



MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 11, 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
Mr. W. George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager
Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

2. LATE ITEMS

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Ginny Prowal spoke regarding the City's work with the Chamber and also commended the Baillie House organization and congratulated them on another very successful year. Ginny also stated that she found it interesting that the City was supporting the Chamber, given they were no longer in City Hall.

Craig Gray spoke positively regarding the Baillie House's work and stated that he wished all organizations were run as efficiently as them.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 28, 2020 be adopted

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Recommendations from February 4, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Recommendation:

THAT Council set aside \$15,000 in the 2020 Financial Plan for community sponsorships.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

Recommendation:

THAT the City provide the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce with funding in the amount of \$5,000 from the Council Contingency fund;

AND THAT the City work as a partner with the Chamber, to establish the Chamber as the primary voice for businesses in Merritt.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

7.2 Approval of 2020 Grant in Aid Applications

Kurt Christopherson declared conflict in relation to the items listed in Category "B" and left the meeting at 7:27pm.

Kurt returned to the meeting following the vote, at 7:28pm.

Tony Luck declared conflict in relation to the items listed in Category "C" and left the meeting at 7:28pm.

Tony returned to the meeting following the vote, at 7:29pm.

Melvina White declared conflict in relation to the items listed in Category "D" and left the meeting at 7:29pm.

Melvina returned to the meeting following the vote, at 7:30pm.

Council provided direction that the excess \$4250.71 from the Grant in Aid budget be re-allocated to the Council Contingency budget in the 2020 Financial Plan.

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category "A" on the attached Schedule "A", in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category "B" on the attached Schedule "A", in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category "C" on the attached Schedule "A", in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category "D" on the attached Schedule "A" in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

8. BYLAWS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2019 Fourth Quarter Report for the Merritt Visitors Centre at the Baillie House

THAT Council accept for information the 2019 Fourth Quarter Report for the Merritt Visitors Centre at the Baillie House.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.2 Appointment of Airport Advisory Committee Members

The City of Merritt received 16 applications from members of the community interested in sitting on the Airport Advisory Committee. Council will discuss and recommend appointment of Committee members at a 6:00pm Closed Council meeting. Final appointment of members will take place during this Regular Council meeting.

The following names are being brought forward from the Closed Council Meeting:

Recommendation:

THAT Council appoint the following seven (7) committee members to the Airport Advisory Committee:

- 1. Kurt Christopherson***
- 2. Rae Robinson***
- 3. Ron Klaus***
- 4. Geoff Scholtens***
- 5. Gelina Gillas***
- 6. Doug Hamerton***
- 7. Ian Gordon***

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.3 CAO Update

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Fehr made the following notice of motion:

That Council direct staff to bring forward a report regarding options for vetting Committee member applications, to allow Council an opportunity to better get to know all applicants before making Committee appointments.

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Recommendation:

That Council authorize the Mayor to attend the 2020 COFI Conference.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Strategic Planning Priorities

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 7:52pm

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