



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013

AT 5:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor A. Murdoch (*arrived at 5:12 p.m.*)
Councillor C. Norgaard

REGRETS

Councillor H. Kroeker

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

10 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

3. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegation

**VALLEY VISUAL
ARTISTS**

- 3.1 Council requested (January 17, 2013 Budget Meeting) that Valley Visual Artists be contacted to make a presentation to Council as to what Valley Visual Artists are about and what does the organization do
File: 1851

Ms. F. McMurchy, President, Valley Visual Artists made a presentation to Council including:

- History of the Valley Visual Artists
- Valley Visual Artists purpose in the community
- Valley Visual Artists benefits to the community
- Requirements of the Valley Visual Artists
- Discussed possible available space
- Affiliation with the Nicola Valley Arts Council

Valley Visual Artists requested a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$12,100

Ms. S. Reynolds, Valley Visual Artists member presented to Council the yarn bombing project

**MERRITT HELPING
HANDS SOCIETY**

- 3.2 Council requested (January 17, 2013 Budget Meeting) that Merritt Helping Hands Society come and speak to Council regarding the programs so Council can get a better sense of who they are; what they want to accomplish and why doesn't Merritt Helping Hands Society work with ASK Wellness
File: 1851

Ms. M. Tolmie made a presentation to Council including:

- Merritt Helping Hands Society history – formed in 2004
- Education process by Merritt Helping Hands Society
- Health fair
- Vaccinated 54 people for hepatitis
- School presentations
- Prevention of spread of disease with harm reduction kits
- Presence at shelter
- Merritt Helping Hands Society has handed out 53,900 syringes, 43 crack pipe kits and 188 cooker kits as well as Christmas hampers including socks and gloves
- Taking addicts to appointments etc.

4. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:10 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**