



MINUTES
CITY OF MERRITT
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 1, 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**

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services**
- Mr G. Lowis, Deputy Corporate Officer**
- Mr. W. George, Economic Development, Communications & Tourism Manager**
- Mr. W. Anderson, Director of Finance and IT**
- Mr. D. McArthur, Planning & Development Services Manager**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. LATE ITEMS

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes- 18th August, 2020

Recommendation: 2020SC02-01

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 18th, 2020 be adopted

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Public Hearing

Nil

6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

6.1 Shirley Bobroske

Ms. Bobroske to speak about the situation of cats in the City of Merritt

Ms. Bobroske said she had lived in Merritt her whole life, and that she wanted to discuss the attention given to cats.

She explained a stray cat had moved onto her property, and detailed her difficulty gaining assistance from animal control organisations in Kamloops, Kelowna, and Victoria. She ultimately gained assistance from Sammy's Forgotten Felines in Kamloops. She wanted to see more consistency in how cats were dealt with, and more accountability to follow through with each cat, and potential fines for owners who did not care for them properly.

Cllr White arrived at 7.09pm.

Cllr Christopherson and Mayor Brown thanked her for the input. Mayor Brown said she had already discussed with Ms. Bobroske the possibility of having space for cats in the new animal pound.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Symbol of Diversity and Inclusion Logo

Mr. George introduced the item, and explained the history that had come to this point. Council discussed issues including the content and colour of the text, and asked if there had been community feedback to this point.

Mr. George said the community feedback so far had been informal, and Council expressed a desire to get formal public feedback on shortlisted options.

Recommendation: 2020SC02-02

THAT Council approved the attached 3 Symbol of Diversity and Inclusion Logos as shortlisted options

AND

THAT Council directs staff to seek public input to determine preferred Symbol of Diversity and Inclusion Logo.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

8. BYLAWS

8.1 Zoning Bylaw 2284, 2020

The *Zoning Bylaw* has received three readings at Council, undergone public advertisement and hearings, and been approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Recommendation: 2020SC02-03

THAT Council Adopt Zoning Bylaw No 2284, 2020.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

8.2 Fees and Charges Bylaw 2286, 2020

Recommendation: 2020SC02-04

THAT Council Adopt Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No 2286, 2020.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

8.3 Animal Control Bylaw 2287, 2020

To be introduced by Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis explained that this was the first of several housekeeping bylaw changes to keep rules consistent with the newly adopted Zoning Bylaw.

Recommendation: 2020SC02-05

THAT Council give first reading to Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 2287, 2020

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

Recommendation: 2020SC02-06

***THAT Council give second reading to Animal Control Amendment
Bylaw No. 2287, 2020***

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

Recommendation: 2020SC02-07

***THAT Council give third reading to Animal Control Amendment
Bylaw No. 2287, 2020***

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 North Bench Development

Mr. McArthur wanted to bring the attention of both council and public to the the North Bench Neighbourhood Development Plan online survey at merritt.ca/nbndp. He said there had already been 180 responses, and that staff were taking informal feedback from public forums.

He also talked about the Official Community Plan launch week in October 5th-9th, the coming Active Transportation Plan, and said more would come forward in October-November.

Council commended staff for work done, and encouraged the public to read the documents, and fill in the survey.

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 7.32pm

Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

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

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor

Linda Brown