



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016
AT 7:00 PM**

1. PRESENT:

Mayor N. Menard
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor L.A. 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.

2.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

167/16

THAT Additional Watering Restrictions be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 8.4

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 be adopted

169/16

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

TOURISM
AMBASSADORS

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

Ms. Gillespie presented a Power Point presentation outlining the year-end overview of the Tourism Ambassadors Program including. The Tourism Ambassadors each gave a brief presentation on their successes in the program. Ms. Gillespie submitted the following statistics:

- Hall of Fame 2015 (May - September): Days open 69, with 1,107 visitors.
- Hall of Fame 2016 (June - August): Days open 45, with 1,272 visitors.
- Kiosk 2016 (July - August): Days open 41, with 386 visitors.
- Downtown - busses/businesses (July - August): Days active 30, with 388 interactions.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ENVIRONMENT
SELECT COMMITTEE

170/16

6.1 Environment Select Committee
File: 0580

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council appoint Patrick Farmer, Sunshine O'Donovan, and Ida Hedrick to the Environment Select Committee as voting members

**CITY SOCIAL
PLANNING SELECT
COMMITTEE**

6.2 City Social Planning Select Committee
File: 0581

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

171/16

THAT Council appoint Lydia Fawcett, Neelam Sahota, Sue Sterling-Bur, and Stacy Wormell-Street to the City Social Planning Select Committee as voting members

JUNIOR COUNCIL

6.3 Junior Council; Corporate Services August 16, 2016 Report
File: 0570

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

172/16

THAT Council does not activate a Junior Council;

AND THAT the Nicola-Similkameen School District No. 58 Junior Council be invited to observe at Regular Council Meetings

Voting Opposed: Councillors Brown and Norgaard

7. **BYLAWS**

**REVITALIZATION
TAX EXEMPTION**

7.1 Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2212, 2016
File: 3900.2212

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

173/16

THAT City of Merritt Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2212, 2016 be adopted

**MUNICIPAL TICKET
INFORMATION**

7.2 Municipal Ticket Information Amending Bylaw No. 2213, 2016
File: 3900.2044

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

174/16

THAT City of Merritt Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 2213, 2016 be adopted

Voting Opposed: Councillor Baker

8. NEW BUSINESS

WATER TREATMENT UPGRADES

- 8.1 Construction of Water Treatment Upgrades - Tender Award; Director of Engineering and Development August 12, 2016 Report
File: 1220

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

175/16

THAT Council resolves to award the Tender for the Water Treatment Upgrades to BC Integrated Solutions (BCIS), in the amount of one million seven hundred sixty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven dollars (\$1,762,887.00) excluding applicable taxes;

AND THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- 8.2 Funding for Economic Development Projects - Budget Reallocation; Director of Finance & IT August 17, 2016 Report
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

176/16

THAT Council approve the budget reallocation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Community Initiative Fund to Economic Development to be used for the development of promotional media in conjunction with the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA)

Voting Opposed: Councillor Goetz

FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING IN CHINA

- 8.3 National Car Tour Requests a Resolution on Ending Forced Organ Harvesting in China
File: 0250

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

177/16

THAT the motion requesting Council provide a letter of support to Falun Gong practitioners seeking to stop China's organ harvesting crimes be deferred

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Prowal

**ADDITIONAL
WATERING
RESTRICTIONS**

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- 8.4 Additional Watering Restrictions; Director of Corporate Services
August 22, 2016 Report
File: 0410.7

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council expand the 2016 Watering restrictions by removing watering on Wednesdays and Thursdays until September 30, 2016;

AND THAT Council direct staff to have the Outdoor Watering Conservation Policy brought forward to the Policy Review Committee to consider amending the policy authorizing staff to adjust watering restrictions in accordance with the Provincial BC Drought Response Plan

9. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor Norgaard made the following Notice of Motion:

“Youth Participation”

WHEREAS School District No. 58 has a Youth Council

AND WHEREAS the City of Merritt wishes to encourage youth participation in local government

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Merritt invite the School District No. 58 Youth Council to meet with the Committee of the Whole at least twice per year and extend the invitation to all youth aged 15 to 25

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

- 10.1 Councillor Baker attended the TNRD Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, and Music in the Park
- 10.2 Councillor Prowal attended Fall Fair sale, TNRD Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Bailey House
- 10.3 Councillor Christopherson attended the TNRD Volunteer Appreciation Dinner; Volunteered at Gillis House

- 10.4 Councillor Norgaard attended the TNRD Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 10.5 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices; Attended Art Walk, pickle-ball, and farmers market
- 10.6 Councillor Brown attended a Chinese “organ harvesting” presentation, Ask Wellness Open House, and the TNRD Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 10.7 Mayor Menard attended the Chinese “organ harvesting” presentation, Art walk, bus tour with the City’s Manager of Economic Development, Ambassadors Program event, Centennial Board Meeting, May Days Society event at NVIT, TNRD Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, and the TNRD Out of Town Board Meeting including a tour of Douglas Ranch, Diacarbon Energy, Bailey House, NVIT, Aquatic Centre, and Arena

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE

- 11.1 CAO Operational Update; Chief Administrative Officer August 23, 2016 Report
File: 0112
 - Council directed that staff have the Zamboni be parked in the Arena during the warmer season rather than outdoors where it is exposed to the elements

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE

- 11.2 Completion of Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update (SWPI-458: Merritt CWPP Update, 2014); Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, UBCM August 11, 2016 Letter
File: 1854.6

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 13th Day of September, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**