



MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

BC PNP COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 31, 2019
1:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C

PRESENT: **Travis Fehr**
 Manuel Olguin
 Kim McLean

IN ATTENDANCE: **Will George**
 Mae Ketter
 Sean Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Manuel Olguin called the meeting to order at 1:04pm

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 BC PNP Committee Minutes - September 30, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the BC PNP Committee held on September 30, 2019 be adopted.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

3. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Follow up on September 30, 2019 Committee Requests

Mr. Will George will provide an oral update on the items that the Committee requested that Mr. George research regarding business categories and requiring more detailed information from applicants.

Will provided an update on the previous requests made by the Committee, in regards to requesting more information from candidates.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Program Update

Mr. Will George will provide an oral update on the activity of the Committee to date.

Mr. George discussed that as of October 30, 2019, the program has now received 217 inquiries. Thirteen applicants are currently scheduled for exploratory visits. The Committee has provided 7 letters of referral. Two trucking businesses, one stationary store, three retail businesses, and one gift shop.

November 19th @ 5:00pm - BC PNP Presentation from Provincial and Federal officials.

Chair Olguin asked Will to look into pre-screening options that are being used by other communities and whether they might be viable for the City of Merritt.

5.2 Paramjit Singh

The Committee spoke very highly of Mr. Singh's application, noting the strong business plan, as well as letters of intent from local businesses.

Recommendation:

THAT the BC PNP Committee provide a letter of referral for Paramjit Singh

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5.3 Wang Xiao

Recommendation:

THAT the BC PNP Committee provide a letter of referral for Wang Xiao

DEFEATED

6. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting ended at 1:49pm

Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

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

Confirmed on the ____ day of ____, 20____

Chair, Manuel Olguin