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Amending Bylaw No. 2145, 2013
 File: 3900.1641

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

033/13 **THAT City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Amending Bylaw No. 2145, 2013 be given first reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

034/13 **THAT City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Amending Bylaw No. 2145, 2013 be given second reading**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

035/13 **THAT City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Amending Bylaw No. 2145, 2013 be given third reading**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE COMMITTEE 8.1 Minutes; Directional Signage Committee January 17, 2013
 Meeting
 File: 0386

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

036/13 **THAT Council direct Administration to advertise for committee members for the Directional Signage Committee;**

AND THAT the Terms of Reference for the Directional Signage Committee be amended to increase the membership to include 6 members of the Community at large

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

037/13 **THAT Councillor Goetz be removed from the Directional Signage Committee;**

AND THAT Councillor Christopherson be added to the Directional Signage Committee as Council representative

**POLICY & BYLAW
REVIEW COMMITTEE**

8.2 Minutes; Policy & Bylaw Review Committee January 28, 2013 Meeting
File: 0373

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

038/13

THAT the Use of City Hall Assigned Vehicles Policy be adopted as amended

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

039/13

THAT the Issuance of Building Permits-New Subdivisions Policy be adopted as amended

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

040/13

THAT the Confidentiality Policy be adopted as amended

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

041/13

THAT the Lapsed Development Permits Policy be rescinded

**UPPER NICOLA FIRST
NATIONS**

8.3 Proposed Addition of 16.19 hectares (40 acres) of land to Douglas Lake IR No. 3, Upper Nicola First Nation; Andrea Gibb, Land Management & Leasing Officer, Lands and Economic Development, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada January 22, 2013 Letter
File: 0175

The proposed addition of 16.19 hectares of crown land to Douglas Lake Upper Nicola First Nations be referred to the Technical Planning Committee with a report back to Council prior to a letter being sent to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Mayor Roline reported she toured with her Honour Lieutenant Governor Guichon on her visit to Merritt; attended the TOTA workshop and reminded everyone that Heritage Week is February 18-23, 2013

Councillor Baker attended the Business after Business event at the Visitor Information Centre and the ASK Wellness workshop

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADOPT-A-ROAD	11.1	Adopt-A-Road 2012 Year End Report File: 0556.1
BYLAW REPORT	11.2	January 2013 Bylaw Report; Bylaw Services Officer's February 05, 2013 Memorandum File: 4000
INSPECTION SERVICES	11.3	Inspection Services Report - 2012 Fourth Quarter and Year-end Report; Building, Safety and Inspection Services File: 3800
HERITAGE COMMISSION	11.4	Minutes; Heritage Commission January 14, 2013 Meeting File: 0546
DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY	11.5	Disabled Accessibility; Roman Catholic Church and Catholic Women's League January 11, 2013 Letter File: 0220
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	11.6	Biography; the Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia File: 0135
GOLD COUNTRY	11.7	Cache in Your Chips; Gold Country Communities Society Letter File: 0382
GREYHOUND BUS SERVICE	11.8	Greyhound Bus Service; Honourable Mary Polak, Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure January 11, 2013 Letter File: 0135
CYBERBULLYING	11.9	Senate Human Rights Committee Study on Cyberbullying January 04, 2013 Letter File: 0175

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

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

Deputy Clerk

Confirmed on the 26th Day of February, 2013

Mayor