



MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 14, 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**

Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2019

Recommendation:

01/2020

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2019 be adopted

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

6.1 Bayshore Minerals Inc. Presentation

Grant Carlson and Ron Woo of Bayshore Minerals Inc., will present to Council regarding the Elk Gold Project, located about 50km east of Merritt, just South of Highway 97C.

Grant Carlson, co-founder of Bayshore Minerals Inc. presented to Council regarding the Elk Gold Mine project, which was acquired in May 2019.

Grant discussed the history of the company, the archaeological plans for the site, and a description of the proposed open pit mine operation, which involves 200 tonnes of ore being mined each day, a 12 year mine life, and 15-20 employees, with ore being shipped offsite for processing.

There is no process plant or tailings pond on site.

Grant discussed the project timeline, including a plan to submit Mining Permit applications in March 2020, and requested that Council consider providing a letter in support of Bayshore developing the Elk Gold mine.

Mayor Brown directed that a motion for a letter of support be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. BYLAWS

8.1 2019-2023 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Recommendation:

02/2020

THAT City of Merritt Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2279, 2019 be adopted.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2020 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning Grant Application

03/2020

THAT Council support the City's application for \$150,000 from the 2020 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Flood Mapping;

AND THAT Council directs staff to handle the application and provide overall grant management if the application is successful.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.2 Gold Country Communities Society Membership

04/2020

THAT Council direct staff to inform the Gold Country Communities Society that Merritt will not be continuing membership with the Society past January 2020.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.3 CAO Update

Mr. Hildebrand provided a CAO update regarding the following items:

- Town Hall meeting to be held on February 24, 2020 at 6:00pm in the Civic Centre Auditorium
- Welcome to Don McArther and Duong Trinh
- Communication Plan currently being developed and will be presented to Council shortly

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Letter from Premier Horgan - UBCM Follow-up

12.2 Letter from Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions - UBCM Follow-up

12.3 Strategic Planning Priorities

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 7:30pm

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