



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

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 N. Menard  
Councillor C. Norgaard

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. A. Chabot, Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer  
Mr. B. Currie, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager  
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager  
Mr. K. Ostraat, Financial Services Manager  
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

Merritt Herald  
Q101.1

6 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Roline made the following statement:

**“Council wishes to inform Merritt residents of our wishes to move forward and to not dwell on issues that occurred in the recent past. We recently have had some meaningful discussion, which has lead us to reaffirm our commitment to you; to work together to ensure the needs of the City of Merritt and the greater good of the community are foremost in our actions and decisions.**

**We recognize that things could have been handled different, but unfortunately as with any relationship, communications break down and without attention, can build into more than what it should be.**

**Council has also acknowledged this and commit to working in a more unified way so that this does not happen in the future.**

**We apologize to the citizens of Merritt that things got to this point and we will make the greatest effort to ensure our conduct in Council meetings is as it should be.**

**Thank you”**

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES**

**116/14**

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 be amended by changing the resolution for item 10.3 to read THAT Council instruct staff to involve the RCMP in the investigation to the validity of those statements;**

**AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended**

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

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**WIND ONION  
PROJECT**

5.1 Wind Onion Project; Ms. S. Reynolds to present to Council  
File: 0250

Ms. S. Reynolds personally thanked everyone that supported the Valley Visual Artists grant-in-aid which allowed them to host a workshop

Ms. Reynolds presented to Council a project to obtain and refurbish the Wind Onion which is on the private property of the owner and inventor (Heinz Lange). The desire is to refurbish and relocate the Wind Onion to a prominent area of Merritt.

Also discussed with Ms. Reynolds, Museum and Baillie House representatives were:

- Historical value
- Education potential
- Tourism potential
- Patents or patents pending
- Insurance
- Honouring of Mr. Lange
- Temporary storage and ultimately refurbishing and permanent public display

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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DESTINATION  
BRANDING RE-  
POSITIONING PILOT  
PROJECT

- 6.1 Merritt Nicola Valley Tourism Plan Progress Report; Simone Carlysle-Smith to present to Council  
File: 0691

*Councillor Kroeker left the meeting at 7:17pm and returned at 7:21pm*

Ms. S. Carlysle-Smith reviewed the background and key elements of the strategy as well as key accomplishments, applying the brand, other activities and what the next steps should be.

Ms. S. Carlysle-Smith requested that Mayor and Council provide a formal written response to the opportunity to continue working together in Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association's case study pilot project and consider the website proposal and funding opportunities

Destination Branding Re-positioning Pilot Project; Business & Economic Development Manager's June 04, 2014 Memorandum  
File: 0691.2

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

117/14

**THAT Council does not agree to continue working with the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association's case study pilot project and consider the website proposal and funding options as the lead but directs the Economic Development Manager as the lead to begin brand implementation once completed and as budget allows complimenting the economic development strategy and its directions regarding tourism and marketing**

7. BYLAWS

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Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

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EXTRAORDINARY  
SPECIAL EVENT  
ADDITIONAL FIRE  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENT

- 8.1 Extraordinary Special Events Additional Fire Services Agreement; Chief Administrative Officer's May 26, 2014 Memorandum  
File: 7200

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

118/14

**THAT Council approve the Extraordinary Special Events Additional Fire Services Agreement;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City**

PERMISSIVE TAX  
EXEMPTION

- 8.2 Permissive Tax Exemption Policy; Deputy Financial Services Manager's June 03, 2014 Memorandum  
File: 0525

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

119/14

**THAT Council adopts the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy as circulated**

EXTRAORDINARY  
GRANT IN AID  
APPLICATION

- 8.3 Grant -in-Aid/Extraordinary - Love to Dance Academy; Deputy Financial Services Manager's June 03, 2014 Memorandum  
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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**THAT Council award two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to the Love to Dance Academy for their 2014 extraordinary grant application**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil

## 10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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Councillor Menard reported on the Ty Pozzobon Invitational with over 3,000 in attendance as well as the after party hosted by the Centennials with over 800 in attendance. The Centennials are also involved with Sturgis Canada and have some new members on their executive as a result of their AGM held June 04<sup>th</sup>

Councillor Christopherson attended the Merritt Country Run on June 08<sup>th</sup> with over 300 entrees

Councillor Goetz raised some concerns of non-electric cars parking in front of the charging stations and electric cars not being able to access the chargers

Councillor Norgaard commented on the handicap parking in front of City Hall

Mayor Roline attended the Merritt Country Run on June 08<sup>th</sup> and the Merritt Integrated Project strategic plan workshop on June 09<sup>th</sup>

## 11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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### **MERRITT COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT**

- 11.1 Merritt Community Policing Office April 2014 Month End Report; Kelly Donaldson and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore's report  
File: 7500.1

### **THOMSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT**

- 11.2 Changes to demolition, land clearing and construction (DLC) tipping fees effective July 01, 2014; Thomson-Nicola Regional District letter received June 03, 2014  
File: 0480

### **EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS**

- 11.3 Earthquake Preparedness Consultation; Suzanne Anton QC, Attorney General, Minister of Justice May 02, 2014 letter  
File: 0135

### **MERRITT COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT**

- 11.4 Merritt Community Policing Office May 2014 Month End Report; Kelly Donaldson and Cst. Tracy Dunsmore's report  
File: 7500.1

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:04 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Deputy Clerk**

**Confirmed on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2014**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**