



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, MARCH 08, 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
Mr. B. Currie, Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager
Ms. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services

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)

Ms. Sheila Curnow spoke to Council regarding Item 8.1 on the agenda urging Council to not support the request for a future application for exclusion from the Agriculture Land Reserve

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

034/16

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 be adopted

035/16

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Grant-in-Aid request from the Merritt & District Minor Hockey Association be added to New Business on the agenda as Item 8.2

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

BC WINTER GAMES

5.1 Students Participating in BC Winter Games; Vince Kanigan
File: 0250

Mr. V. Kanigan updated Council on the team's standing and the recognition by other coaches for their skill. The team was proud to represent Merritt and Zone 2. Mayor Menard thanked the girls and Councillor Prowal congratulated the girls

RECREATION SITES
AND TRAIL BC
PROGRAM

5.2 Tim Bennett, District Forest Recreation Officer, Ministry of
Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations
File: 0410.7

Mr. T. Bennett, District Forest Recreation Officer presented to Council the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations including:

- What the Ministry does
- Forest and Range Practices Act
- Would like the City to use the "Trails Strategy for British Columbia" link on the City website
- Council provided information to Mr. Bennett in regards to the City Grant-in-Aid process directing questions and inquiries to the Finance Department

Mr. Bennett asked that staff work on building the Trails Connecting the Interface Trails

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
FORESTRY WEEK
GRANT

- 6.1 Chamber of Commerce Forestry Week Grant; Collector/Deputy
Financial Services Manager March 01, 2016 Report
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

036/16

THAT Council provide a grant of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars to the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce in support of Forestry Week to be funded by the Community Initiative budget

NICOLA VALLEY
ARTS COUNCIL
GRANT-IN-AID

- 6.2 Nicola Valley Arts Council Grant-in-Aid Follow-up;
Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager March 01, 2016
Report
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

037/16

THAT Council provide a grant of six thousand (\$6,000) dollars to the Nicola Valley Arts Council in support of their 2016 operating year to be funded by the Grant-in-Aid budget

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

AGRICULTURE LAND
RESERVE

- 8.1 Future Application for Exclusion from the Agriculture Land
Reserve; Director of Engineering & Development March 04, 2016
Report
File: 3354

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

THAT Council resolves to express their preliminary support for the future application for exclusion of Plan B873, DL 124, Except Plans 13867, 14495, 1868, 20686 and 27457, KDYD - 2400 McGoran Place from the ALR and provide the applicants with a Letter of Intent stating such
Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker, Brown, Christopherson, Goetz, Norgaard and Prowal

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GRANT-IN-AID
MERRITT MINOR
HOCKEY

038/16

8.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the City provide a grant-in-aid in the amount of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars to the Merritt & District Minor Hockey Association to assist with costs for the Peewee team to attend the Provincials March 12-18, 2016

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Christopherson attended the hospital meeting; the Figure Skating Club's first carnival and commented that it has been one (1) year since the passing of past Councillor Harry Kroeker
- 10.2 Councillor Norgaard acknowledged International Women's Day and attended the mental health and action meeting discussing the Detox entre in Merritt
- 10.3 Councillor Prowal attended one (1) day of the BC Winter Games; the Tourism webinar; the open house hosted by Mr. Dan Albas, MP and is pleased with the CAO report and the participation from management staff
- 10.4 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices; toured the new fire truck; observed the road hockey challenge in the Lacrosse Box and congratulated Betty Doberstein on receiving the Caring Canadian Award from the Governor General of Canada
- 10.5 Councillor Baker commented on the informative presentation hosted by MP Dan Albas and the last Police Committee meeting
- 10.6 Councillor Brown attended the Age Friendly open house; Economic Development webinar; March 02nd budget meeting and the Dr. "walk-in" conference

10.7 Mayor Menard congratulated Betty Doberstein on receiving the Caring Canadian Award; acknowledged International Women’s Day; commented on the one (1) year anniversary of past Councillor Harry Kroeker’s passing; attended the Age-Friendly open house and a meeting in Vernon with BC Transit and budget meetings. Mayor Menard was invited to an NVIT meeting; hosted drop-in sessions; attended the new program from Telus and the Curling Club meeting

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE | 11.1 | Chief Administrative Officer Operational Update March 08, 2016
File: 0112 |
| NICOLA VALLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY | 11.2 | Nicola Valley Heritage Society; Collector/Deputy Financial Services Manager March 01, 2016 Report
File: 2240.48 |
| POLICE COMMITTEE | 11.3 | Minutes; Police Committee Meeting, February 25, 2016
File: 0376 |
| RADON AWARE | 11.4 | Recent BC Building Code Changes; Britt Swoveland, Radon Aware Program Manager February 12, 2016 Letter
File: 0250 |
| BUY LOCAL BC INITIATIVE | 11.5 | Buy Local! Buy Fresh!; Shayne Wright, Coordinator, Buy Local BC Initiative January 25, 2016 Letter
File: 0250 |
| KGHM | 11.6 | KGHM Ajax Mining Inc.; Yves Lacasse, External Affairs Manager February 15, 2016 Letter
File: 0250 |
| COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM | 11.7 | Communities in Bloom Program
File: 0552.2 |
| GAIL STAMP | 11.8 | Transit Service in Merritt; Gail Stamp, February 18, 2016 Letter
File: 0220 & 8500 |
| MINISTRY OF JOBS, TOURSIM AND SKILLS AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR LABOUR | 11.9 | “Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan” (BC Jobs Plan); Greg Kylo, Parliamentary Secretary February 16, 2016 Letter
File: 0135 |

- AGE FRIENDLY** 11.10 2015 Age-Friendly Community Planning & Projects Grant (City of Merritt Age-Friendly Action Plan) Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, UBCM February 19, 2016 Letter
File: 1854.37
- UBCM MEMBERSHIP** 11.11 UBCM Membership; Al Richard, Chair, UBCM President
February 05, 2016 Letter
File: 0270

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:03 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Director of Corporate Services**

Confirmed on the 22nd Day of March, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**