



MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, August 27, 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**
- Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT**
- Mr. W. George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager**
- Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03PM

2. Public Input

Mr. Steve Hagen - 8050 Surrey Lake Road

- Mr. Hagen has been paying rent on the building for his dispensary is awaiting a response from the province and has been waiting over a year.

- Mr. Hagen feels that removing the cap would give the province the ability to open a dispensary while private dispensaries are still awaiting provincial approval.
- Mr. Hagen requested that Council postpone their decision by a year or so to let dispensaries already approved by the City the opportunity to get up and running.

Mike Starchuk - 3625 deWolf Way

- It is not a level playing field if competing against a government store
- The culture around cannabis consumption is different than alcohol consumption
- Regulations will be changing again in December, 2019
- Is in favour of Council adopting the bylaw

3. **Termination of Meeting**

Mayor Brown closed the meeting at 7:29PM

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