



**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MERRITT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Tuesday, November 12, 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. S. Smith, Director of Corporate Services  
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT

**MEDIA & PUBLIC:** David Tomkinson, Fire Chief  
Q101  
Merritt Herald  
29 Members of the public

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - 1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**2. LATE ITEMS**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Craig Gray spoke against item 9.3, noting that the existing ticket system works well.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2019**

*THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 22, 2019 be adopted*

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

**5.1 Public Hearing**

Mayor Brown recessed to the public hearing at 7:05pm

Mayor Brown reconvened the regular meeting at 8:02pm

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

**6.1 Enbridge Operations Update**

Presentation by Mark Amundrud, Senior Advisor Community Engagement and Kelly Griffith, Senior Advisor Lands and Right of Way

Mark presented on behalf of Enbridge, who provided an operations update to the City of Merritt. He commented on the line that provides natural gas to most of B.C., which runs approximately 3 kilometers outside the boundary of the City of Merritt.

He discussed the comprehensive integrity dig program that was conducted in 2019 to ensure the safety and performance of the line, as well as the T-South Reliability and Expansion Program that is being undertaken by Enbridge.

He reiterated that there isn't a safety issue with regards to wildfire, as the station can be isolated in the event of a forest fire.

**6.2 Work BC - Thriving Communities Labour Market Study**

Presentation by Julie Bayman, Program Manager/Business Coach for Work BC

Work BC was unable to make it to the meeting and the presentation will be rescheduled for a future date.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. BYLAWS**

**8.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2275, 2019 - 1330 Pine Street**

***THAT Council defer third reading, until further information can be provided regarding the suitability of the land at 1330 Pine Street for farming.***

Against (5): Linda A. Brown, Adam Etchart, Travis Fehr, Tony Luck, and Melvina White

**DEFEATED**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council read Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2275, 2019 a third time***

Against (2): Mike Bhangu, and Adam Etchart

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 2019 Third Quarter Report for the Merritt Visitors Centre at the Baillie House**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council the 2019 Third Quarter Report for the Merritt Visitors Centre at the Baillie House for information only.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.2 Community Wellness and Harm Reduction Grant Application**

Sarah Sandusky, the City's contracted grant coordinator, spoke to how inspiring the process of drafting this grant application was, and how many different organizations were involved.

She explained the initiatives that would be supported by the grant, including advance interventions, peer mentorship and other initiatives that will make a tangible and significant difference in the lives of residents and those persons who need critical help and support.

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council directs staff to apply for the 2020 Community Wellness and Harm Reduction Grant for \$50,000 and supports the proposed projects.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.3 Bylaw Notice Enforcement**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report and draft bylaw to implement a Bylaw Notice Enforcement scheme in the City of Merritt;***

***AND THAT Council direct staff to inform the Lt. Governor of the forthcoming bylaw so that regulations can be prepared, adding Merritt to the list of local governments permitted to operate the Bylaw Notice Enforcement system.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.4 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program – 2020 Grant Funding**

***Recommendation:***

***THAT Council direct staff to submit grant funding applications to the Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program;***

***AND THAT Council direct administration to provide overall grant management.***

**Moved, Seconded, CARRIED**

**9.5 CAO Update**

Scott Hildebrand provided an update on development applications, the new HR manager and planning manager, as well as new WEP firefighters.

10. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

11. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councillor Luck thanked the legion for putting on an excellent Remembrance Day service.

12. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

12.1 Strategic Planning Priorities

13. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting ended at 9:07pm

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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