



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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

12 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. Todd Dean spoke to Council with regards to the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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180/16

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 be adopted

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4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 be adopted as corrected

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

UNITED WAY

5.1 United Way Investment in the Fireside Center Presentation; Danalee Baker, Executive Director, United Way Thompson Nicola Cariboo
File: 0250

Ms. Danalee Baker presented to Council a presentation on behalf of the United Way including:

- United Way values
- Geographical reach - which communities they serve
- Community funds
- Fireside Centre

United Way Asked: Council to consider returning twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to ASK Wellness for renovations to the new facility they now occupy to re-invest in the community as well as increased communications and information sharing with the City of Merritt and United Way

BC TRANSIT

5.2 Merritt's Service Review Report Presentation; Levi Megenbir, Transit Planning Coordinator, BC Transit
File: 8500

Mr. Corey McPherson and Mr. Levi Megenbir presented to Council a presentation on behalf of BC Transit including:

- Initiatives and highlights
- Transit service outcomes
 - Ridership increased 14%
 - Revenue increased slightly compared to budget
 - Total cost increased by 7%
 - Replacement buses

- Future priorities
 - Service review to be completed Fall 2016
 - Fare review to be completed Fall 2016
 - Introduce custom service and increase current fixed-route service
- BC Transit Merritt Service Review
 - General review of ridership and system performance
 - Consider Merritt's expansion requests within context of system performance:
 - handyDART service
 - Sunday operation
 - Later operating hours
 - Service to Coldwater Reserve
 - Additional trips to Lower Nicola
 - System ridership and performance
 - Feedback on expansion requests

TOURISM MERRITT

5.3 Tourism Merritt Website and Social Media and Tourism Merritt Social Media Accounts Presentation; William George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager
File: 6900

Mr. W. George presented to Council Tourism Merritt website showing dropdowns including:

- Get to know Merritt
- Things to do
- Places to stay
- Where to eat

Mr. George thanked Bottle Rocket Media and Marketing for their assistance in the production of the "Fall into Merritt" promotional video and Merritt Marketing Group for their assistance in securing the Tourism Merritt website

Mr. George presented a short-film titled "Fall into Merritt" that he had created showcasing things to do in the City of Merritt during the Fall

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION-
YOUTH
PARTICIPATION

- 6.1 Councillor Norgaard made the following Notice of Motion at the August 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
File: 0570

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

182/16

THAT 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 and extend the invitation to all youth aged 15 to 25

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

[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 8:14 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 8:14 p.m.]

NICOLA VALLEY
COMMUNITY
THEATRE SOCIETY

- 8.1 Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society; Director of Engineering and Development August 26, 2016 Report
File: DP 2016-F

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

183/16

THAT Council defers decisions on the requested parking variances by the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society for a proposed city centre theatre facility until Council has had the opportunity to review a staff report for the related development permit

- 8.2 Legality and Implications of Accepting Donations for the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society and Tax Receipts; Director of Finance & IT September 02, 2016 Report
File: 1770

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

184/16

THAT Council direct staff to work with the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society to develop a written agreement outlining how the City will maintain direction and control of any funds received for the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society project, before accepting donations and issuing tax receipts;

AND THAT the resulting agreement be brought back to Council for approval after being reviewed by the City's legal counsel

[Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard returned to the meeting at 8:28 p.m.]

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 9.1 Councillor Prowal made the following Notice of Motion:

THAT Council review the landscaping plans for Nicola Avenue Median Project, including irrigation to decrease the cost, maintenance and water consumption prior to tender

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Norgaard attended Labour Day celebrations and expressed concerns regarding our health care system
- 10.2 Councillor Christopherson also expressed concerns regarding our health care system, volunteered at Gillis House and reminded fruit tree owners to pick your fruit to discourage bears
- 10.3 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices and also expressed concerns regarding our health care system

- 10.4 Councillor Prowal attended “Ends of Earth” film, the Ranch Rodeo, Rodeo Fair parade, advised the Adopt-a-Road clean-up for Council has been changed to September 21st, and expressed concerns about the amount of fruit on trees tempting bears into Merritt
- 10.5 Councillor Brown attended the Rodeo parade and Fall Fair, Thompson Nicola Regional District book club and commented that Baillie House is having a documentary about paranormal activity in March 2017
- 10.6 Councillor Baker attended the Policy Committee meeting and will be attending UBCM
- 10.7 Mayor Menard attended the ASK Wellness meeting, Rodeo breakfast and was the Parade Marshall for the Fall Fair Parade; made the grand entrance at the Rodeo on behalf of the City; attended the Merritt Centennials exhibition games; visited the Airstream Travelling group; attended a Destination BC meeting, and the First Nations Court in Kamloops

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE | 11.1 | CAO Operational Update; Chief Administrative Officer September 13, 2016 Report
File:0112 |
| NICOLA AVENUE MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS | 11.2 | Status Report for Nicola Avenue Median Improvements; Director of Engineering and Development September 02, 2016 Report
File: 1220 |
| COMMUNITY POLICING | 11.3 | Community Policing August 2016 Month End Report; Heather Broman, Community Policing Office Coordinator Report
File: 7500.1 |
| PROCLAMATION | 11.4 | Proclamation - “National Teen Driver Safety Week” October 16-22, 2016
File: 0630 |

PROCLAMATION 11.5 Proclamation - "United Nations International Day of Older Persons" October 01, 2016
File: 0630

185/16
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT October 01, 2016 be proclaimed "United Nations International Day of Older Persons"

PROCLAMATION 11.6 Proclamation - "World Mental Health Day" October 10, 2016
File: 0630

186/16
Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT October 10, 2016 be proclaimed "World Mental Health Day" but the City will not be participating in the "Light up the World Purple Awareness Campaign"

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:06 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 11th Day of October, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**