



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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. S. Boven, Public Works Manager
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Planning & Development Services Manager
Mr. K. Ostraat, Financial Services Manager
Mr. J. Sucharyna, Business & Economic Development Manager
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

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4 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Roline introduced Jerry Sucharyna, Business & Economic Development Manager

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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177/13

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 be adopted

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MINUTES

178/13

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

MERRITT YOUTH &
FAMILY RESOURCES

5.1 Lenora Fletcher, Executive Director, Merritt Youth & Family Resources Society August 29, 2013 Letter
File: 2240.72

Ms. L. Fletcher, Executive Director, Merritt Youth & Family Resources Society presented to Council the new business plan for usage of the building located at 1721 Coldwater Avenue on a fee for service basis. Merritt Youth & Family Resources Society is looking to obtain a resolution from Council regarding the lease renewal. Also discussed was connection with Boys & Girls Club and child care options.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESIDENTIAL WATER
METER LIST AND
READINGS

179/13

4.1 Residential Water Meter List and Readings; Superintendent of Public Works August 01, 2013 Memorandum
File: 5600

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council directs staff to not act on this request at this time

Voting Opposed: Councillor Norgaard

Councillor Kroeker left the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and returned at 7:29 p.m.

7. BYLAWS

SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

7.1 Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw Update; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager's September 04, 2013 Memorandum File: 3900

180/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Bylaw amending Bylaw No. 2156, 2013 be given first reading

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

181/13

THAT the City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Bylaw amending Bylaw No. 2156, 2013 be given second reading

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

182/13

THAT the City of Merritt Sanitary Sewer Bylaw amending Bylaw No. 2156, 2013 be given third reading

8. NEW BUSINESS

THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA

8.1 Thermal Imaging Camera; Fire Chief's August 21, 2013 Memorandum File: 7200

183/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council release eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-nine dollars and sixty-five (\$11,769.65) cents from the Council Contingency Fund to replace the broken Thermal Imaging Camera in use at the Merritt Fire Rescue Department

SCHOOL DISTRICT WATER METER INSTALLATION

8.2 School District Water Meter Installation Variance; Public Works Manager's September 03, 2013 Memorandum File: 5600

184/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council varies the requirement for the installation of a water meter for the 4" water line to accommodate the fire sprinkler system at the Kengard Learning Centre

MERRITT CURLING
CENTRE

8.3 Request for \$10,000 Grant-in-Aid to repair the Merritt Curling Centre's roof, Paul Montgomery, President, Merritt Curling Centre August 29, 2013 Letter
File: 1851

185/13

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Merritt Curling Club Centre request for a grant-in-aid in the amount of fifteen thousand two hundred (\$15,200) dollars plus GST for the repair of the roof on the curling club centre

Moved

THAT the motion be deferred to Administration to provide a report

Voting resumed on the main motion with friendly amendment

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Merritt Curling Club Centre request for a grant-in-aid in the amount of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for the repair of the roof on the curling club centre

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Christopherson brought back his Notice of Motion pertaining to Merritt Morning Market. Mayor Roline advised this item was being dealt with In-Camera

Councillor Kroeker commented the Mayor had too much on her plate and should take some time off and that Councillor Christopherson be appointed Director for the TNRD. Councillor Kroeker also voiced his concern of Council not being made aware of the appointment of Ken Ostraat, Financial Services Manager and Jerry Sucharyna, Business & Economic Development Manager and wanted the entire Council to be involved in the selection of the new Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor Roline ruled Councillor Kroeker was out of order and this discussion should happen In-Camera

Councillor Murdoch challenged the chair and asked the Deputy Clerk for a ruling

Deputy Clerk requested time to consult with the *Community Charter*

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Baker reported on the Wildfire Training Centre grand opening

Mayor Roline also attended the grand opening of the Wildfire Training Centre

Councillor Goetz thanked Council for pushing forward with the Wildfire Training Centre project

Councillor Norgaard also commented on the Wildfire Training Centre grand opening

Councillor Baker advised of the upcoming Art in Grand show, the Crime Stoppers event and UBCM

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**MERRITT ARENA
SPORTS**

IC053/13

11.1 Council Resolutions taken out of In-Camera

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Resolution No. IC034/13 "THAT Administration negotiate a new operational agreement for a term of two (2) years with Merritt Arena Sports subject to the provision of a complete financial performance and an open mind to expressions of interest;

AND THAT Administration negotiate a new eighteen (18) month janitorial contract with the legitimate lowest bidder" be taken out of In-Camera

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

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

Deputy Clerk

Confirmed on the 24th Day of September, 2013

Mayor