



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor N. Menard
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor L. Brown
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor D. Norgaard
Councillor G. Prowal

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Planning & Development Services Manager
Mr. D. Schaffer, Acting Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

MEDIA

Merritt Herald
Q101.1

7 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menard 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

001/16

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 be adopted

002/16

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

FALL FAIR
ASSOCIATION

5.1 Fall Fair Association to Provide Council with an Update on their Fundraising Activities for the Fall Fair Building
File: 0250

Ms. K. Reimer and Ms. S. Thompson provided Council with an update on the fund raising efforts of the Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association with regard to having water and sewer in the Fall Fair Building and provided a report on the income and expenses to date. The Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association is also selling bricks for \$10.00 as a fund raising effort and inquiries for the bricks can be made to Ms. Reimer at 250.378.7270 or Ms. Thompson at 250.315.3940 or any other member of the Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL
COMMITTEES

6.1 Establishment of Council Committees; Acting Director of Corporate Administration January 06, 2016 Report
File: 0590

003/16

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council adopt the attached terms of reference for the Finance and Audit Committee, the Police Committee and the Tourism and Economic Development Committee

Councillor Christopherson declared a perceived conflict of interest as he is a Director of the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society and left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

NICOLA VALLEY
COMMUNITY
THEATRE SOCIETY

- 6.2 Legality and Implications of Accepting Donations for the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society and Tax Receipts; Director of Finance & IT January 06, 2016 Report
File: 1770

Moved,

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter to the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society to provide the information as required in the report from the Director of Finance & IT

The report on the legality and implications of accepting donations for the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society and tax receipts was received for information only

Councillor Christopherson returned to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

7. BYLAWS

CITY OF MERRITT
ANIMAL CONTROL

- 7.1 City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2205, 2016
File: 3900.2197

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

004/16

THAT City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2205, 2016 be read a first time
Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

005/16

THAT City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2205, 2016 be read a second time
Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

006/16

THAT City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2205, 2016 be read a third time
Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

8. NEW BUSINESS

MUTUAL AID -
LOGAN LAKE

- 8.1 Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal - District of Logan Lake; Fire Chief January 04, 2016 Report
File: 2280.05

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

007/16

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Merritt and the District of Logan Lake

2016-2020 FINANCIAL
PLAN PROCESS

- 8.2 Status Report on 2016-2020 Financial Plan Process; Director of Finance & IT January 06, 2016 Report
File: 1700

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

008/16

THAT Council provide staff with input and direction on scheduling Committee of the Whole meetings for budget deliberations

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Prowal advised Council of the new program through Interior Health called "Pathways to Home" for those that no longer need hospital care but are not ready for independence in their home
- 10.2 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices; recognized Brian Barrett on his induction into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame and thanked Dr. Bester for his many years of service within the community

- 10.3 Councillor Norgaard in preparation for budget discussions has read the water utility master plan, the sanitary sewer master plan and the storm water master plan and is currently reading the asset management report. Councillor Norgaard has also been working on the First Nations dialogue strategic goal by researching and collecting information for data for the proposal for a detox/rehab centre
- 10.4 Councillor Baker attended the Community dinner of December 21st and shared a newspaper article regarding the toll on the Coquihalla Highway prior to the highway being built
- 10.5 Councillor Brown enjoyed a great Christmas season and New Year and advised that the next Council committee to be brought forward will be the Environmental Committee (land, air and water)
- 10.6 Councillor Christopherson announced the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society will be having a fundraiser on February 17th
- 10.7 Mayor Menard also recognized Brian Barrett on his induction into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame; hosted Mayor drop-in sessions; attended the Community dinner on December 21st advising the organizer wishes to do the same in 2016; attended First Nations meeting on January 10th; attended a Rotary Club meeting and a meeting with the local area Director of the Ministry of Transportation on January 12th. Mayor Menard also announced that there will be no Bull-A-Rama in Merritt in 2016

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE

- 11.1 Chief Administrative Officer Operational Update January 2016
File: 5205

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 11.2 Minutes; Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 15, 2015
File: 0590

PROCLAMATION

- 11.3 Proclamation: *"Variety Week"* February 08-14, 2016
File: 0630

- NICOLA VALLEY
EVANGELICAL FREE
CHURCH** 11.4 Pastor Gary Thuveson, Lead Pastor, Nicola Valley Evangelical Free Church December 31, 2015 Letter
File: 0250
- MINISTRY OF
ENVIRONMENT** 11.5 Spill Response; Anthony Danks, Executive Director, Spills Response Regime Project, Environmental Protection Division
December 21, 2015 Letter
File: 0135
- SPECTRA ENERGY** 11.6 Compressor Station 8A Upgrades (Kingsvale) – Update; Evan Saugstad, Principal Project Leader, Aboriginal Relations, Spectra Energy December 22, 2015 Letter
File: 0250

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 26th Day of January, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**