



# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF MERRITT**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Tuesday, February 25, 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**  
**Mr. W. Anderson, Financial Services Manager**  
**Mr. D. McArthur, Planning & Development Services Manager**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

**2. LATE ITEMS**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Bob presented to Council regarding the Curling rink and encouraged Council to consider the long term future of the Curling Rink as well as the arena.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Special Council Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2020**

*THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on February 11, 2020 be adopted.*

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**4.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2020**

*THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 11, 2020 be adopted*

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

**6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions**

**6.1 Merritt Curling Club**

*Presentation by Jerry Sanders*

Jerry presented regarding the history of the curling club, the club's operations, it's financials, as well as cost estimates for the curling club roof.

**6.2 BC Assessment**

*Presentation by Tracy Shymko, Deputy Assessor for the Thompson Okanagan Region*

Tracy presented regarding the mandate of BC Assessment, the assessment process, the relationship between taxes and assessments, Provincial and Merritt assessment statistics and the appeal process.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **7.1 Notice of Motion**

*Councillor Travis Fehr made the following notice of motion at the February 11, 2020 meeting:*

### **Recommendation:**

***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.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

## **8. BYLAWS**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 OCP Update Presentation**

*Powerpoint presentation by Don McArthur, Planning and Development Services Manager*

Don discussed the purpose of the OCP and how it interacts with other plans and bylaws, the terms of reference and RFP process, the public engagement process, grant applications, and project timelines.

### **9.2 OCP Update and Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program Grant**

#### **Recommendation:**

***THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Request for Proposals to contract a consultant or consultant team to conduct the Official Community Plan Update and develop a Terms of Reference for the project, in advance of finalization of the 2020-2024 Financial Plan Bylaw.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

#### **Recommendation:**

Recommendation: R04-05-2020

***THAT Council direct staff to apply for the Union of British Columbia Municipality's Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program grant, and that Council support the proposed grant activities as outlined in this staff report to Council of February 25, and provide overall grant management.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.3 North Bench Lands Neighbourhood Development Plan – Phase 1**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council direct staff to contract a consultant or consultant team to prepare a neighbourhood development plan for submission to the Province with a Crown Land Tenure Application, in advance of finalization of the 2020-2024 Financial Plan Bylaw.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.4 CAO Update**

Council provided an update regarding last night's Town Hall meeting. 45-50 residents participated and offered great questions.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor Luck made the following notice of motion:

**THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report regarding the current practice of requiring water meters for new builds, in circumstances where the City does not have a program for metering water.**

**11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councillor Christopherson shared his excitement about the upstart of the Airport Advisory Committee.

Councillor White expressed that she felt the Town Hall meeting was very well organized and felt that it showcased Council well.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**12.1 Strategic Planning Priorities**

**13. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:40pm

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Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

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

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Linda Brown