



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016
AT 5:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Neil Menard
Councillor D. Baker (*Arrived at 5:55 p.m.*)
Councillor L. Brown
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor D. Norgaard
Councillor G. Prowal

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. B. Currie, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Mr. D. Schaffer, Acting Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

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5 Member of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

4. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognition

Nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS

**REVITALIZATION
TAX EXEMPTION**

- 6.1 Revitalization Tax Exemption; Acting Director of Corporate Services January 12, 2016 Report
File: 2080

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council direct staff to prepare an updated bylaw or bylaws continuing the Revitalization Tax Exemption Program with parameters formalized in this workshop

**GRANT
APPLICATIONS**

- 6.2 2016 Grant - Deliberations; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager January 13, 2016 Report (*Viewing of all grant applications is available at City Hall*)
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded

THAT the Committee recommend to Council that Council approves the 2016 Grant applications as deliberated

British Columbia Ambassador Program
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the British Columbia Ambassador Program with a \$1500 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund for Civic Centre rental fees

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the motion be amended to \$1000

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the British Columbia Ambassador Program with a \$1000 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund for Civic Centre rental fees

Voting Opposed: Councillor Prowal

Canadian Mental Health
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council not approve the grant application from Canadian Mental Health in the amount of \$7900 for Talk Today

Conayt Friendship Society
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Conayt Friendship Society with a \$1000 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund for Nicola Valley Aboriginal Day

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the grant be deferred requesting full financials from Conayt Friendship Society

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support for the Conayt Friendship Society with a \$1000 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund for Nicola Valley Aboriginal Day be deferred requesting full financials from Conayt Friendship Society

Conayt Friendship Society
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Conayt Friendship Society with a \$1000 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund for Conayt Community Christmas Party

Moved,

THAT the grant be deferred requesting full financials from Conayt Friendship Society

Voting resumed on the main motion
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council support the Conayt Friendship Society with a \$1000 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund for Conayt Community Christmas Party

Councillor Baker arrived at the meeting

Friends of the Nicola Valley Society
Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT Council not approve the grant application from Friends of the Nicola Valley Society in the amount of \$1028

Voting Opposed: Mayor Menard, Councillors Brown, Goetz and Norgaard

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council support the Friends of the Nicola Valley with a \$1028 In-Kind grant through the Grant-in-Aid fund for Civic Centre rental fees

Law Enforcement Hockey Challenge
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Law Enforcement Hockey Challenge with a \$2000 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund to organize a Charity hockey tournament

Moved,

THAT the grant be deferred to review financials

Voting resumed on the main motion
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Law Enforcement Hockey Challenge with a \$2000 Financial Aid grant through the Community Initiative fund to organize a Charity hockey tournament

Voting Opposed: Councillor Prowal

Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce with a \$3000 Gold Corporate Sponsorship through the Community Initiative fund for general operations

Moved, Seconded

THAT the motion be amended to a \$3000 grant-in-aid for rent

Motion ruled out of order as changes the intent of the motion

Voting resumed on the main motion
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce with a \$3000 Gold Corporate Sponsorship through the Community Initiative fund for general operations

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. to reconvene after the dinner break

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce with a \$5000 Sponsorship through Community Initiative fund for Forestry Week event

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the grant be deferred until confirmation of sponsors and organizations participation

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce with a \$5000 Sponsorship through Community Initiative fund for Forestry Week event be deferred until confirmation of sponsors and organizations participation

Merritt Art Walk
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Merritt Art Walk with a \$1000 Financial Aid grant through Community Initiative Fund for the Merritt Art Walk

Councillor Christopherson declared a perceived conflict of interest as he is a member of the Merritt Country Christmas Committee and left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Merritt Country Christmas Committee
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Merritt Country Christmas Committee with a \$2500 In-Kind grant through Community Initiative fund for Civic Centre rental fees

Councillor Christopherson returned to the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Merritt Country Run
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Merritt Country Run with a \$1000 In-Kind grant through Community Initiative fund for the annual community event

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the motion be amended to \$1012

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Merritt Country Run with a \$1012 In-Kind grant through Community Initiative fund for the annual community event

Merritt Otters Swim Club
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Merritt Otters Swim Club with a \$1260 In-Kind grant through Community Initiative fund for Aquatic Centre rental fees

Nicola Valley Community Arts Council
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council with a \$6000 Financial Aid grant through Community Initiative fund for general operations and Civic Centre rental fees

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the grant be deferred requesting more information from Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council with a \$6000 Financial Aid grant through Community Initiative fund for general operations and Civic Centre rental fees be deferred requesting more information from Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

Nicola Valley Community Band
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Community Band with a \$1500 Financial Aid grant through Grant-in-Aid fund for operations

Nicola Valley Community Gardens Society
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Community Gardens Society with a \$300 In-Kind grant through Grant-in-Aid fund for water bill

Nicola Valley Community Human Services
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Community Human Services with a \$967.42 In-Kind grant through Grant-in-Aid fund for Civic Centre rental fees

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the motion be amended to read not support as the event has been cancelled

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council not support the Nicola Valley Community Human Services with a \$967.42 In-Kind grant through Grant-in-Aid fund for Civic Centre rental fees as the event has been cancelled

Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association
Moved, Seconded

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association with a \$14,300 Financial Aid grant through Grant-in-Aid fund for water and sewer infrastructure

Moved Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the motion be amended to defer requesting 2015 financial information

Voting Opposed: Councillor Goetz

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association with a \$14,300 Financial Aid grant through Grant-in-Aid fund for water and sewer infrastructure be deferred requesting 2015 financial information

Voting Opposed: Councillors Goetz and Prowal

Nicola Valley Farmer's Market
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Farmer's Market with an \$1100 In-Kind grant through Grant-in-Aid fund for parking lot rental fees

Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support the Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo with a \$3250 Sponsorship through Community Initiative funds

Councillor Christopherson declared a perceived conflict of interest this is a fund raiser for the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society of which he is a Director and left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council support the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce with a \$2800 Financial Aid grant through Community Initiative fund for the Paint In event on condition that the art supplies be returned to the City of Merritt
Voting Opposed: Councillors Brown and Prowal

Councillor Christopherson returned to the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Voting resumed on the main motion
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council that Council approves the 2016 Grant applications as deliberated

7. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 28th Day of January, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**