



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

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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. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services  
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance &IT

**MEDIA**

Merritt Herald  
Q101.1

24 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES

040/16

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 08, 2016 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

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*Councillor K. Christopherson declared a perceived conflict of interest as he is a Director on the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Board and left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.*

*Councillor D. Norgaard declared a perceived conflict of interest as her family is a shareholder in the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society and left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.*

NICOLA VALLEY  
COMMUNITY  
THEATRE SOCIETY

5.1 Margaret Carlson; Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society  
March 07, 2016 Letter  
File: 0250

Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society made a power point presentation

The Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society is requesting forgiveness for costs associated with the Development Permit Application Fee, the Development Cost Charges, the Building Permit Fee, plumbing, sprinkler and water meter costs totaling eighty-five thousand eight hundred and thirty-one (\$85,831) dollars

*Response at next Regular Council meeting required from staff*

*Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.*

**INTERIOR HEALTH**

5.2 Jeff Connors, Interior Health February 03, 2016 Letter  
File: 0500

Mr. J. Connors, Interior Health presented a "Smoke Free Communities" presentation to Council outlining:

- Health impact
- Tobacco Use: the Reality
- Children and second hand smoke
- Adults and second hand smoke
- Outdoor tobacco smoke pollution
- Benefits of quitting
- Environment & economic impacts
- Outdoor smoking bylaws
- Benefits for Merritt

The delegation asked that Council pass a motion for staff to develop a report recommending a smoke-free bylaw for the City of Merritt

**SPECTRA ENERGY**

5.3 Jay Morrison; Spectra Energy March 02, 2016 Letter  
File: 0250

Mr. J. Morrison & Mr. B. Thomas, Spectra Energy presented to Council discussing the following:

- What Spectra Energy does
- Commitment to safety
- Spectra Energy in British Columbia
- Building business and community
- Projects and maintenance work
  - Starting work in April in the area, will be happening through the summer

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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**SUPPORTER OF NOTE  
AWARD - ANDREA  
ROGERS**

6.1 Request for Direction from Council Regarding "Supporter of Note" for Andrea Rogers; Director of Corporate Services March 11, 2016 Report  
File: 0595

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

041/16

**THAT Councillor Prowal work with the Director of Corporate Services on the wording, and that the quote be emailed to Council prior to ordering**

7. BYLAWS

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**COUNCIL  
REMUNERATION**

7.1 Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 2206, 2016; Director of Finance & IT March 16, 2016 Report  
File: 3900.2206

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

042/16

**THAT City of Merritt Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 2206, 2016 be read a first time**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

043/16

**THAT City of Merritt Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 2206, 2016 be read a second time**

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

044/16

**THAT City of Merritt Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 2206, 2016 be read a third time**

8. NEW BUSINESS

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF  
COMMITTEES**

8.1 Establishment of Committees - Further Discussion; Councillor Linda Brown March 16, 2016 Report  
File: 0570

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

045/16

**THAT the Committees be handled as separate motions**

*Back to main motion*

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee

*The Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee were deferred. Council would like more information of select and standing committees*

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the recommendation for the Establishment of Committees be deferred to the next Regular Council meeting with more clarity provided**

Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

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- 10.1 Councillor Baker commented on the last Police Committee meeting and congratulated the PeeWee Hockey Team
- 10.2 Councillor Brown attended the skating carnival; Community Futures; Economic Development "Green Tourism" seminar; NVIT film and with Councillor Prowal had lunch with MLA Jackie Tegart
- 10.3 Councillor Prowal attended film at NVIT; skate carnival; Legion pizza night; "Logger shoe" discussions; had lunch with MLA Jackie Tegart and participated in the Adopt-a-Road clean-up
- 10.4 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices and attended the Farmer's Market Annual meeting
- 10.5 Councillor Christopherson was the master of ceremonies at the skating carnival; played piano for the seniors at Gillis House and attended the Tourism & Economic Development
- 10.6 Councillor Norgaard attended a mental health session (Federal and Provincial commitment to mental health) for use toward Detox Centre and is enjoying the Policing Committee
- 10.7 Mayor Menard congratulated the PeeWee hockey team for their outstanding performance in Vancouver; attended the Police Committee meeting; skating carnival; Nicola Valley Search & Rescue Meeting; TNRD meetings and Art Exposition in Kamloops after the TNRD meeting

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| <b>CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE</b> | 11.1 | Chief Administrative Officer Operational Update March 22, 2016<br>File: 0112        |
| <b>COMMUNITY POLICING</b>     | 11.2 | Community Policing February Month End Report; Heather Broman Report<br>File: 7500.1 |
| <b>PROCLAMATION</b>           | 11.3 | Proclamation "Relationship Violence Awareness Week" April 10-16, 2016<br>File: 0630 |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:48 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 12<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2016**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**