



MINUTES
CITY OF MERRITT
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 4, 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**

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. S. Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer**
- Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services**
- Mr G. Lewis, Deputy Corporate Officer**
- Mr. W. George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager**
- Mr. W. Anderson, Director of Finance and IT**
- Mr. D. McArthur, Planning & Development Services Manager**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. LATE ITEMS

2.1 Merritt Curling Rink Roof Options

New item 9.3, to be inserted before CAO update (under *Procedure Bylaw* s12(e) this requires unanimous vote by Council):

THAT Council support a \$40,000.00 gas tax funded, financial partnership investment with the Merritt Curling Club and the TNRD on the curling building roof replacement project.

Council unanimously agreed to add the late item to the agenda.

Councillor White arrived at 7.01pm.

Mr. McKeown introduced the item, and talked through it in detail.

Council discussed issues including the importance of the curling club to Merritt, and the City's obligations if the roof were to fail.

Recommendation: 2020SC01-01

Add proposed item to agenda as new item 9.3

Absent (1): Melvina White

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

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Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes- July 21st, 2020

Recommendation:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 21st, 2020 be adopted

Absent (1): Melvina White

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

4.2 Reconsideration

Mayor Brown exercised her authority under s131 of the *Community Charter* to require reconsideration of the mural item.

After extensive discussion, Councillor Luck moved that the item be deferred.

Recommendation:

THAT the motion "THAT the City work with the current economic recovery initiatives and create a culture and diversification mural highlighting the many cultures of Merritt in their cultural attire, past and present; AND THAT this mural be created on a City facility of available non-City facility pending a moveable mural frame, to fit with the Economic Recovery downtown beautification mural project" be deferred.

Against (1): Mike Bhangu

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Public Hearing

Mayor Brown recessed to the public hearing at XXX

Mayor Brown reconvened the regular meeting at XXX

5.1.1 Introduction of Bylaw

5.1.2 Staff report

To be introduced by Mr. McArthur.

5.1.3 Public Submissions

Oral submissions on the proposed Zoning Bylaw from the public.

Members of the public made submissions, which will be made available in a single document with submissions from the second session of the Hearing on August 18th, 2020.

Recommendation:

THAT the Hearing be adjourned to City Hall on August 18th, 2020 at 7pm

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5.1.4 Written submissions

The attached submission was received in response to the public notices placed.

5.1.5 Adjournment of Public Hearing

Adjourn public hearing

adjourned at 7.47pm

6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

6.1 TNRD Housing Needs Assessment

Presentation by Sandy Mackay from M'Akola Development Services

Mr Mackay introduced the item, and explained the structure of M'Akola and how they operate. He explained that as this Housing Needs Assessment is fully funded, they intend to leave the communities involved with a solid base for the future studies required.

After he spoke and answered questions from Councillors, Ms Sadilkova from the TNRD answered questions about the process.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Reconsideration

Mr. Lowis asked for clarity on the deferment earlier, explaining that Council could refer to staff, or defer to a specific date, but could not do a generic deferment. Council confirmed the deferment was to the last meeting in September, and that they expected a staff report on the motion.

8. BYLAWS

8.1 Zoning Bylaw 2284

To be introduced by Mr. McArthur.

Mr. McArthur introduced the item, and asked Council to give direction.

Following extensive discussion on the proposed Bylaw, particularly around Short Term Rentals, Councillors agreed to proceed with the amendments

as proposed. They expressed interest in investigating in the future whether or not Short Term Rentals could be capped in a manner similar to Retail Cannabis stores.

Recommendation:

THAT Council amend Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020, as outlined on the attached schedule, and resolve to reconvene the Public Hearing on August 18, 2020.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Active Transportation Plan Update

To be introduced by Mr. McArthur

Mr. McArthur introduced the item, and explained about the details of the survey, including that a new survey will be performed in the fall.

Mr. Hildebrand noted the pedestrian bridge should be re-opened by September.

9.2 Correspondence Policy

To be introduced by Mr. Lowis.

Mayor Brown moved that this be deferred to August 18th in order to ask questions of Mr. Smith.

Recommendation:

THAT Council defer consideration of the Correspondence Policy as attached until August 18th.

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.3 CAO Update

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Hildebrand on behalf of Council for his work, and expressed how happy she was to continue working with him at TNRD.

Mr. Hildebrand thanked Merritt for the time he's spent here, and praised the staff and council.

He provided an update on developments taking place, including the Voght Street project being ahead of schedule, and challenges with traffic.

Councillors expressed their thanks for his time at the City, and the work he had done.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Nil

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Ms L. Robinson

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 9.32pm

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