

City Council

I agree with Steve Rose. He has fully outlined the need for new developments to complement the current OCP; and I too find it implausible to juxtapose multi-family, multi-storey high rises in the proposed locations now before our Council. Multi family should be downtown where pedestrian facilities exist.

But I am very concerned about something else; and my concern is promulgated by the abject absence of information from the City of Merritt. To wit; Just what population does Council want Merritt to be? Why? What is the rationale for this? ie Do we have elements in our City that are not yet cost-effective---that will be resolved by the target population? Which ones?

And; because we have all experienced severe water rationing, I want to know just what new wells and reservoirs and main water lines will be needed to serve these proposals? Who will pay for these; when, and how? Or do we have to share the minimal water we now have with these new developments!

And what sewer infrastructure will be needed; at what cost; and who pays? And Schools; and fire halls, and policing etc etc.

Surely our Council must already have these answers; so tell us, now, please. And if they don't, then I submit that they should not even entertain consideration of such major subdivisions, until they do have ALL the information---and share it with us, as public knowledge, on the City website. Please.

Sincerely

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