



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

**REGRETS**

Councillor A. Murdoch

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. L. Plotnikoff, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. S. Boven, Public Works Manager  
Mr. B. Currie, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager  
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager  
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Planning & Development Services Manager  
Mr. K. Ostraat, Financial Services Manager  
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

Merritt Herald

40 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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- 3.1 Ms. N. Jolly owner of A&M Tandem Massage and More on Parker Drive spoke to Agenda Item 11.1 commenting the City is basically saying home based businesses are not welcome in Merritt, however, home based offices are and questioned communities used in the Planning & Development Services Managers memorandum
- 3.2 Mr. C. Elcott spoke to Agenda Item 11.1 commenting on the neighbor threatening the family business and income which threatens his family. How the neighbor got his friend (assuming it is the bylaw officer) to target the massage business. There were signs posted on their block of Parker Street - the neighborhood was upset and the signs were removed within the week.
- 3.3 Ms. K. Rogers speaking to Agenda Item 11.1 commented she lives across from A&M Tandem Massage and More and they asked her speak on behalf of the neighbors. She had received over 15 e-mails directly from Ms. Jolly as to where and how she should park for her class as the residential only parking signs had been erected right in front of the house. Two days later the signs were removed. Did these parking restrictions apply to a person who was living with her fulfilling a temporary job for a year?

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**  
**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

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Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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**BORROWING BYLAW  
2150, 2013 CENTRAL  
PARK**

- 6.1 Alternate Approval Process for Borrowing Bylaw 2150; Financial Services Managers September 30, 2013 Memorandum  
File: 3900.2150

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

195/13

**THAT Council direct staff to obtain elector approval by undertaking an Alternative Approval Process;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to publish the first Notice of the Alternative Approval Process on Thursday, October 10, 2013 and set the deadline date for the Process as Friday, November 18, 2013 for the "Central Park Improvements - Upgrades to the Washrooms and Construction of a Lacrosse Box City of Merritt Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2150, 2013"**

Voting Opposed: Councillor Kroeker

**BORROWING BYLAW  
2151, 2013 ASPHALT  
PROJECT**

- 6.2 Alternate Approval Process for Borrowing Bylaw 2151; Financial Services Managers September 30, 2013 Memorandum  
File: 3900.2151

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

196/13

**THAT Council direct staff to obtain elector approval by undertaking an Alternative Approval Process;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to publish the first Notice of the Alternative Approval Process on Thursday, October 10, 2013 and set the deadline date for the Process as Friday, November 18, 2013 for the "2013 Asphalt Project City of Merritt Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2151, 2013"**

Voting Opposed: Councillor Kroeker

**BORROWING BYLAW  
2152, 2013 SIDEWALK  
PROJECT**

6.3 Alternate Approval Process for Borrowing Bylaw 2152; Financial Services Managers September 30, 2013 Memorandum  
File: 3900.2152

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

197/13

**THAT Council direct staff to obtain elector approval by undertaking an Alternative Approval Process;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to publish the first Notice of the Alternative Approval Process on Thursday, October 10, 2013 and set the deadline date for the Process as Friday, November 18, 2013 for the "2013 Sidewalk Project City of Merritt Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2152, 2013"**

**BORROWING BYLAW  
2153, 2013 PUBLIC  
WORKS UTILITY  
BUILDING**

6.4 Alternate Approval Process for Borrowing Bylaw 2153; Financial Services Managers September 30, 2013 Memorandum  
File: 3900.2153

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

198/13

**THAT Council direct staff to obtain elector approval by undertaking an Alternative Approval Process;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to publish the first Notice of the Alternative Approval Process on Thursday, October 10, 2013 and set the deadline date for the Process as Friday, November 18, 2013 for the "2013 Public Works Utility Building City of Merritt Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2153, 2013"**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

6.5 Mayor Susan Roline brought forth a Notice of Motion:

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

199/13

**THAT Council write a letter to Minister Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development requesting a meeting to discuss plans to improve the City of Merritt's socioeconomic situation**

7. BYLAWS

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OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY PLAN

7.1 City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw Amending Bylaw  
No. 2154, 2013  
File: 3900.2116

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

200/13

**THAT City of Merritt Official Community Plan Bylaw  
Amending Bylaw No. 2154, 2013 be given third reading  
Voting Opposed: Councillors Christopherson and Kroeker**

ZONING

7.2 City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 2155, 2013  
File: 3900.1894

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

201/13

**THAT third reading of City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw  
Amending Bylaw No. 2155, 2013 be deferred to allow Planning  
& Development Services Manager to provide clarification  
regarding the process should the project locate across the street  
and air quality matters**

TAX EXEMPTION

7.3 Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2161, 2013; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Managers September 30, 2013 Memorandum File: 2080; 3900.2161

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT the City of Merritt 2014 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2161, 2013 Schedule "D" be amended by adding Merritt Curling Club being Lot 2 Plan 22544 DL 124 KDYD and the building and structures thereon**

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the City of Merritt 2014 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2161, 2013 be given first reading as amended**

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the City of Merritt 2014 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2161, 2013 be given second reading**

205/13

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the City of Merritt 2014 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2161, 2013 be given third reading**

8. NEW BUSINESS

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Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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Councillor Baker brought forth the following Notice of Motion:

THAT Council and staff develop a "CODE OF ETHICS" that would apply to all members of Council and all persons appointed as members of boards, committees, panels, task forces and other bodies appointed by the City of Merritt Council

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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Councillor Goetz attended the opening of the Pacific Forest Rally

Councillor Norgaard attended the dinner prepared by Merritt Senior Secondary First Nations students

Mayor Roline attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Gala Awards; presented Luke Pierce with a Supporter of Note recognizing his "Coach of the Year 2012-2013" award at last the Centennials hockey game; attended the TNRD for a presentation from ALC on water availability for agriculture and a Nicola Lake Plan meeting

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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HOME BASED  
BUSINESSES AND  
MEETINGS PER  
MONTH IN A  
RESIDENCE

- 11.1 Home Based Businesses and meetings per month in a residence; Planning & Development Services Managers September 30, 2013 Memorandum  
File: 3900.2134

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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**THAT a task force consisting of Council and parties involved i.e. residents with home based businesses, residents desire to live in zones that does not permit home based businesses and property owners with vacant space be struck to obtain input regarding size of business, parking requirements etc.**

AUGUST &  
SEPTEMBER 2013  
BYLAW REPORT

- 11.2 August and September 2013 Bylaw Report; Bylaw Services Officers October 01, 2013 Memorandum  
File: 4000

CITY ARTS &  
CULTURE POLICY  
TASK FORCE

- 11.3 Minutes; City Arts & Culture Policy Task Force September 25, 2013 Meeting  
File: 0387

WASTE REDUCTION  
WEEK

- 11.4 Proclamation; *"Waste Reduction Week"* October 21-27, 2013  
File: 0630

FOSTER FAMILY  
MONTH

- 11.5 Proclamation; *"Foster Family Month"* October, 2013  
File: 0630

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Deputy Clerk**

**Confirmed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of October, 2013**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**