



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 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. 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

Merritt Herald
Q101.1
Shaw Cable

5 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Mayor Roline introduced Craig Lindsay, Editor, Merritt Herald and Bernadine (Bernie) Easson, Community Integration Health Services Administrator, Barrier/Blue River/Clearwater/Merritt

Addition to Agenda

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

054/13

THAT Lease Request for the Spirit Square Building be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 8.5

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

055/13

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 be adopted

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

056/13

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, March 05, 2013 be adopted

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

057/13

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

INTERIOR HEALTH

- 5.1 Jenny Turco, Community Health Facilitator, Promotion and Prevention, Community Integrated Health Services-Interior Health
File: 0500

Ms. Turco’s presentation to Council included:

- Recognition of health promotion
- Why the renewed focus on partnership and healthy community action
- Introduction of the provincial Healthy Families bc-Communities Initiative

Councillor Kroeker left the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

- Proposed next steps – That the City of Merritt and Interior Health continue to work together to promote healthy communities by formalizing a partnership to strengthen actions that will further improve the health of the community and reduce chronic disease risk factors

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF SEQUENCE
BURIALS

- 8.1 Bylaw Providing for the Operation, Regulation and Maintenance of Pine Ridge Cemetery; Financial Services Manager’s March 20, 2013 Memorandum
File: 4100

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

058/13

THAT Council approve an exemption from Bylaw No. 2087, 2009, Section K, Item 8 that “grave space shall be sold in sequential order” to allow Section I Row 3 Plot 33 to be sold out of order

**GOLD COUNTRY
COMMUNITIES
SOCIETY**

8.2 Gold Country Communities Society Contract Review; Economic Development Manager's March 15, 2013 Memorandum
File: 0382

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

059/13

THAT the City extend the current membership agreement with Gold Country Communities Society for one (1) year at a cost of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars

**GOLD COUNTRY
GEOTOURISM
PROGRAM**

8.3 Gold Country GeoToursim Program Support Request; Economic Development Manager's March 13, 2013 Memorandum
File: 0382

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

060/13

THAT the City provide a letter of support to Gold Country Communities Society for the GeoToursim program

**NICOLA LAKE
WATERSHED
SUSTAINABILITY**

8.4 Nicola Lake Watershed Sustainability Management Plan Partnership; Randy Murray, Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District March 19, 2013 Letter
Nicola Lake Watershed - Request for Funding; Chief Administrative Officer's March 21, 2103 Memorandum
File: 0480

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

061/13

THAT the City of Merritt join with the electoral areas to ensure a full partnership and equal; representation in this critical management plan by committing thirty five thousand (\$35,000) dollars of Federal Gas Tax funding for the Nicola Lake Watershed Sustainability Management Plan Partnership; subject to confirmed investment of the same amount by each of electoral areas "I", "M" and "N"

**SPIRIT SQUARE
BUILDING LEASE**

8.5 Lease Request for the Spirit Square; Leisure Services Manager's
March 25, 2013 Memorandum
File: 0870

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

062/13

THAT the City enter into a three (3) year agreement with ASK Wellness for the lease of the Spirit Square Building for the three (3) year period of April 01, 2013 to March 31, 2016 at the rate of nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars per month for the first year, nine hundred and twenty-five (\$925.00) dollars per month for the second year and nine hundred and fifty (\$950.00) per month for the third year;

AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign on behalf of the City

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor Murdoch brought forth a Notice of Motion expressing concern of the letter dated March 19, 2013 addressed to Mr. Sekhon, Nicola Valley Tourism Society which differs from Council direction at the January 08, 2013 meeting

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councillor Goetz attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting, Business after Business and the election of their new Board members; Museum Annual General Meeting and the presentation to past Councillor Ron Sherwood

Councillor Kroeker posed the question - What is the problem with no liaisons to different organization requesting Council liaison requests and why being ignored by the Mayor
Council had a discussion regarding conflict of interest

Councillor Baker congratulated the Merritt Centennials on their 2012-1013 season and extended congratulations to Luke Pierce winning Coach of the Year award
Letter of congratulations to be sent

Councillor Murdoch congratulated Angele Grenier on being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee metal

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**DISABLED ACCESS
TO BUILDINGS**

- 11.1 Disabled Access to Buildings; Development Services Officer's March 05, 2013 Memorandum
File: 0220

**FEBRUARY 2013
BYLAW REPORT**

- 11.2 February 2013 Bylaw Month End Report; Bylaw Services Officer's March 18, 2013 Memorandum
File: 4000

**FEBRUARY 2013
COMMUNITY**

- 11.3 February 2013 Community Policing Month End Report; Ryan Reid and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore
File: 7500.1

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 09th Day of April, 2013

**Original signed by
Mayor**