



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 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. S. O'Flaherty, Development Services Officer
Mr. L. Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager
Ms. P. Sibilleau, Financial Services Manager
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief (*arrived at 8:05 p.m.*)
Mr. J. Umpherson, Business & Economic Development Manager

Merritt Herald
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Shaw Cable

35 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Dan Albas, MP, Okanagan-Coquihalla presented Mayor Roline with her Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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063/13

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

MERRITT YOUTH &
FAMILY RESOURCES
SOCIETY

5.1 Merritt Youth & Family Resources Society; Lenora Fletcher and Bonnie Cowan to Present to Council Changes in Services, Lenora Fletcher, Executive Director's March 26, 2013 Letter
File: 2240.72

Ms. L. Fletcher presented to Council the changes to the structure for the use of the Merritt Youth & Family Resources contract including:

- Autism services
- Teen services
- Day cares services (not for profit)

Request to Council: to recognize that Merritt Youth & Family Resources Society will utilize the 1721 Coldwater Avenue facility to address the current community demand for family and youth support services. The Society wishes to renew the lease agreement to include family and youth support services

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

- 6.1 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
File: 2066

064/13

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council affirm the resolution of January 08, 2013 which states:

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 Practices DMO, supporting both Merritt tourism stakeholders and those within the Nicola Valley;

AND THAT 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

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Goetz and Mayor Roline

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT

- 8.1 Supply of Diesel Fuel and Gasoline; Financial Services Manager's April 01, 2013 Memorandum
File: 1220

065/13

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

That Council awards the City of Merritt Fuel Supply contract to Prairie Fuel Advisors (2008); managers of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Fuel Supply Program for three (3) years with a two (2) year renewal

Councillor Christopherson declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**MERRITT COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS**

8.2 Grant-in-Aid – Merritt Country Christmas Committee; Financial Services Manager’s April 02, 2013 Memorandum
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

066/13

THAT Council review the request for an In-Kind Grant-in-Aid from the Merritt Country Christmas Committee in the amount of two thousand six hundred and seventy-seven (\$2,677) dollars and award the grant as requested

Councillor Christopherson returned to the Council meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Councillor Murdoch declared a conflict of interest and left the Council meeting at 8:22 p.m.

**GENERAL PROPERTY
INSURANCE**

8.3 General Property Insurance; Financial Services Manager’s April 02, 2013 Memorandum
File: 1856.2

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

067/13

THAT Council accept the proposal from Interior Savings Insurance Services Inc., Merritt for general insurance coverage for 2013 – 2016 in the amount of fifty six thousand five hundred and sixty four (\$56,564) dollars per annum, a reduction in cost of two thousand seven hundred and sixty-five (\$2,765) dollars from prior years, due to a loyalty credit

Councillor Christopherson declared a conflict of interest and left the Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**MERRITT &
DISTRICT CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

8.4 Grant-in-Aid – Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce; Financial Services Manager’s April 01, 2013 Memorandum
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

068/13

THAT Council review the request for Sponsorship Grant-in-Aid request from the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce in the amount of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars and award the grant as requested

Councillors Christopherson and Murdoch returned to the Council meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**DISPOSAL OF
SURPLUS FURNITURE
AND EQUIPMENT**

069/13

8.5 Disposal of Surplus Furniture and Equipment; Financial Services Manager's April 01, 2013 Memorandum
File: 1090

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with an auction to dispose of obsolete/excess equipment;

AND THAT the Zamboni be donated to the Tulameen Community Association as is

Voting Opposed Councillor Murdoch

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Councillor Murdoch brought forth the following Notice of Motion:

THAT Council invite Community Futures Nicola Valley to make a presentation to Council at one of its regular meetings in June;

AND THAT the Deputy Clerk contact Community Futures Nicola Valley to determine which of the two Tuesdays would work better for Community Futures Nicola Valley

9.2 Councillor Murdoch brought forth the following Notice of Motion:

THAT Council appoint a Select Committee to consist of the six (6) Councillors for the purpose of advising Council on appointments to Select Committees and other bodies requesting a Council representative;

AND THAT until the committee appoints a chair, Councillor Murdoch will be chair

9.3 Councillor Christopherson brought forth the following Notice of Motion:

THAT Council invite Nicola Valley Community Arts Council to make a presentation to Council at one of its regular meetings before the end June;

AND THAT the Deputy Clerk contact Nicola Valley Community Arts Council to determine which Tuesday would work better for Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Christopherson attended the “8 hands 2 pianos” concert hosted by the Arts Council Concert Committee and advised that the Arts Council is hosting a “Night of the Arts” celebrating 30 years on Friday, April 26, 2013

Councillor Baker attended the Community Gardens meeting and advised Community Gardens is having a work bee on Saturday, April 27, 2013

Councillor Kroeker attended the COFI conference in Prince George and is attending the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association AGM in Russell, Manitoba next week

Mayor Roline apologized if her comments regarding her non-confidence in Council with regards to conflict of interest was taken out of context

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| WEBSITE ANALYTICS | 11.1 | Website Analytics show Increase in Visits to new Website; Economic Development Manager’s April 03, 2013 Memorandum
File: 1485 |
| SPRINKLING REGULATIONS | 11.2 | Water Sprinkling Hour Addition from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm; Public Works Superintendent’s March 20, 2013 Memorandum
File: 5600 |
| UBCM 2012 RESOLUTION | 11.3 | 2012 Resolution; Mayor Mary Sjostrom, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities February 15, 2013 Letter
File: 0270 |
| PROCLAMATION | 11.4 | Proclamation; April is “ Daffodil Month ” and April 27, 2013 is “ Daffodil Day ”
File: 0630 |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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 23rd Day of April, 2013

**Original signed by
Mayor**