



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 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. S. Bird, Director of Engineering & Development
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Mr. S. O'Flaherty, Planning & Development Services Manager
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

MEDIA

Merritt Herald
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5 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Menard introduced Ms. Sasha Bird, Director of Engineering and Development and welcomed her to the City of Merritt

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

020/16

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 be adopted

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4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

021/16

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PENALTY APPEAL

6.1 Roll # 451.01778.001 - Penalty Appeal; Director of Finance & IT
February 02, 2016 Report
File: 2015

022/16

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council direct staff to advise Mr. Rizzardo in writing that the penalties and interest for Roll # 451.01778.001 cannot be reversed as requested

NOTICE OF MOTION

6.2 Councillor Goetz made the following Notice of Motion at the
January 26, 2016 Regular Council meeting:

023/16

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City install 2 picnic tables at the parking lot area used by the Farmer's Market, for all to enjoy and have both with dedication plaques for Milly Mitchell

**REVITALIZATION
TAX EXEMPTION**

6.3 Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw - Proposed Changes;
Acting Director of Corporate Services January 29, 2016 Report
File: 2080

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council receive for information the draft Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw attached to this report as Appendix "A";

AND THAT Council direct staff to prepare a new draft Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw incorporating the following changes:

- **Change the manner in which façade improvements are evaluated by BC Assessment to remove the distinction between projects requiring building permits and projects not requiring such permits;**
- **Remove disincentives identified to demolish old buildings and construct new buildings;**
- **Make reliance on change in assessment the standard value of exemptions in all instances except façade improvements; and**
- **Include "processing" in the definition of Class 5: Light Industrial;**

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff send that draft bylaw for legal review;

AND FURTHER THAT upon receipt and discussion of that review, staff prepare the bylaw for presentation to Council

Moved

THAT the Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw be referred to a Committee of the Whole Meeting

Voting resumed on the main motion

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- 8.1 Committee Appointments; Mayor Menard January 29, 2016 Report
File: 0570

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

025/16

THAT Council endorse the following appointments to Standing Committees:

- Tourism and Economic Development - Councillors Christopherson, Goetz and Prowal
- Finance and Audit - Councillors Baker, Brown and Christopherson
- Police - Mayor Menard and Councillors Baker and Norgaard

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1 Notice of Motion from Councillor Prowal:

Council direct staff to prepare a report on the integrity of the City owned structure at 2544 Lauder Avenue with the report to include options for upgrades/repairs required to code or tear down

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Norgaard attended the Police Committee meeting on February 02nd and the Inter City Bowling League fundraiser

10.2 Councillor Goetz corrected his statement at the last Council meeting advising that Milly Mitchell was the founder of the Farmers' Market when in fact it was Lorna Shutter. Ms. Mitchell was very involved in the Farmers' Market. Councillor Goetz provided the last gas buddy prices and attended the Hockey Academy presentation on February 04th

10.3 Councillor Brown advised the Environment Committee report will be ready for the next Council meeting, requested Vision Merritt be discussed at a Closed Council meeting and requested a verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer

10.4 Councillor Christopherson advised of some upcoming events being the next Council budget meeting February 13th; Economic Development workshop February 15th; his commitment to Gillis house February 16th; cabaret event on February 17th and the Business after Business event on February 18th. Councillor Christopherson offered his condolences on the passing of Charlie Baxter and Ray Tippe

10.5 Councillor Prowal had circulated the Adopt-A-Road clean-up schedule; attended the Local Government Leadership Academy February 03rd-05th; and shared her discovery of midwifery at the library in Merritt

10.6 Councillor Baker thanked Mr. Schaffer for his past services as Acting Director of Corporate Services and shared the press release from Interior Health announcing Cindy Perry, HCIS Manager will be working out of the Merritt Hospital

- 10.7 Mayor Menard thanked Mr. Schaffer for his past services; commented on the past budget meeting January 28th; attended the Telus fibre optic session and the Police Committee meeting on February 02nd; the Local Government Leadership Academy February 03rd – 05th and on behalf of Council apologized to staff at the Merritt Hospital regarding comments made by Council at the January 28th regular Council meeting
- 10.8 Councillor Goetz stated his comments at the January 28th regular Council meeting regarding the Merritt Hospital were at no time targeted to anyone at the hospital and would not allow Council to take blame for comments he made
- 10.9 Chief Administrative Officer made a verbal report as requested

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE | 11.1 | Minutes; Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 21, 2016
File: 0590 |
| COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE | 11.2 | Minutes; Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 28, 2016
File: 0590 |
| POLICE COMMITTEE | 11.3 | Minutes; Police Committee Meeting February 02, 2016
File: 0376 |
| GOLD COUNTRY | 11.4 | Thank you for three (3) year Tourism Marketing and Development Partnership with Gold Country; Steve Rice, Chair, Gold Country Communities Society January 14, 2016 Letter
File: 0382 |
| BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS | 11.5 | Results of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program; Jon Bell, President, BC Association of Farmers' Markets January 22, 2016 Letter
File: 0250 |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Deputy Clerk**

Confirmed on the 23rd Day of February, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**