



# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF MERRITT**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
2185 Voght Street  
Merritt, B.C

**PRESENT:**

- Mayor L. Brown**
- Councillor M. Bhangu**
- Councillor K. Christopherson**
- Councillor A. Etchart**
- Councillor T. Fehr**
- Councillor T. Luck**
- Councillor M. White**

**Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services**  
**Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT**  
**Don McArthur**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**2. LATE ITEMS**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Special Closed Council Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2019**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT the Minutes of the Special Closed Council Meeting held on November 12, 2019 be adopted***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**4.2 Special Closed Council Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2020**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT the Minutes of the Special Closed Council Meeting held on January 7, 2020 be adopted***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**4.3 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2020**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 14, 2020 be adopted***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

*Recess of the Regular Council Meeting and call the Public Hearing to order.*

Mayor Brown recessed the Regular Council Meeting, and called the Public Hearing to order at 7:08pm

**5.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2278, 2019**

*The purpose of this bylaw is to add Participant Recreation Services, Indoor" as a permitted use to the Service Commercial (C3) and Light Industrial (M1) zones.*

**5.1.1 Staff Report**

*Oral report from Director of Corporate Services, Sean Smith*

**5.1.2 Public Input**

*All persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw are invited to provide input to Council, either for or against the bylaw.*

Craig Gray asked for clarification as to whether staff was recommending the proposed change for both the C3 and the M1 zones, given the staff report seemed more positive about making the amendment in the C3 zone.

#### 5.1.3 Written submissions

*No members of the public provided written submissions in relation to the proposed bylaw.*

### 5.2 Termination of the Public Hearing

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:15pm

## 6. **GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions**

### 6.1 Canadian Country Music Heritage Society

*Presentation by Susan Roline, Treasurer of CCMHS*

Susan Roline announced the return of funds from the Canadian Country Music Heritage Society, noting that the project that the funds were going to be used for wasn't yet proceeding.

## 7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 7.1 Letter of Support - Bayshore Minerals Inc.

*At the January 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, Grant Carlson presented to Council and requested that Council provide a letter of support to Bayshore Minerals Inc., in support of operating the Elk Gold Mine.*

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council provide a letter in support of Bayshore Minerals Inc. operating the Elk Gold Mine located off of Highway 97C.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

## 8. **BYLAWS**

### 8.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2278, 2019

*This item is being brought forward from the public hearing.*

***Recommendation:***

**THAT Council give third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2278, 2019**

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**Recommendation:**

**THAT Council adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2278, 2019.**

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 DVP2019-04 2302 Nicola Ave**

**Recommendation:**

**THAT Council approve Development Variance Permit DVP2019-04 from Birte Decloux for 2302 Nicola Avenue, Lot 1, District Lot 123 Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan EPP93760 subject to the conditions set out in the permit (see Attachment A).**

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.2 Age-Friendly and Accessibility Advisory Committee**

*Following input from the community, City Council has directed the creation of an Age-Friendly and Accessibility Committee. The creation of this Committee, along with the resolution to actively implement our Age-Friendly Action Plan are two integral steps required to apply to become formally recognized as a BC Age-Friendly Community. There are presently forty-seven (47) communities in BC with this designation.*

*The Committee will also have the opportunity to explore what is required to become a member of the World Health Organization Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Currently there are three (3) communities in British Columbia with this designation.*

**Recommendation:**

**That the City of Merritt actively participate, support, promote and work to implement the "Our Merritt: Age-Friendly Action Plan", to assess and improve accessibility and inclusion of older persons and for the whole community.**

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council establish the Age Friendly and Accessibility Advisory Committee, with the attached Terms of Reference;***

***AND THAT Council direct staff to advertise to the public for appointments to this Committee***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

***Recommendation:***

***Amendment:***

***THAT Council include in the Terms of Reference the mandate to incorporate outdoor exercise equipment designed for seniors in our parks***

*This motion was withdrawn*

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council authorize staff to work with the Age-Friendly and Accessibility Committee to submit an application to become formally recognized as a BC Age-Friendly Community.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.3 CAO Update**

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councillor Bhangu commended Steven for his excellent work in communications.

Open House regarding Trans Mountain work camp security from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm on Thursday February 13, 2020 at the Shulus Community Arena Mezzanine.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**12.1 Rural Evidence Review - Findings and Flyer**

**12.2 Strategic Planning Priorities**

13. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:00PM

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Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

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

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Linda Brown