



MINUTES
CITY OF MERRITT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, February 4, 2020
6:00 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
Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager
Don McArthur

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Community Groups Providing Contracted Services

Wayne provided an overview of the Grant in Aid process to date and refreshed Council on changes that were made to the Grant in Aid program as a result of a 2019 policy.

5.2 2020 Grant in Aid Applications

Staff will summarize the report at the outset of the meeting, but these resolutions should be considered toward the conclusion of the meeting, after Council has tentatively allocated Grant in Aid funds.

Conflict Declarations:

Councillor Christopherson declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Merritt Country Christmas Grant in Aid request and left the meeting at 6:40pm. Returned at 6:43pm

Councillor Luck declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Community Futures and Merritt Business and Economic Development Society Grant in Aid requests and left the meeting at 6:49pm. Returned at 7:01pm

Councillor Christopherson declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Nicola Valley Skating Club Grant in Aid request and left the meeting at 7:03pm. Returned at 7:05pm

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Canadian Country Music Heritage Society Grant in Aid request and left the meeting at 7:50pm. Returned at 7:55pm

Councillor Luck declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Nicola Valley Forest Recognition Society Grant in Aid request and left the meeting at 7:56pm. Returned at 8:02pm

THAT the Committee of the Whole advance the funding amounts set out in the completed Grant in Aid Approval Worksheet to Council for consideration and final funding decisions.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

AND THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that \$15,000 be set aside in 2020 for community sponsorships.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5.3 Chamber of Commerce - Request for Support

THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the City provide the Merritt and District Chamber of Commerce with \$5,000 of their \$25,000 request;

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

6. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:41pm

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