



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

MEDIA

Merritt Herald
Q101

19 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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224/16

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, November 08, 2016 be adopted

225/16

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 08, 2016 be adopted as corrected

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

BC TRANSIT

5.1 Merritt Transit Service Review; Corey McPherson, Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit
File: 8500

Mr. C. McPherson and Mr. L. Megenbir presented to Council the Merritt Transit Service Review including:

- Recommendations for the City
- Transit System Overview
- Service review objectives
- Public engagement
- Proposed service options
- Long term considerations
- Improve "transit accessibility"
- Fare review

BC Transit Asked that the City of Merritt:

- **Receive this report for review and comment prior to finalization by BC Transit staff;**
- **Direct staff to work with BC Transit to implement immediate term service options and supporting actions;**
- **Approve staff to work with BC Transit to conduct additional public consultation to inform short term service option details**

NICOLA FAMILY THERAPY

5.2 Nicola Family Therapy, Sue Sterling-Bur, Nicola Family Therapy
File: 0250

Ms. S. Sterling-Bur presented to Council including:

- Request to “cap” rent for Nicola Valley Therapy since 2011 the rent has increased 69% - 13.6 % annually
- Essential service to the community
- Location is ideal for confidentiality
- Central location for transit
- 4500 cases over 23 years
- Social services that are sustainable in the community is important

AMBULANCE SERVICE

5.3 James Towle, Station Chief, Ambulance Service in Merritt
File: 0250

Mr. J. Towle introduced himself to Council as the new Station Chief for Ambulance Service in Merritt.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**NOTICE OF MOTION-
2544 LAUDER STREET**

6.1 Councillor Norgaard made the following Notice of Motion at the November 08, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
File: 3010

Councillor Norgaard rescinded the following Notice of Motion:

THAT WHEREAS the City owned property at 2544 Lauder Street, Lot 13, plan number KAP 565: dl 123 ld25 is in a state of disrepair;

THEREFORE be it resolved that Mayor and Council direct City staff to prepare a report concerning scope and cost of rehabilitation and/or demolition of said property for 2017 budget deliberations

**NOTICE OF MOTION-
ZONING AND
RETAIL MARIJUANA
SALES**

226/16

6.2 Councillor Norgaard made the following Notice of Motion at the November 08, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
File: 3010

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT WHEREAS the Federal Government has promised to legalize marijuana sales; and

WHEREAS it behooves us to be prepared for this eventuality;

THEREFORE be it resolved that a workshop be convened in the early new year, with relevant advisors, to address issues of zoning and retail marijuana sales

Voting Opposed: Councillors Baker and Brown

**NOTICE OF MOTION-
SIGNS**

227/16

6.3 Councillor Goetz made the following Notice of Motion at the November 08, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
File: 0250

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT the City look into adding two to three entry welcome to Merritt signs, home of professional bull rider Ty Pozzobon

**NOTICE OF MOTION-
AIRPORT
IMPROVEMENTS**

228/16

6.4 Councillor Prowal made the following Notice of Motion at the November 08, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
File: 1705

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council refers possible airport improvements to the budget 2017

7. **BYLAWS**

ZONING

229/16

7.1 Adoption of Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2214, 2016; Director of Engineering & Development Services November 15, 2016 Report
File: RZ 2016-01 & 3900.2187

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2214, 2016

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ZONING

7.2 Draft Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2217, 2016; Director of Corporate Services November 14, 2016 Report
File: 3900.2187

[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 7:45 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 7:45 p.m.]

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

230/16

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2217, 2016 be read a first time

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

231/16

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2217, 2016 be read a second time

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

232/16

THAT notice of a Public Hearing be posted in accordance with Section 466 of the Local Government Act

[Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard returned to the meeting at 7:47 p.m.]

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

8.1 Minutes; Finance & Audit Committee November 07, 2016 Meeting
File: 0554

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

233/16

THAT Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to change the Terms of Reference for the Finance & Audit Committee to include matters of Human Resources and Purchasing

Voting Opposed: Councillors Goetz, Norgaard and Prowal

FINANCE & AUDIT
COMMITTEE

- 8.2 Minutes; Finance & Audit Committee November 07, 2016 Meeting
File: 0554

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

234/16

THAT the draft Corporate Credit Card Policy be referred to the Policy Review Committee

Voting Opposed: Councillors Goetz and Prowal

TOURISM &
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

- 8.3 Draft Minutes; Tourism & Economic Development Committee
November 07, 2016 Meeting
File: 0575

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

235/16

THAT pursuant to Section 1.8 of the Council Committee Policy, Mr. Anoop Sekhon cease to be a member of the Tourism & Economic Development Committee;

AND THAT Council direct staff to advertise for a member of the public to volunteer to serve on the Tourism & Economic Development Committee

NICOLA VALLEY
COMMUNITY
THEATRE SOCIETY

- 8.4 Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society Request for Partnership (non-financial) on a Rural Dividend Special Circumstances Grant Application; Chief Administrative Officer
November 17, 2016 Report
File: 1853

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

236/16

THAT Council directs staff to apply under the Special Circumstances category of the Rural Dividend Fund in the amount of three million two hundred thousand (\$3,200,000) dollars for the construction of a community theatre and partners with the Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society on the application

[Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard returned to the meeting at 7:51 p.m.]

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Councillor Christopherson made the following Notice of Motion:

THAT consideration of Nicola Valley Family Therapy’s request for a “cap” on their rent be brought to the 2017 budget discussions

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Brown gave a talk to a local seniors group, attended the Finance & Audit Committee meeting; Film Festival movie at NVIT and reminded everyone of the “Hands of Hope” food drive and the Love to Dance recital as part of the Country Christmas festivities.

10.2 Councillor Goetz provided the latest Gas Buddy prices, attended the Country Christmas tree “light-up”, an Illegal Firearms Task Force meeting in Kelowna and reminded everyone of the Love to Dance recital as part of the Country Christmas festivities.

10.3 Councillor Norgaard attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony and will be attending a Flow and Grow (ground water and sustainable food) seminar as well as the “Hands of Hope” food drive and the Love to Dance recital as part of the Country Christmas festivities.

10.4 Councillor Christopherson attended a Thompson-Nicola Regional District meeting, the Remembrance Day Ceremony, the Finance & Audit Committee meeting, the Country Christmas tree “light-up”; volunteered at Gillis House and reminded everyone of the Community Concert, the craft fair and the evening parade as part of the Country Christmas festivities.

10.5 Councillor Prowal attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony, Gold Country meeting in Cache Creek; Naturalist Society meeting and advised the Inaugural Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for the New Year.

- 10.6 Councillor Baker attended the Country Christmas tree “light-up” and will be attending the “Hands of Hope” food drive and a Policy Review Committee meeting and a Police Committee meeting.
- 10.7 Mayor Menard thanked Councillors Christopherson, Goetz and Norgaard for attending events on his behalf, attended the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton, Remembrance Day Ceremony in St. Albert, Nicola Valley Search & Rescue meeting, Finance & Audit Committee meeting, the Country Christmas tree “light-up” and will be attending numerous Christmas events.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE | 11.1 | CAO Operational Update; Chief Administrative Officer November 08, 2016 Report
File: 0112 |
| CITY SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE | 11.2 | Draft Minutes; Inaugural City Social Planning Committee November 03, 2016 Meeting
File: 0581 |
| FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE | 11.3 | Minutes; Finance & Audit Committee November 07, 2016 Meeting
File: 0554 |
| TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | 11.4 | Draft Minutes; Tourism & Economic Development Committee November 07, 2016 Meeting
File: 0575 |
| GOLD COUNTRY | 11.5 | 2 nd Annual Gold Country Tourism Symposium; Terri Hadwin, Chief Operating Officer, Gold Country Letter
File: 0382 |
| GOLD COUNTRY | 11.6 | Trail Guide for the 2017 Visitor Season; The Gold Country Team Letter
File: 0382 |
| BUYING SEX IS A CRIME | 11.7 | Buying Sex is a Crime; Cathy Peters, November 01, 2016 Letter
File: 0250 |

RCMP

- 11.8 Availability of Corporate Management and Comptrollership Branch; Robert H. Jorssen, CPA, CMA, Executive Director, Corporate Management & Comptrollership Branch, E & M Divisions, RCMP November 14, 2016 Letter
File: 7500

12. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

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

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 06th Day of December, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**