



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016
AT 7:00 PM**

1. PRESENT:

Mayor N. Menard
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor D. Norgaard
Councillor G. Prowal

REGRETS

Councillor L.A. Brown

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. S. Bird, Director of Engineering & Development
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

MEDIA

Merritt Herald

19 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**

205/16

THAT BC Rural Dividend Fund Grant Application Letter of Support - Nicola Nordic Ski Club be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 8.5 and BC Rural Dividend Fund Grant Application Council Resolution be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 8.6

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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206/16

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 be adopted

207/16

4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

THOMPSON
OKANAGAN
TOURISM
ASSOCIATION

5.1 "TOTA Rail Trails Request for Partnership" Delegation; Gillian Satherstrom, Rail Trails Coordinator - Research & Marketing, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association October 18, 2016 Letter
File: 6910 & 1853

Ms. Gillian Satherstrom presented to Council the "TOTA Rail Trails Request for Partnership" advising the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association was applying to the BC Rural Dividend Fund.

Council expressed their concerns regarding the lack of First Nations and stakeholders consultation prior to proceeding with the project.

Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association Asked: That the City of Merritt provides a letter of support for their BC Rural Dividend Fund grant application.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PAY-IN-LIEU OF PROVIDING PARKING

- 6.1 Section 8.5 Pay in Lieu of Parking, Zoning Bylaw No. 2187, 2015; Director of Engineering & Development October 17, 2016 Report File: 3360 & 3900.2187

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council determines to leave the current provisions for pay in lieu of parking intact in Zoning Bylaw No. 2187, 2015

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

208/16

THAT Council defer the decision to leave the current provisions for pay in lieu of parking intact in Zoning Bylaw No. 2187, 2015 until Council can meet with the Downtown Voice at a workshop

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Prowal

7. BYLAWS

PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION

- 7.1 2017 – 2020 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2215, 2016 File: 3900.2215

[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 7:24 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 7:24 p.m.]

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

209/16

THAT City of Merritt 2017-2020 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2215, 2016 be adopted

[Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard returned to the meeting at 7:25 p.m.]

8. NEW BUSINESS

TOTA REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP

- 8.1 TOTA Request for Partnership on Rural Dividend Grant Application; Director of Finance & IT October 18, 2016 Report File: 1853 & 6910

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council approve the request to be listed as a non-financial partner on TOTA's Rural Dividend Grant Application for the *Thompson Okanagan Regional Destination Trail Project - Phase 1 Strategy Implementation Project*, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Boven to sign the partnership letter on behalf of the City of Merritt

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

THAT the resolution be amended by adding: that the resolution states that Council supports the request with the provision that landowners are consulted and in agreement of the trail and the results are provided to Council

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker, Christopherson and Goetz

Voting resumed on the main motion:

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

THAT Council approve the request to be listed as a non-financial partner on TOTA's Rural Dividend Grant Application for the *Thompson Okanagan Regional Destination Trail Project - Phase 1 Strategy Implementation Project*, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Boven to sign the partnership letter on behalf of the City of Merritt

Voting Opposed: Mayor Menard, Councillors Baker, Christopherson, Goetz, Norgaard and Prowal

APPLICATION FOR RELIEF FROM METERED WATER RATES

- 8.2 Application for Relief from Metered Water Rates as Applied to Crossroads Community Church; Director of Finance & IT October 18, 2016 Report File: 1850

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council direct staff to research and draft a new category for tax exempt groups for the purpose of metered water rates

210/16

**PROVINCIAL
FIREFIGHTER
PLAYBOOK-
FIREFIGHTING
SERVICE LEVEL**

- 8.3 Provincial Firefighter Playbook – Firefighting Service Level; Fire Chief October 13, 2016 Report
File: 7200 & 595

Moved, Seconded

THAT Council adopt the proposed “Fire & Rescue: Service Level Establishment and Limitations Policy”;

AND THAT Council confirms the Merritt Fire Rescue Department as a “Full Service Operations Level Fire Department” as defined in the British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards: Structure Firefighters – Competency and Training Playbook (Second Edition, Amended May 2015) and as outlined in the attached proposed Policy: Fire & Rescue: Service Level Establishment and Limitations (2016)

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Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the proposed “Fire & Rescue: Service Level Establishment and Limitations Policy” be deferred to the next Council meeting as Mayor Menard and Councillor Norgaard are attending a workshop in Kamloops on October 26, 2016 regarding the British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standard Playbook

**MERRITT RCMP
DETACHMENT
STRATEGIC
PRIORITIES**

- 8.4 Merritt RCMP Detachment Strategic Priorities for 2016/2017; S/Sgt Sheila White April 17, 2016 Report
File: 7500

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

212/16

THAT Council accept the Merritt RCMP Detachment Strategic Priorities for 2016/2017;

AND THAT Mayor Menard be authorized to sign on behalf of the City

BC RURAL DIVIDEND FUND GRANT APPLICATION 8.5 BC Rural Dividend Fund Grant Application Letter of Support – Nicola Nordic Ski Club; Chief Administrative Officer October 25, 2016 Report
File: 1853

213/16

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council provides a letter of support to the Nicola Nordic Ski Club for their grant application to the BC Rural Dividend

Voting Opposed: Councillor Baker

BC RURAL DIVIDEND FUND GRANT APPLICATION 8.6 BC Rural Dividend Fund Grant Application Council Resolution; Chief Administrative Officer October 25, 2016 Report
File: 1853

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council authorizes staff to apply to the BC Rural Dividend Fund grant program to advance economic development projects under the Special Circumstances criteria

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Baker attended the Policy Review Committee meeting, Business after Business and the Murder Mystery fundraiser.
- 10.2 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices; attended the City Halloween party and the Cinema Society movie “Dark Horse”.
- 10.3 Councillor Prowal attended the Weyerhaeuser job fair; met with MP Dan Albas; attended the Logger Show debriefing, the Merritt Centennials Ice-Breaker, the Gold Country Symposium, the Cinema Society movie “Dark Horse” and reminded Council of the Adopt-a-Road clean-up on November 06, 2016.

- 10.4 Councillor Christopherson volunteered at Gillis House; attended the Bread Basket fundraiser, a Country Christmas meeting, Business after Business, the Gold Country Symposium and a sneak preview of the "Haunted House" at the Civic Centre.
- 10.5 Councillor Norgaard attended the installation of the Officers of the Lower Nicola Indian Band and will be attending SILGA workshops in Kamloops October 26, 2016.
- 10.6 Mayor Menard thanked Councillors Goetz and Norgaard for attending functions on his behalf; attended the Policy Review Committee meeting, Thompson-Nicola Regional District meetings, Nicola Valley Agri Society meeting with MP Dan Albas and MLA Jackie Tegart, Merritt Voice meeting, Metis Society annual general meeting, Rotary Club, Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust meeting with MLA Jackie Tegart, Mayor drop-in sessions, Community Futures lunch, Business after Business and the Merritt Centennials Ice-Breaker.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

CAO OPERATIONAL
UPDATE

- 11.1 CAO Operational Update; Chief Administrative Officer October 25, 2016 Report
File: 0112

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:17 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 08th Day of November, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**