



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY HALL

2185 VOGHT STREET

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2016

AT 6:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Neil 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. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

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52 Members of the Public

Mayor Menard addressed the gallery regarding negative comments that were directed towards specific members of Council following the October 25, 2016 Council meeting. Mayor Menard read Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2055, 2008 Section 21 (f) Public Input Period for clarity.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

- 3.1 Darrell Brooks, business owner, addressed Council regarding his business license application which has not yet been approved due to parking requirements within Zoning Bylaw 2187, 2015. Mr. Brooks would like to see the parking requirements removed from the City's Zoning Bylaw.
- 3.2 John MacPherson, concerned citizen, addressed Council regarding his concerns around BC towns changing and that parking fees should not impact small businesses. Mr. MacPherson would like to see the parking requirements removed from the City's Zoning Bylaw.
- 3.3 Carrie Ware, business owner, presented to Council an estimated cost of business analysis. Ms. Ware outlined the impacts of purchase costs, interest rates, assessed values, cost of parking stalls and the number of years that it would take to pay off parking fees as outlined within the current City's Zoning Bylaw.
- 3.4 Clint Langill, business owner, apologized to Mayor and Council for any comments he may have made and stated that he had misunderstood the deferral of the recommendation. Mr. Langill stated that he is willing to pay the fees required to meet parking regulations, however, he feels the fees need to be within reason. Mr. Langill reiterated options available to business owners and supports amending City's Zoning Bylaw No. 2187, 2015 by lowering the pay in lieu parking amount.
- 3.5 Marise Sasges, concerned citizen, addressed Council suggesting the entire community work together to encourage more cycling to relieve the need for downtown parking. Ms. Sasges also suggested the City could build parking lots to relieve future parking stresses in Merritt.
- 3.6 Jacquie Hall, business representative, addressed Council regarding an application to the City for building expansion and associated parking requirement issues. Ms. Hall doesn't feel the City's population has increased over the past 35 years and is in favour of having the parking fee requirements removed from City's Zoning Bylaw No. 2187, 2015.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 be adopted

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognition

Nil

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PAY-IN-LIEU OF
PARKING

6.1 Pay-In-Lieu of Parking; Council Discussion
Pay-In-Lieu of Providing Parking; Chief Administrative Officer
November 02, 2016 Report
Excerpts from Minutes, October 25, 2016 Regular Council
Meeting
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 and DEFEATED

THAT Council determines to leave the current provisions for Pay-In-Lieu of parking in tact in Zoning Bylaw No. 2187, 2015
Voting Opposed: Mayor Menard, Councillors Baker, Christopherson, Goetz, Norgaard and Prowal

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Number 2187, 2015 Section 8.5.1 Pay-In-Lieu of Parking fee be reduced from thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to one dollar (\$1.00);

AND THAT the Pay-In-Lieu of Parking fee be reviewed annually

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:02 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 16th Day of January, 2017

**Original signed by
Mayor**