



# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF MERRITT**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
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. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer**
- Mr. J. Dinwoodie, Director of Engineering & Development**
- Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services**
- Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT**
- Mr. W. George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**2. LATE ITEMS**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Michelle Sproson of 1575 Main Street, a neighbour of 1330 Pine Street spoke to item 9.3, the 1330 Pine Street OCP amendment.

Michelle provided her opinion that the OCP is not in support of this rezoning application. She also mentioned Council's campaign promises to deal address flood issues and stated her opinion that this development would add to flood problems on the Coldwater River.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2019**

***THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 27, 2019 be adopted***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**6.1 2019 Summer Tourism Ambassadors**

File: 6900

Rachel and Joe spoke to Council as the 2019 Tourism Ambassadors for the City of Merritt. They were open at the kiosk for 56 days and had 4,384 visitors to the kiosk. The Kiosk was at the 100th Airport Anniversary, the Canada Day Celebration, the Night Markets, Bass Coast, Rockin' River, Central Park and Dewolf Way.

**6.2 Korean Culture Day**

File: 0250

Mr. Young Li (John) Kim to invite Council to Korean Culture Day on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Civic Centre

Mr. Young Li (John) Kim discussed the Korean Cultural Day event with Council. The event will be held on September 27, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Civic Centre Auditorium at 1950 Mamette Ave, Merritt BC.

The purpose of the event is to strengthen cultural understanding between Koreans and Merritt residents, and to serve Merrittonians through Korean cultural performances.

**6.3 Water Restrictions**

File: 0250

Mr. Craig Gray to address Council on the matter of water restrictions

Mr. Craig Gray presented to Council, stating his position that none of the aquifers that the City draws on come from the Coldwater River. He argued that when you look at the evidence, noting a 2012 report issued by the Province, water restrictions do absolutely nothing to reduce water levels on the Coldwater River.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **BYLAWS**

8.1 **City of Merritt Fire Safety Regulations**

File: 3900.2272

244/19

***THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Fire Safety Regulations Bylaw No. 2272, 2019***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 **August 2019 Financial Position Report**

File: 1870

245/19

***THAT Council accept this report for information only***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

9.2 **Kettle Valley Railway - TNRD Letter of Support**

File: 0480

The TNRD is working on an application to secure two 5 year tenures to develop a portion of the KVR Railway, after which there will be an option to renew the tenures. The TNRD is seeking a letter of support from the City of Merritt for this initiative. More information will be provided to Council as it is available.

246/19

***THAT Council provide the TNRD a letter of support in favour of their KVR trail tenure applications***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.3 1330 Pine Street Rezoning – Direction to proceed with OCP Amendment**

File: 3900.2116

247/19

***THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw to Council that would allow Intensive Residential (R9) development in the Collettsville sector.***

Against (3): Mike Bhangu, Kurt Christopherson, and Adam Etchart

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.4 Change in Funding Source – Flood Mitigation**

File: 5225

248/19

***THAT Council direct staff to allocate one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars from the Gas Tax Reserves for the Flood Mitigation Plan project and amend the 2019-2023 Financial Plan to reflect this allocation***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.5 CAO Update**

File: 0112

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councillor Bhangu and Mayor Brown encourage the public to attend the Community Clean-up Day on September 21, 2019.

Councillor Luck invited the public to donate food through the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive, sponsored by a number of local groups and the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints. He noted that bags will be dropped off at homes in Merritt during the week.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**12.1 District of Saanich - Clean-up of Needles**

File: 0135

**12.2 District of Sannich - Proceeds from Crime**

File: 0135

**12.3 Canadian Union of Postal Workers**

File: 0250

**12.4 Proclamation: Day of Older Persons**

File: 0630

**12.5 Village of Burns Lake - Limited Entry Hunt Cow/Calf Moose**

File: 0135

**12.6 Strategic Planning Priorities**

File: 0540

**13. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:49pm

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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

