



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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 & Facilities (*Arrived at 7:05 pm*)
Ms. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

MEDIA

Q101
Merritt Herald

8 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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116/16

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 be adopted

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4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

TOURISM
AMBASSADORS

5.1 Introduction of Tourism Ambassadors; Etelka Gillespie, Manager, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce
File: 0250

Ms. Gillespie welcomed the Tourism Ambassadors

- There will be an ambassador at each of the following locations:
 - a kiosk on DeWolf Way beginning June 30th at 10:00 am
 - the Hall of Fame beginning June 30th at 11:00 am
 - on a downtown detail - riding a bike downtown and helping tourists (guiding etc.) into downtown areas and amenities
- Each ambassador will be working a thirty-five (35) hour week with flexible hours and will be meeting/reporting daily with feedback to Ms. Gillespie

**DROUGHT
PRESENTATION**

- 5.2 Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Drought Presentation; Patrick Farmer, RPF, P.Ag
File: 0135

Mr. Farmer covered topics including:

- Drought history (2015)
- Current conditions and drought outlook for 2016
 - Above average snowpack, however, melting started four to six (4-6) weeks early
 - No snow left in the hills as of June 28, 2016 (way ahead of normal)
 - Drought level 2 for Nicola Watershed
- *Water Sustainability Act* allows the Minister to restrict water use by all users including groundwater users
- Government has made the offer to work together with major water users (irrigators and water purveyors) to find ways to voluntarily reduce water use impacts on the Coldwater River
- Municipal strict watering restrictions to conserve water

**Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Asked: That the City of Merritt consider implementing a
water restriction structure similar to other jurisdictions within
the BC Interior**

**2016 MERRITT
BUSINESS WALK**

- 5.3 2016 Merritt Business Walk Presentation; William George,
Tourism & Economic Development Manager, City of Merritt
File: 0690

Mr. George presented the 2016 Merritt Business Walk Report

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DOWNTOWN VOICE

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

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

The discussion regarding the request from the Downtown Voice
Delegation for a proposed one-way street downtown was
deferred to a Committee of the Whole meeting

NOTICE OF MOTION

6.2 Notice of Motion from Councillor Norgaard
File: 5620

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

118/16

THAT WHEREAS drought conditions are predicted 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

TERMS OF REFERENCE

6.3 Terms of Reference - Policy Review Standing Committee and Social Planning Select Committee; Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager June 22, 2016 Report
File: 0570

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council adopt the Terms of Reference for a Policy Review Standing Committee and a Social Planning Select Committee as submitted

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT the Terms of Reference for a Policy Review Standing Committee and a Social Planning Select Committee be dealt with separately

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council adopt the Terms of Reference for a Policy Review Standing Committee

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

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THAT Council adopt the Terms of Reference for a Social Planning Select Committee

Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown

7. BYLAWS

- PARKS REGULATION** 7.1 Proposed "Parks Regulation Amending Bylaw No. 2211, 2016" (to Include Smoking Regulations); Director of Corporate Services June 21, 2016 Report
File: 3900.2054
- 122/16 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 123/16 **THAT City of Merritt Parks Regulation Amending Bylaw No. 2211, 2016 be read a first time**
- 124/16 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 125/16 **THAT City of Merritt Parks Regulation Amending Bylaw No. 2211, 2016 be read a second time**
Voting Opposed: Councillor Baker
- 124/16 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 125/16 **THAT City of Merritt Parks Regulation Amending Bylaw No. 2211, 2016 be read a third time**
Voting Opposed: Councillor Baker
- 125/16 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 125/16 **THAT implementation costs be funded under Parks and Playgrounds**
Voting Opposed: Councillor Baker

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 2015 REPORT ON PARKING RESERVE** 8.1 2015 Report on Parking Reserve; Director of Finance & IT June 21, 2016 Report
File: 1610.1
- 126/16 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 126/16 **THAT Council accept the 2015 Parking Reserve Report as submitted**

- 2015 REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES**
- 8.2 2015 Report on Development Cost Charges; Director of Finance & IT June 21, 2016 Report
File: 3150
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 127/16
- THAT Council accept the 2015 Development Cost Charges Report as submitted**
- ANNUAL REPORT**
- 8.3 City of Merritt 2015 Annual Report; Director of Finance & IT June 21, 2016 Report
File: 1610.1
- NVAC ROOF REPLACEMENT**
- 8.4 NVAC Roof Replacement; Director of Recreation & Facilities June 22, 2016 Report
File: 0720
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 128/16
- THAT Council increase the budget for the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre (NVAC) Roof Replacement project by eighty thousand (\$80,000) dollars to a total of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars assisted by transferring funds from other Recreation and Facilities capital projects to ensure this project with one hundred and ten thousand (\$110,000) dollars in Federal grant funding can be completed within the term of the grant agreement**
- FIRE PROTECTION TO HARMON ESTATES**
- 8.5 Request for Merritt Fire Department to Provide Fire Protection to Harmon Estates
File: 0480
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 129/16
- THAT Mayor and Council authorize staff to negotiate the terms of an addendum to the Fire Services Agreement with the Thompson Nicola Regional District to include Harmon Estates properties on Nicola Lake**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1 Notice of Motion from Councillor Prowal:

THAT Council decrease outdoor watering to twice weekly commencing July 04, 2016;

AND THAT staff be directed to submit a monthly report on water consumption

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

THAT Council deal with the Notice of Motion regarding water restrictions at the current meeting

Voting Opposed: Mayor Menard, Councillors Baker, Brown, Christopherson and Goetz

NOTICE OF MOTION

9.2 Notice of Motion from Councillor Norgaard:

THAT WHEREAS drought is a predicted event for the Nicola Valley and the City of Merritt; and

WHEREAS the Fraser Basin Council and the Nicola Watershed Steering Committee have a tool developed to manage Fish Water which also has a direct impact on groundwater in the City of Merritt; and

WHEREAS the Fraser Basin Council and the Nicola Watershed Steering Committee asked the City of Merritt to contribute twenty five thousand (\$25,000) dollars toward the implementation of the Nicola Fish Water Management Tool during their presentation to Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Merritt provide the requested funds toward the implementation of the Nicola Fish Water Management Tool

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Norgaard attended a meeting with MLA Jackie Tegart regarding better medical services in Merritt

- 10.2 Councillor Christopherson attended the Audit & Finance Committee meeting, Tourism & Economic Development Committee meeting, National Aboriginal Day celebrations and participated in the Adopt-a-Road clean-up
- 10.3 Councillor Baker attended the Police Committee meeting; participated in the Adopt-a-Road clean-up and reminded everyone the Art Walk starts July 01st
- 10.4 Councillor Brown attended the Audit & Finance Committee meeting, Music in the Park and a First Nations Cultural course in Kamloops
- 10.5 Councillor Prowal attended the Tourism & Economic Development Committee meeting, Nicola Thompson Legion meeting, Nicola Valley Kennel Club annual event and participated in the Adopt-a-Road clean-up
- 10.6 Councillor Goetz provided the gas buddy prices, attended the Tourism & Economic Development Committee meeting, the Museum and Archives meeting, participated in the Adopt-a-Road clean-up and advised the Greater Vancouver Soaring Club is at the Merritt Airport
- 10.7 Mayor Menard provided a tour for the Diamondvale Grade 3 class, attended the Police Committee meeting, Thompson Nicola Regional District meeting, a meeting at Aspen Planners, the Ride to Survive, the Audit & Finance Committee meeting, Aboriginal Day in the Park, Music in the Park, Grad Parade and Bar-b-q and the dog show; participated in the Adopt-a-Road clean-up and noted the Greater Vancouver Soaring Club is at the Merritt Airport

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE

- 11.1 Chief Administrative Officer Operational Update June 28, 2016
File: 0112

POLICE COMMITTEE

- 11.2 Minutes; Police Committee May 18, 2016 Meeting
File: 0376

COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE

- 11.3 May 2016 Community Policing Month End Report; Heather Broman, Community Policing Office Coordinator
File: 7500.1

SUMMER READING CLUB

11.4 Kids Invited to Summer Reading Club, Thompson Nicola Regional District June 20, 2016 Press Release
File: 0480

CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS

11.5 Federal Government Reviewing our Public Postal Service – Have your say!; Mike Palecek, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers June 06, 2016 Letter
File: 0250

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:02 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 12th Day of July, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**