



# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF MERRITT**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Held online due to social distancing requirements  
Public access link published on City website  
& social media accounts

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer**
- Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services**
- Mr G. Lewis, Deputy Corporate Officer**
- Mr. W. George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager**
- Mr. D. McArthur, Planning & Development Services Manager**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Luck called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

**2. LATE ITEMS**

Nil

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Nil

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes- June 16th, 2020**

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-01*

***THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 16th, 2020 be adopted***

Absent (1): Linda A. Brown

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

**5.1 Public Hearing**

Nil

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

It was noted that Neil Menard had postponed his delegation from the Merritt Centennials

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7.1 Merritt Mountain Biking Association**

To consider the delegation from Mr Pinto on June 16th, 2020

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-02*

***That Council provide a letter in support of the Merritt Mountain Biking Association application to the Crown, to establish a new mountain biking trail in the North Bench area.***

Absent (1): Linda A. Brown

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**7.2 Notice of Motion**

*Councillor Travis Fehr made the following notice of motion at the June 16th, 2020 meeting:*

Councillors discussed global events, and a desire to show Merritt as a welcoming and inclusive community that celebrated diversity. Staff confirmed Council had given sufficient direction to begin work with graphic designers.

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-03*

***That Council direct Staff to investigate the adoption of a visual symbol of diversity and inclusion for the City of Merritt.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

### **7.3 Notice of Motion**

*Councillor Adam Etchart made the following notice of motion at the June 16th, 2020 meeting:*

Mayor Brown took over the meeting at 7.17pm.

Councillors discussed the work and changes at the City over the last 18-20 months, and agreed a desire to see how staff are adjusting.

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-04*

***That Council direct staff to prepare an anonymous staff satisfaction survey to see how City employees view the operations of the City as a workplace.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

## **8. BYLAWS**

### **8.1 Removal of Second Avenue Dedication Bylaw No. 2283, 2020**

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-05*

***THAT Council Adopt Removal of Second Avenue Dedication Bylaw No. 2283, 2020***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

### **8.2 Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020**

To be introduced by Mr. McArthur

Mr. McArthur introduced the proposed zoning bylaw, and explained its features.

Councillors praised the document, and said it needed a lot of thought and processing before comments could be given.

Councillors asked for paper copies to read, and discussed potential dates of a public hearing, open houses, and how additional meetings could be scheduled if needed.

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-06*

***THAT Council give First Reading to Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-07*

***THAT Council give Second Reading to Zoning Bylaw No 2284, 2020.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-09*

***THAT Council direct staff to schedule a Public Hearing.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

***Amendment: Resolution No: 2020RC-12-08***

***ADD following "Hearing": and at least 2 public consultations prior to that Hearing.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

### **8.3 Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2285, 2020**

To be introduced by Mr. Smith

Mr Smith introduced the report and explained why the proposed changes were coming forward.

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-10*

***THAT Council give first reading to Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2285, 2020***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-11*

***THAT Council give second reading to Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2285, 2020***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

*Resolution No: 2020RC-12-12*

***THAT Council give third reading to Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2285, 2020***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 CAO Update**

Mr Hildebrand noted that City Hall was re-opening, with Council meetings returning to City Hall from July 21st, and public payments now available on the first floor Monday-Friday from 10-12 and 1-3pm.

He applauded staff for the work done creating the new Zoning Bylaw, and said Development Services are currently extremely busy.

The city is continuing capital projects such as Voght St corner, and aquatic centre maintenance, and communications activities including the new website, the Active Transportation survey and OCP engagement strategy. The Economic Development committee applications deadline had been extended to July 10th.

He informed Council that the Fire Department had three new Paid On Call firefighters, and were doing firesmart door to door education, and a fuel management contract was about to begin.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**10.1 Cllr Bhangu**

That the City work with the current Economic Recovery initiatives and create a culture and diversification mural highlighting the immigrant cultures that helped build Merritt such as the Italian, Punjabi, Sikh, Scottish cultures in their traditional attire, and that this mural be created on a City facility, or available non-City facility pending a moveable mural frame to fit with the Economic Recovery downtown beautification mural project.

**11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Cllr Christopherson reported on concerns about traffic volumes and speeds on Juniper and Parker Drives and Reid Avenue, and encouraged people to remain vigilant while driving.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**12.1 Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment**

**12.2 Canadian Federation of Independent Business**

**13. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 9:02pm

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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