



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018
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
Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager
Mr. M. Brodrick, Planning and Development Services Manager
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

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38 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

2.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT a report regarding the awarding of the tender for Cranna Crescent Reconstruction be added to the agenda under New Business as Item 8.8

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

- 3.1 Mr. Michael Sasges spoke to Council opposing the proposed rezoning of 1330 Pine Street, citing potential issues with dike and trail maintenance and non-conformance with the Official Community Plan.
- 3.2 Ms. Christine Perry, a partner in the development of 1330 Pine Street, spoke in favour of the development, explaining that all she and her partners are asking for is the opportunity to speak and listen at a public hearing. She requested that Council not use the material provided by the delegations on the agenda to make a final decision regarding the rezoning at this meeting.
- 3.3 Mr. John Forrester spoke regarding his hen permit appeal (Item 8.2), requesting that Council consider an amendment to the City's Animal Control Bylaw to allow for hens to be kept on irregularly shaped lots that have large back yards, but do not meet the existing minimum lot size.
- 3.4 Dr. Liz Ladyman spoke in favour of the Nicola Valley Rodeo Association Extraordinary Grant in Aid application (Item 8.7), citing the many benefits to the City as a result of hosting large.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- 4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 be adopted

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- 4.2 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 be adopted

RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor recessed to Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

RECONVENE TO COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor reconvened the regular Council meeting at 7:26 p.m.

5. GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations and Recognitions

BASS COAST

- 5.1 Bass Coast Presentation; Andrea Graham, Liz Thompson, Anna Hilliar
File: 0250

Representatives from Bass Coast presented an update on the thriving state of the Bass Coast Festival. They informed Council of their plans for operating the 2018 Festival, including efforts to assist with river protection. The representatives informed Council that even though the festival is sold out, discounted tickets for Merritt residents were still available at 378 Skate Shop and that the site walkthrough would be on Thursday, July 5 at 5:30 p.m. Bass Coast requested that Council provide a letter in support of the Bass Coast festival.

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

- 5.2 RCMP Merritt Detachment 1st Quarter Report Presentation; S/Sgt Lorne Wood
File: 7500

S/Sgt Wood provided Council with the Merritt Detachment 1st Quarter Report, including an update on the following categories:

- General Duty
- General Investigation Section
- Domestic Violence/ Victim Services
- Drug Trends
- Human Resources
- Funded Levels

RBC RACE FOR THE KIDS MERRITT

- 5.3 RBC Race for the Kids Merritt – BCCH Presentation; Trisha Inglis
File: 0250

Trisha Inglis and Louise Grenier invited the Mayor and Council and those at the meeting to participate in the RBC Race for Kids to be held on June 3rd at Voght Park. Merritt is the first community outside the lower mainland to hold a satellite run and attending will be Mercedes Nicoll, a four time Canadian snowboarding Olympian.

ZONING - 1330 PINE STREET

5.4 Zoning - 1330 Pine Street Presentation; Georgina Clement
File: 3900.2187

Georgia Clement spoke in favour of the rezoning of 1330 Pine Street. Ms. Clement reminded Council of their statutory duties and requested that Councillors Prowal and Norgaard recuse themselves for reasons of alleged bias. Ms. Clement argued that concerns about the dike and citizens bearing the cost of the development were unfounded and that the taxpayers are entitled to a public hearing.

ZONING - 1330 PINE STREET

5.5 Zoning - 1330 Pine Street Presentation; Russ Wardell
File: 3900.2187

Russ Wardell spoke against the rezoning of 1330 Pine Street, stating that with the updated signatures on the petition, 90% of the people that live in the immediate area aren't in support of the rezoning. Mr. Wardell stated his reasons for why he feels the development does not comply with the OCP.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

7. BYLAWS

PROCEDURE

7.1 City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2229, 2018
File: 3900.2055

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Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT third reading of the City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2229, 2018 be rescinded
AND THAT the City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2229, 2018 be amended by deleting council and adding committee to section (e) iii)

116/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT City of Merritt Council Procedures Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2229, 2018 be read a third time as amended

ZONING - 4074 AIRPORT ROAD	7.2	City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2230, 2018 File: 3900.2187
		<i>Returned from Public Hearing</i>
117/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2230, 2018 be read a third time
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN	7.3	City of Merritt Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2232, 2018 File: 3900.2232
118/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2232, 2018 be adopted Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown
TAX RATES	7.4	City of Merritt 2018 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2233, 2018 File: 3900.2233
119/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt 2018 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2233, 2018 be adopted Voting Opposed: Councillor Brown
ZONING - 2175 NICOLA AVENUE	7.5	City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2234, 2018 File: 3900.2187
120/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2234, 2018 be read a first time
121/18		Moved, Seconded and CARRIED THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2234, 2018 be read a second time

ZONING - 1330 PINE STREET

7.6 Application to Rezone 1330 Pine Street, Lot A District Lot 174 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan EPP70361, PID: 030-112-541 from Agricultural - AR1 to Intensive Residential - R9; Planning & Development Manager April 20, 2018
File: RZ 2016-02

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2235, 2018 be read a first time

Voting opposed: Councillors Baker, Christopherson, Goetz, Prowal, and Norgaard

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

STATUTORY RIGHT OF WAY - BC HYDRO

8.1 Disposition of Statutory Right of Way's to BC Hydro; Director of Corporate Services May 02, 2018 Report
File: 2360.24

122/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council dispose of land totaling approximately point nine two (0.92) hectares to BC Hydro in the form of two (2) Statutory Right of Way's in return for compensation from BC Hydro in the amount of one hundred seventy thousand (\$170,000) dollars for the land and an additional sixteen thousand (\$16,000) dollars to cover legal costs and costs associated with the use of temporary work areas during construction

HEN PERMIT APPEAL

8.2 Hen Permit Appeal - 1360 Duncan Street; Director of Corporate Services May 02, 2018 Report
File: 3900.2197

Moved, Seconded and **DEFEATED**

THAT Council decide whether to issue Mr. Forrester a hen permit given the existing regulations set out in the City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw No. 2197, 2015.

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

123/18

Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report detailing possible amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw that would change the requirements for hen permitting in the City

- DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT - 3451 VOGHT STREET** 8.3 Application for Development Variance Permit, DVP 2017-04, 3451 Voght Street, Lot A Section 22 Township 91 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 15478 Except Plan KAP 62405, PID: 008-828-636
File: 3090 and DVP2017-04
- 124/18 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council directs staff to issue Development Variance Permit DVP 2017-04 (3451 Voght Street)
- QUARTERLY REPORT - BAILLIE HOUSE** 8.4 2018 First Quarter Report for the Merritt Visitors Centre at the Baillie House; Economic Development Manager April 26, 2018 Report
File: 2240.48
- 125/18 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council accept for information the 2018 First Quarter Report for the Merritt Visitors Centre at the Baillie House
- GRANT IN AID APPROVALS** 8.5 Summary of 2018 Grant in Aid Approvals to April 27, 2018; Director of Finance & IT April 30, 2018 Report
File: 1851
- 126/18 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**
THAT Council receives Summary of 2018 Grant in Aid Approvals to April 27, 2018 report for information only
- BUSINESS REVITALIZATION** 8.6 Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce - Business Revitalization Group; Director of Finance & IT April 30, 2018 Report
File: 1851
- Moved, Seconded
THAT Council approves a 2018 Extraordinary Grant in Aid for an amount less than or equal to the seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars requested by the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce (MDCC) for financial assistance to the Downtown Revitalization Group for the creation of new events in the downtown core to be funded through the Community Initiative Grant in Aid fund;
- AND THAT Council direct staff to include a request for the MDCC to apply during the fall Grant in Aid intake for future requests of this nature**

Council invited Ms. Megan Preston, Executive Director of the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce to speak to Council regarding the Chamber's extraordinary grant in aid request.

Ms. Preston introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Chamber and explained to Council that the some of the items in the extraordinary grant request have not been finalized, so the Chamber asked that certain items not be considered as there wasn't a guarantee that those funds would be used. In total, the Chamber amended its request by requesting \$3,400 in funding as opposed to \$7,000.

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Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

That Council amend the main resolution to reflect amendment of the grant in aid request to \$3,400

Voting resumed on the main motion, as amended

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CARRIED

THAT Council approves a 2018 Extraordinary Grant in Aid request for three thousand four hundred (\$3,400) dollars requested by the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce (MDCC) for financial assistance to the Downtown Revitalization Group for the creation of new events in the downtown core to be funded through the Community Initiative Grant in Aid fund;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include a request for the MDCC to apply during the fall Grant in Aid intake for future requests of this nature

NICOLA VALLEY
RODEO
ASSOCIATION

8.7 Nicola Valley Rodeo Association - 2018 Extraordinary Grant in Aid Application - Facility Upgrades; Direct of Finance & IT April 30, 2018 Report
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and DEFEATED

THAT Council approves a 2018 Extraordinary Grant in Aid for an amount less than or equal to the five thousand (\$5,000) dollars requested by the Nicola Valley Rodeo Association (NVRA) for upgrades to their facilities to be funded through the Short-Term Grant in Aid Fund;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include a request for the NVRA to apply during the fall Grant in Aid intake for future requests of this nature

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

129/18

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT Council provide funding to the Nicola Valley Rodeo Association in the amount of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars from the Council Contingency Fund to fund the project described in the NVRA's 2018 request for an Extraordinary Grant

Council invited Dr. Liz Ladyman to speak regarding the costs facing the Nicola Valley Rodeo Association.

CRANNA CRESCENT
TENDER

8.8 Cranna Crescent Reconstruction - Tender Award; Chief Administrative Officer May 8, 2018 Report
File: 5205

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Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

That Council awards the Cranna Crescent Reconstruction tender to LNB Construction Inc. in the amount of one million nine hundred thirty-two thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars and fifty cents (\$1,932,918.50) excluding GST;

AND THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the required documents

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Brown attended a TNRD firefighter appreciation event, a Hospital Foundation business after hours event, the SILGA conference, a health care committee meeting and McHappy Day. Councillor Brown invited all to attend a pancake breakfast at Rotary Park from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 10.2 Councillor Baker attended the SILGA conference and thanked volunteers for their efforts in protecting the community from flooding.
- 10.3 Councillor Goetz provided a gas buddies update and thanked Judith Guichon for her years of service as Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and for representing our region well.
- 10.4 Councillor Prowal attended a Nicola Watershed Round Table, a Loggers Sports Show meeting, a Naturalist Society meeting, the SILGA conference, and a Gold Country meeting in Spences Bridge.
- 10.5 Councillor Norgaard attended the SILGA conference.
- 10.6 Councillor Christopherson attended the SILGA conference and commended Revelstoke's downtown revitalization efforts, attended a hospital endowment meeting, a health care advocacy meeting. Councillor Christopherson commended the City for its flood mitigation efforts.
- 10.7 Mayor Menard attended a firefighter appreciation event, a TNRD Board meeting, a forestry sector meeting, a meeting at Patricia Rebekah Lodge #33 Senior Centre, a Nicola Valley Fish and Game fundraiser, the SILGA conference, held Mayor drop in visits, participated in McHappy Day, the Contract Management Committee meeting, had a meeting with Ministry of Highways officials, and had a meeting regarding the Kinder Morgan pipeline.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

DISTRICT OF KENT

- 11.1 Cannabis Production Facilities on Agricultural Land Reserve Lands; John Van Laerhoven, Mayor, District of Kent April 25, 2018 Letter
File: 0135

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| DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER | 11.2 | Employer Health Tax; John Harwood, Mayor, District of Clearwater April 13, 2018 Letter
File: 0135 |
| PROCLAMATION | 11.3 | Proclamation: “National Health & Fitness Day” , first Saturday in June; Office of Senator Nance Greene Raine April 20, 2018 Letter
File: 0630 |
| BIG BIKE EVENT | 11.4 | Invitation to Join Community Futures Team in the Big Bike Event; Jin Choi, Administrative Assistant, Community Futures Nicola Valley April 24, 2018 Letter
File: 0220 |
| SENIOR HOUSING | 11.5 | Senior Housing in Colletville; Merina Korsrud April 22, 2018 Letter
File: 0250 |
| PROCLAMATION | 11.6 | Proclamation: “National Missing Children’s Month” month of May, 2018 and “Missing Children’s Day” May 25, 2018; Steve Orcherton, Executive Director Child Find BC April 20, 2018 Letter
File: 0630 |
| DISTRICT OF HOUSTON | 11.7 | Human Trafficking Task Force; Shane Brienen, Mayor, District of Houston March 29, 2018 Letter
File: 0135 |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

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

Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the Day of , 2018

Mayor