



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

MEDIA

Q101
Merritt Herald

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)

- 3.1 Mr. R. Martindale commented with regards to Item 6.1 of the agenda stating:
- It was difficult to get letters of support for the Merritt City Limits project due to calendar times/meeting conflicts
 - Support has been obtained from the following organizations:
 - Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce
 - Century 21
 - Telus
 - Vision Merritt
 - Tourism Nicola Valley

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

**DOWNTOWN VOICE
DELEGATION**

- 5.1 Brian Snee, Downtown Voice Delegation – “Zoning Bylaw 2187 – Parking”
File: 0250

Mr. B. Snee spoke to Council about the parking issues in City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw 2187 including:

- The thirty-five hundred (\$3500) dollar charge to new businesses coming in requiring parking
- Parking requirements are not “pro-business”
- The cost is too steep and is a deterrent to new businesses

Mr. Snee suggested a “One Way” system downtown be established to help with parking issues; “One Way” street proposal was indicated on a map Mr. Snee presented to Council

Downtown Voice Asked: THAT the thirty-five hundred (\$3500) dollar fee be removed from the Zoning Bylaw and would like to explore other solutions for the parking issues that Merritt faces

Direction - Council requested that staff locate the original Quilchena Avenue one-way plan from 2010 and report back to Council

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**MERRITT CITY
LIMITS**

- 6.1 Merritt City Limits – Follow-up from April 26, 2016 Delegation and May 24, 2016 Resolution to defer
File: 0250

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council not support Merritt City Limits’ request for match funding up to \$5,000 for 2016;

AND THAT the group continue to work on their plan and approach Council again next year

Voting Opposed: Councillors Goetz and Norgaard

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

BC TRANSIT

- 8.1 BC Transit Revised Expansion Memorandum of Understanding; Director of Finance & IT June 07, 2016 Report
File: 8500

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

110/16

THAT Council authorize the Corporate Officer to sign the BC Transit Revised Expansion Memorandum of Understanding as presented

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2015

- 8.2 Statement of Financial Information for 2015; Director of Finance & IT June 07, 2016 Report
File: 1871

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

111/16

THAT Council approves the City of Merritt Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2015 as presented and authorizes the Mayor and the Director of Finance & IT to sign the statement on behalf of the City

COUNCIL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE POLICY

- 8.3 Draft Council Conference Attendance Policy; Director of Corporate Services June 06, 2016 Report
File: 0595

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council adopt the proposed Council Conference Policy as submitted

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

THAT proposed Council Conference Policy be deferred until the Policy Review Committee is established
Voting Opposed: Mayor Menard, Councillors Baker, Goetz, Norgaard and Prowal

Voting resumed on the main motion

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT Council adopt the proposed Council Conference Policy as submitted

**PERMISSIVE TAX
EXEMPTION POLICY**

8.4 Revised Permissive Tax Exemption Policy; Director of Finance & IT June 14, 2016 Report
File: 0595

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

113/16

THAT Council approve the revised Permissive Tax Exemption Policy to allow for permissive tax exemptions for a period of up to four (4) years as amended by addition of 1.8 "Notice sent out to organizations reminding them when their term is up"

**UBCM MEETING
REQUESTS**

8.5 Invitation to meet with Premier Christy Clark and other Ministers during UBCM Conference
File: 0270

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council directs Corporate Services set arrange meetings with the following Ministries at the 2016 UBCM Conference:
Premier Christy Clark
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Justice
Ministry of Transportation
Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resource Operations
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

9.1 Notice of Motion from Councillor Norgaard:

WHEREAS drought conditions are predicated to continue into 2017 and;

WHEREAS the City of Merritt has some of the highest residential water consumption in the Southern Interior and;

WHEREAS residential rain barrels capture a valuable resource;

THEREFORE be it resolved that Council directs staff to research and prepare a report for Council regarding a City sponsored residential rain barrel program for implementation in the spring of 2017

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Norgaard participated in the “Big Bike Ride” and invited Council to attend a meeting with MLA Tegart June 29th regarding mental health beds
- 10.2 Councillor Christopherson participated in the “Big Bike Ride”, volunteered at Gillis House and presented Andrea Rogers with her award
- 10.3 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices, watched the start of the Merritt Country Run, observed some Pickleball games, and has an upcoming Museum meeting
- 10.4 Councillor Prowal attended the Merritt Fire Department appreciation night, toured the Honour House, attended the Merritt Country Run and reminded Council of the Adopt-a-Road clean-up on June 27th at 6:00 pm
- 10.5 Councillor Brown attended the Merritt Fire Department appreciation night; toured the Honour House; reported on the FCM Conference and attended the Judge Henry Castillou presentation
- 10.6 Councillor Baker attended the “Big Bike Ride” and toured the Honour House
- 10.7 Mayor Menard attended the Diamondvale School Powwow, the Merritt Fire Department appreciation night, Merritt Country Run; participated in the “Big Bike Ride”; attended the School District “Battle of the Books” and the FCM Conference. Bench Elementary Grade 3 class toured City Hall with Mayor Menard; attended the United Church “Ringing of the Bell”; reviewed and inspected Navy League Cadets Squadron 209 and Rocky Mountain Rangers; presented the awards at the Cow Trail Classic; attended the Merritt Country Run; spoke at the Rotary Club “Nooner” and attended a Nicola Valley Search and Rescue event

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

CAO OPERATIONAL
UPDATE

- 11.1 Chief Administrative Officer Operational Update June 14, 2016
File: 0112

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| COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING | 11.2 | Minutes; Special Committee of the Whole May 17, 2016 Meeting
File: 0590 |
| COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING | 11.3 | Minutes; Special Committee of the Whole May 17, 2016 Meeting
File: 0590 |
| BUILDING STATISTICS | 11.4 | City of Merritt Building Statistics for May 2016
File: 3800 |
| UBCM NOMINATIONS | 11.5 | Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive; Marie Crawford, Associate Executive Director June 03, 2016 Letter
File: 0270 |
| NICOLA VALLEY FALL FAIR ASSOCIATION | 11.6 | Request for Donation of a Door Prize for the 2016 Harvest Moon Dance; Katherine Reimer, Treasurer, Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association Letter
File: 0250 |
| | | Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED |
| | | THAT Council donate a door prize to the Nicola Valley Fall Fair Association for the 2016 Harvest Moon Dance not to exceed two hundred (\$200) dollars
Voting Opposed: Mayor Menard, Councillors Baker, Brown Christopherson and Goetz |
| COMMUNITY UPDATE | 11.7 | Community Update; Jackie Tegart, MLA
File: 0410 |
| THANK YOU-NVIT | 11.8 | Letter of Thank You sent to Nicola Valley Institute of Technology; Mayor Menard June 06, 2016 Letter
File: 0220 |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:46 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 28th Day of June, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**