



MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
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. J. Dinwoodie, Director of Engineering & Development
Mr. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Mr. W. George, Tourism & Economic Development Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

2. LATE ITEMS

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Michelle Sproson of 1575 Main Street, a neighbour of 1330 Pine Street spoke to item 9.3, the 1330 Pine Street OCP amendment.

Michelle provided her opinion that the OCP is not in support of this rezoning application. She also mentioned Council's campaign promises to deal address

flood issues and stated her opinion that this development would add to flood problems on the Coldwater River.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 27, 2019 be adopted

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARING

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6. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

6.1 2019 Summer Tourism Ambassadors

File: 6900

Rachel and Joe spoke to Council as the 2019 Tourism Ambassadors for the City of Merritt. They were open at the kiosk for 56 days and had 4,384 visitors to the kiosk. The Kiosk was at the 100th Airport Anniversary, the Canada Day Celebration, the Night Markets, Bass Coast, Rockin' River, Central Park and Dewolf Way.

6.2 Korean Culture Day

File: 0250

Mr. Young Li (John) Kim to invite Council to Korean Culture Day on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Civic Centre

Mr. Young Li (John) Kim discussed the Korean Cultural Day event with Council. The event will be held on September 27, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Civic Centre Auditorium at 1950 Mamette Ave, Merritt BC.

The purpose of the event is to strengthen cultural understanding between Koreans and Merritt residents, and to serve Merrittonians through Korean cultural performances.

6.3 Water Restrictions

File: 0250

Mr. Craig Gray to address Council on the matter of water restrictions

Mr. Craig Gray presented to Council, stating his position that none of the aquifers that the City draws on come from the Coldwater River. He argued that when you look at the evidence, noting a 2012 report issued by the Province, water restrictions do absolutely nothing to reduce water levels on the Coldwater River.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **BYLAWS**

8.1 **City of Merritt Fire Safety Regulations**

File: 3900.2272

244/19

THAT Council adopt City of Merritt Fire Safety Regulations Bylaw No. 2272, 2019

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 **August 2019 Financial Position Report**

File: 1870

245/19

THAT Council accept this report for information only

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.2 **Kettle Valley Railway - TNRD Letter of Support**

File: 0480

The TNRD is working on an application to secure two 5 year tenures to develop a portion of the KVR Railway, after which there will be an option to renew the tenures. The TNRD is seeking a letter of support from the City of Merritt for this initiative. More information will be provided to Council as it is available.

246/19

THAT Council provide the TNRD a letter of support in favour of their KVR trail tenure applications

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.3 1330 Pine Street Rezoning – Direction to proceed with OCP Amendment

File: 3900.2116

247/19

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw to Council that would allow Intensive Residential (R9) development in the Collettsville sector.

Against (3): Mike Bhangu, Kurt Christopherson, and Adam Etchart

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.4 Change in Funding Source – Flood Mitigation

File: 5225

248/19

THAT Council direct staff to allocate one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars from the Gas Tax Reserves for the Flood Mitigation Plan project and amend the 2019-2023 Financial Plan to reflect this allocation

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

9.5 CAO Update

File: 0112

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Bhangu and Mayor Brown encourage the public to attend the Community Clean-up Day on September 21, 2019.

Councillor Luck invited the public to donate food through the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive, sponsored by a number of local groups and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He noted that bags will be dropped off at homes in Merritt during the week.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 District of Saanich - Clean-up of Needles

File: 0135

12.2 District of Sannich - Proceeds from Crime

File: 0135

12.3 Canadian Union of Postal Workers

File: 0250

12.4 Proclamation: Day of Older Persons

File: 0630

12.5 Village of Burns Lake - Limited Entry Hunt Cow/Calf Moose

File: 0135

12.6 Strategic Planning Priorities

File: 0540

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 8:49pm

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