



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY HALL

2185 VOGHT STREET

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 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

Ms. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

MEDIA

Merritt Herald
Q101

6 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Menard noted a correction on Page 119 of the Agenda (Schedule "A" Draft Council Meeting Schedule for 2017) "June 17, 2017" should read "June 27, 2017".

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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237/16

4.1 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 be adopted

4.2 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

238/16

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 be adopted as corrected

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

Nil

6. UNFINISHED 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 7:03 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 7:03 p.m.]

NICOLA VALLEY
COMMUNITY
THEATRE SOCIETY

239/16

6.1 Agreement with Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society - Donations; Director of Finance & IT November 28, 2016 Report File: 1770

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approves the City of Merritt Nicola Valley Community Theatre Society Donation Collection Agreement and authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the document on behalf of the City

[Councillors Christopherson and Norgaard returned to the meeting at 7:09 p.m.]

- BC TRANSIT 6.2 Transit Service Review Recommendations; Director of Finance & IT November 28, 2016 Report
File: 8500
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 240/16
- THAT Council accept the Merritt Transit System Service Review, November 2016 as presented;**
- AND THAT Council direct staff to work with BC Transit to implement immediate term service options as outlined in the Merritt Transit System Service Review, November 2016;**
- AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with BC Transit to conduct additional public consultation to inform short term service option details as outlined in the Merritt Transit System Service Review, November 2016**
- NOTICE OF MOTION- 6.3 Councillor Christopherson made the following Notice of Motion
NICOLA VALLEY at the November 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
FAMILY THERAPY File: 1851
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 241/16
- THAT consideration of Nicola Valley Family Therapy's request for a "cap" on their rent be brought to the 2017 budget discussions**
Voting opposed: Councillors Brown and Prowal
- NICOLA VALLEY 6.4 Malcolm Lynn, President, Nicola Valley Agri-Park Society
AGRI-PARK SOCIETY File: 0250
- Moved, Seconded
- THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter of support for the development of the Nicola Valley Equine School as proposed by the Nicola Valley Agri-Park Society**
- Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
- 242/16
- THAT the words "as proposed" be removed from the main motion**
Voting opposed: Councillor Goetz
- Voting resumed on the main motion as amended*

243/16 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter of support for the development of the Nicola Valley Equine School by the Nicola Valley Agri-Park Society
Voting opposed: Councillor Goetz

7. **BYLAWS**

**FIVE YEAR
FINANCIAL PLAN
2016-2020**

7.1 Five Year Financial Plan 2016-2020 Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2218, 2016; Director of Finance & IT November 29, 2016 Report
File: 3900.2209

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

244/16

THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan (2016-2020) Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 2218, 2016 be read a first time

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

245/16

THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan (2016-2020) Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 2218, 2016 be read a second time

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

246/16

THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan (2016-2020) Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 2218, 2016 be read a third time

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

**FIRESMART
PLANNING GRANT**

8.1 FireSmart Planning Grant; Emergency Program Coordinator/Fire Prevention Officer November 24, 2016 Report
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

247/16

THAT Council directs staff to submit an application for the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative FireSmart Planning Grant Program;

AND THAT Council directs administration to provide overall grant management

ENVIRONMENT
SELECT COMMITTEE

8.2 Resignation - Environment Select Committee; Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager November 28, 2016 Report
File: 0578

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

248/16

That Council direct staff to advertise for a member of the public to volunteer to serve on the Environment Select Committee

2017 COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE
ACTING MAYOR
APPOINTMENTS

8.3 2017 Council Meeting Schedule/Calendar and Acting Mayor Appointments; Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager November 22, 2016 Report
File: 0530

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT the December 19, 2017 meeting be moved to December 12, 2017 on Schedule "A"

Voting opposed: Councillors Baker, Brown, Goetz, and Prowal

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

249/16

THAT Council adopt the draft Council meeting schedule/calendar for 2017 attached to this report as Schedule "A" as corrected

Voting opposed: Mayor Menard

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

250/16

THAT Council adopt the draft Acting Mayor appointments for 2017 attached to this report as Schedule "B"

CITY SOCIAL
PLANNING
COMMITTEE

8.4 Minutes; City Social Planning Committee November 03, 2016 Meeting
File: 0581

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

251/16

THAT in the Terms of Reference for the City Social Planning Committee all references to "First Nations" be corrected to read "Indigenous Peoples"

Voting opposed: Councillor Brown

**MERRITT &
DISTRICT TENNIS
CLUB**

8.5 Merritt & District Tennis Club; Director of Corporate Services
November 29, 2016 Report
File: 2381.09

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

252/16

THAT the staff recommendation regarding the letter of support and the lighting of the courts be broken into two separate resolutions

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

253/16

THAT Council direct staff to provide a letter of support to the Merritt & District Tennis Club in their efforts to obtain grants necessary for the resurfacing of the tennis courts located at Lot 2, Plan 29664, District Lot 174, Kamloops Division, PID #004-201-728

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

254/16

THAT installation of lighting for the tennis courts be added to the 2017 budget discussion

**MFA EQUIPMENT
FINANCING**

8.6 Budgeted MFA Equipment Financing; Director of Finance & IT
November 29, 2016 Report
File: 1760

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

255/16

THAT Council approve borrowing for the purchase of the 2016 Olympia Ice Resurfacer up to one hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred (\$115,600) dollars to be financed over five (5) years with no right of renewal (s. 175 Community Charter) through MFA Equipment Financing Program

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

256/16

THAT Council approve borrowing for the purchase of Command II replacement 2016 GMC Sierra Truck and Equipment up to fifty-two thousand eight hundred (\$52,800) dollars to be financed over five (5) years with no right of renewal (s. 175 Community Charter) through MFA Equipment Financing Program

257/16 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve borrowing for the purchase of the 2016 GMC Sierra Truck up to forty thousand nine hundred and seventy-five (\$40,975) dollars to be financed over five (5) years with no right of renewal (s. 175 Community Charter) through MFA Equipment Financing Program

258/16 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve borrowing for the purchase of the 2016 GMC Sierra Truck up to thirty-seven thousand eight hundred (\$37,800) dollars to be financed over five (5) years with no right of renewal (s. 175 Community Charter) through MFA Equipment Financing Program

259/16 Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council approve borrowing for the purchase of the 2016 Hyundai HL 960 Loader up to two hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$275,000) dollars to be financed over five (5) years with no right of renewal (s. 175 Community Charter) through MFA Equipment Financing Program

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Christopherson attended Country Christmas Week festivities, Hands of Hope food drive, playschool fundraiser event at the Grand, and will be attending the upcoming Arts Council AGM.
- 10.2 Councillor Prowal attended Country Christmas Week festivities, BC Council for Cooperation event at the Civic Centre, Naturalist Society documentary event, and received a “thank you” to Public Works from the Legion for cleaning of the cenotaph for Remembrance Day.

- 10.3 Councillor Baker attended Country Christmas Week festivities, Hands of Hope food drive, Police Committee meeting, Policy Review Committee meeting, completed a 2016/17 RCMP Client and Partner Survey along with Mayor Menard, and thanked Sky McKeown for the FireSmart Planning Grant report.
- 10.4 Councillor Norgaard attended Country Christmas Week festivities, Social Planning Committee meeting, Hands of Hope food drive, Police Committee meeting, and the “Flow & Grow” Symposium in Kelowna.
- 10.5 Councillor Goetz provided the latest Gas Buddy prices, attended Country Christmas Week festivities, and announced that Willie Nelson and Toby Keith will be performing at the 2017 Rockin River Fest.
- 10.6 Councillor Brown attended the Love to Dance academy performance at the Civic Centre, Policy Review Committee meeting, attended a tea & silent auction, and encouraged citizens to get their flu shot.
- 10.7 Mayor Menard attended Country Christmas Week festivities, Thompson Nicola Regional District Board meeting, Thompson Nicola Regional Hospital District meeting, Emergency Management Protection Services meeting, site meeting with the Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, and the City’s Director of Engineering & Development regarding the Claybanks erosion issue, Christmas Enhancement draw at City Furniture, Hands of Hope food drive, Police Committee meeting, Policy Review Committee meeting, and completed a 2016/17 RCMP Client and Partner Survey along with Councillor Baker.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

**FINANCE & AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

- 11.1 Draft Minutes; Finance & Audit Committee November 15, 2016 Meeting
File: 0554

**CITY SOCIAL
PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

- 11.2 Draft Minutes; City Social Planning Committee November 24, 2016 Meeting
File: 0581

**NICOLA LAKE
EQUINE SCHOOL**

11.3 Nicola Lake Equine School; Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser Nicola
November 24, 2016 Letter
File: 0250

**ASK WELLNESS
SOCIETY**

11.4 Thank You from ASK Wellness Society
File: 0250

**SPRINGBANK
AVENUE**

11.5 Springbank Avenue; Gary Barnes, Strata KAS3402 President
November 29, 2016 Letter
File: 5400, 1700 & 0220

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.**

Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the 20th Day of December, 2016

Mayor