



## CITY OF MERRITT

### MINUTES

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**CITY HALL**  
2185 Voght Street  
Merritt, B.C.

**Wednesday, December 18, 2013**  
**At 5:00 pm**

*Mission Statement: The City of Merritt is a progressive, attractive, economically viable City that is socially responsible and environmentally sustainable.*

#### **Council**

Mayor Susan Roline

Councillor Dave Baker

Councillor Mike Goetz

Councillor Kurt Christopherson

Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Clara Norgaard

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### SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013 AT 5:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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Mayor Susan Roline (*arrived at 5:08 p.m.*)  
Councillor D. Baker  
Councillor K. Christopherson  
Councillor M. Goetz

REGRETS

Councillor H. Kroeker  
Councillor C. Norgaard

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. L. Plotnikoff, Acting-Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. K. Ostraat, Financial Services Manager  
Ms. S. Johnson, Committee Clerk

13 Members of the public

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2. CALL TO ORDER

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Acting Mayor Dave Baker called the meeting to order at 5:07pm

### 3. REPORTS

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- 3.1 Council looking to understand the operation of the plant and address concerns residents have with the asphalt plant:
- Peter Brothers asphalt plants currently meet all emissions tests and regulations set out by the Provincial Government as well as meets the standards acceptable for the Lower Mainland
  - Exploring natural gas as a fuel to operate the plant rather than waste oil. The gas line runs to the property and it would save on the hauling and storage of waste oil
  - There would be little odor or haze from the plant; the most visible would be the steam. The (blue) smoke seen from asphalt operations in general is due to the temperature of the mix which is specified by the contractor for various jobs
  - A berm would be built around the property to reduce the dust and mitigate the noise
  - Interior Health Authority and Ministry of Environment have expressed reservation about a plant in city limits due to an already degraded air shed in Merritt
  - The asphalt plant would run from March to November roughly and would not be operational every day during that time. Possibly a week or so out of a month, approximately 10 hours a day and 300 trucks a year
  - Technology of asphalt plants has changed over the years to improve emissions
  - High pressure venturi scrubbers are used to better clean the stacks
  - The plant would use approximately 150 gallons of water per minute with all of it being recycled. Two tanks will be used to reclaim the water with a flocking agent added to settle particles faster
  - Plants in Kelowna and Penticton are surrounded by business and residential. Safety and environmental tests were passed in Oliver to operate in close proximity to an vineyard
  - The entrance would be paved to reduce dust and highline would be used so there would be no generator noise
  - The current traffic in and out of the mills is around 75 logging trucks, 25 lumber trucks and 35 chip/sawdust trucks per day as well as 2-3 pieces of machinery running in the yards

- *Council would like to know how much truck traffic per day would be created with the Merritt Green Energy project*
- *Council would like staff to do some research to find out if there have been any sort of complaints filed with the Ministry of Environment in regards to asphalt plants currently in operation*

4. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:46p.m.

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

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**Committee Clerk**

**Confirmed on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2014**

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**Mayor**