



# CITY OF MERRITT

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY HALL

2185 VOGHT STREET

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

AT 4:30 PM

1. PRESENT:

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

**REGRETS**

Councillor D. Baker  
Councillor L. Brown

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. S. Boven, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services  
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT  
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief  
Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager

**MEDIA**

Q101  
Merritt Herald

6 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

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Nil

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Wednesday, January 30, 2018 be adopted**

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

**2018 BUDGET  
OVERVIEW**

5.1 2018 Budget Overview; Director of Finance & IT Presentation  
File: 1700

Sheila Theissen, Director of Finance & IT, presented a general overview of the 2018 budget to Council, which included the following:

- A description of funding sources and amounts
- A comparison of City of Merritt tax rates to other BC municipalities
- A summary of the 2018 tax base, noting that despite the decrease in heavy industry tax revenue, without considering any potential rate change, 2018 tax revenue is set to increase by approximately 1.5% on the strength of increased assessments in residential homes.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

**2018 BUDGET  
DELIBERATIONS**

6.1 2018 Budget Deliberations; Director of Finance & IT January 05, 2018 Memorandum  
File: 1700

**ASSESSMENT  
INFORMATION AND  
TAX POLICY**

6.2 Assessment Information and Tax Policy; Director of Finance & IT February 02, 2018 Report  
File: 1700

**FUNDING SOURCES**

6.3 Funding Sources; Director of Finance & IT February 01, 2018 Report  
File: 1700

7. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 5:23 p.m.

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

**Original signed by  
Corporate Officer**

**Confirmed on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2018**

**Original signed by  
Mayor**