



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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
Mr. B. Gilbert, Director of Recreation and Facilities
Ms. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance &IT

MEDIA

Merritt Herald
Q101.1

21 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

089/16

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

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT the Fort McMurray Donation (Fire) be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 8.2

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT the Letter of Support for ASK Wellness (6 Recovery Beds) be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 8.3

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

DELEGATION

5.1 Delegation; Brian Dafoe, Merritt Pickleball Letter
File: 0250

Mr. B. Dafoe presented for the Merritt Pickleball including:

- Fifty (50) members
- Use CMS gym over winter months and need to leave by the end of May
- Need an outdoor area with washrooms for the spring and summer months

Merritt Pickleball Asked: Council grant permission allowing Pickleball use of the "sport box" for three (3) mornings per week increasing to five (5) mornings per week and two (2) evenings per week and that court lines be painted and four (4) additional nets purchased

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

FIVE YEAR
FINANCIAL PLAN

- 7.1 City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2209, 2016
File: 3900.2209

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

092/16

That City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2209, 2016 be adopted

Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

2016 ANNUAL
PROPERTY TAXES

- 7.2 City of Merritt 2016 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2210, 2016
File: 3900.2210

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

093/16

THAT City of Merritt 2016 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2210, 2016 be adopted

Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

8. NEW BUSINESS

BC TRANSIT

- 8.1 BC Transit Expansion Memorandum of Understanding; Director
of Finance & IT May 03, 2016 Report
File: 8500

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council direct staff to work with BC Transit to develop some other expansion opportunities that fit within guidelines provided by Council

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Goetz

**FORT MCMURRAY
FIRE SUPPORT**

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8.2 Fort McMurray Support

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

WHEREAS on Sunday, May 01, a forest fire of about 1,250 hectares menaced the southwest entrance to Fort McMurray. Located about 435 kilometres northeast of Edmonton, putting pockets of the city on evacuation alert. By Tuesday, May 3, the entire population of Fort McMurray was ordered to evacuate as the wildfire threatened the whole community, creating the largest fire evacuation in Alberta history;

AND WHEREAS many families across the Province of British Columbia have relocated to Fort McMurray over the years to pursue employment opportunities and are now seeking refuge in their home communities and elsewhere until the crisis is over;

AND WHEREAS the devastation caused by the wildfire in Fort McMurray has a far-reaching effect on many Merritt citizens and people throughout the Province of British Columbia, who have loved ones in Fort McMurray;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a donation from Council Contingency to the City of Fort McMurray in the amount of one thousand (1,000) dollars to be used at the City's discretion to benefit its residents in the aftermath of this disaster; and further that staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all BC Local Governments through UBCM and encourage province-wide support for Fort McMurray residents

**ASK WELLNESS
SUPPORT**

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8.3 Letter of Support Request; Cher Doolan, Director of Culture and Operations (Kamloops), Co-Director of Operations (Merritt) May 09, 2016 Letter
File: 0250

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council support ASK Wellness in their request for a letter of support for six (6) supportive recovery beds

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Brown assisted at McHappy Day
- 10.2 Councillor Prowal toured the Merritt Green Energy plant; participated in the Business Walk
- 10.3 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices
- 10.4 Councillor Christopherson participated in the Business Walk
- 10.5 Councillor Norgaard participated in the Business Walk; attended a Nicola Watershed Committee meeting and met with ASK Wellness
- 10.6 Councillor Baker had nothing to report
- 10.7 Mayor Menard toured the Merritt Green Energy plant; attended TNRD meeting, Mayors Caucus in Fort St. John, crew meetings at Tolko, recruiting meeting for Nicola Valley Search and Rescue and the Nicola Valley Search and Rescue open house

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE** 11.1 Chief Administrative Officer Operational Update May 10, 2016
File: 0112
- POLICE COMMITTEE** 11.2 Minutes, Police Committee Meeting, March 21, 2016
File: 0376
- POLICE COMMITTEE** 11.3 Minutes, Police Committee Meeting, April 25, 2016
File: 0376
- MERRITT CITIZENS' PATROL** 11.4 Merritt Citizens' Patrol January to April, 2016 Report
File: 0250
- B.C. GOVERNMENT AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES' UNION** 11.5 Sale of Wine in Grocery Stores; Stephanie Smith, President, B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union April 14, 2016 Letter
File: 0250

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:12 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 24th Day of May, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**