



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor H. Kroeker
Councillor A. Murdoch
Councillor C. Norgaard

REGRETS

Councillor D. Baker

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. Noble, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Currie; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager
Mr. D. Finnigan, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Planning & Development Services Manager
Mr. L. Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

Merritt Herald
Q101.1

0 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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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

164/13

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 be adopted

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

165/13

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, August 06, 2013 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

NICOLA VALLEY
MEMORIAL ARENA
OPERATING
CONTRACT

8.1 Nicola Valley Memorial Arena Operating Contract Extension;
Leisure Services Manager's July 30, 2013 Memorandum
File: 2381.10

165/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City agrees to extend the contract with Merritt Arena Sports for the operation of the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena for a further two (2) years at the cost of one hundred and eighty six thousand four hundred and ninety-two (\$186,492) dollars including taxes in the first year, and the cost of one hundred and ninety two thousand eighty-seven (\$192,087) dollars including taxes in the second year;

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

**DIRECTIONAL
SIGNAGE
COMMITTEE**

8.2 Directional Signage Committee Meeting July 17, 2013 Minutes
File: 0386

Moved,

THAT Council approve in principle up to fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars for graphic design services for use with directional signage projects pending completion of the tourism plan as presented by TOTA

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

166/13

THAT Council approve up to fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars for graphic design services for use with directional signage projects

TERRY FOX RUN

8.3 Rotary Club of Merritt Sunrise; MJ Berezan, President Elect July 16, 2013 Letter
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

167/13

THAT Council grant the request from The Rotary Club of Merritt Sunrise of waiving the fee (seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars plus applicable taxes) for use of Voght Park for the Terry Fox Run providing the City be recognized for the donation

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Murdoch brought forth the following Notice of Motion:

THAT Council instructs Administration to review matters relating to the number of meetings per month and attendees per meeting that a resident in a residential zone is allowed to have; AND THAT the review should cover what the current rules are and options to amend those rules in light of the importance of small business to Merritt's economy

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Goetz attended the Nicola Valley Cruiser car show; Highland Valley Copper's open house and bar-b-q; the Fly-In at the Airport; the Bass Coast Festival walk through and relayed appreciation to Shawn, Darrell and the Public Works crew for the improvements at the dog park

Councillor Norgaard attended the TOTA meeting in Cache Creek

Councillor Kroeker also attend the TOTA meeting in Cache Creek

Councillor Christopherson attended the luncheon with MLA Tagert and the Minister of Forests

Mayor Roline attended the grand opening of the Community Gardens; the Reno Rod Club tour; Nicola Valley Cruisers show & shine; Bass Coast Festival site tour Art Walk wind up breakfast; Highland Valley Copper bar-b-q; SILGA meeting in Keremos; TOTA/Gold Country planning workshop and congratulated Public Works on the improvements to the parking lot at Central Park

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**POLICY & BYLAW
REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- 11.1 Minutes; Policy & Bylaw Review Committee July 22, 2013
Minutes
File: 0373

CANADIAN
COUNTRY MUSIC
HALL OF FAME

- 11.2 Release of July 09, 2013 In-Camera Resolutions regarding the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame
File: 0381

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

IC045/13

THAT the following resolutions of the July 09, 2013 In-Camera Council Meeting be taken out of In-Camera:

IC039/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council not support the Canadian Country Music Heritage Society request that the City of Merritt agree to immediately re-instate a cash contribution of fifteen thousand five hundred (\$15,500) dollars to bridge the term June through December 2013;

AND THAT the City of Merritt not agree to provide a staff (manager level) representative to the Board of Directors in an ex-officio (non-voting), advisory capacity; and that such support shall be meaningful in nature (a working partnership as contrasted by an information gathering type function)

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

IC040/13

THAT the City agree to provide reciprocal web links (ideally a landing page) on www.merritt.ca with www.ccmhalloffame.com at a minimal cost to the City

IC041/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City of Merritt agree to collaborate on the drafting and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Country Music Heritage Society and the City of Merritt

GREEN
COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE

- 11.3 Green Communities Committee; Julian Paine, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division and Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, Union of BC Municipalities Letter
File: 0135

UBCM

- 11.4 Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment; Mayor Mary Sjostrom, President, UBCM July 19, 2013 Letter
File: 2240.46

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:33 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 27th Day of August, 2013

**Original signed by
Mayor**