



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
Minutes**

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| <u>PRESENT:</u> | Terry Miller | Sustainability Commission Chair |
| | Alex Loeb | Energy Task Force Member |
| | Kate Harrison Whiteside | Commission Member /Monashee Institute Coordinator |
| | Fletcher Quince | Innovative Education Task Force Member Councillor |
| | Andrew Zwicker | Rossland City Council Liaison |
| | Cynthia Añonuevo | Deputy Corporate Officer – City of Rossland |
| | Tracey Butler | Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer – City of Rossland |
| <u>GUESTS:</u> | Shelley Ackerman | Economic Development Task Force |
| | Samantha James | Guest |
| | Sarah Golling | Guest |
| <u>ABSENT:</u> | Steve Ash | Energy Task Force Member Chair |
| | Tara Howse | Economic Development Task Force Chair |

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: LOEB/HARRISON-WHITESIDE

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: LOEB/HARRISON-WHITESIDE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Terry Miller updated on the January 28th Workshop Outcomes

- Thanked Ann Damude and members of Council for their involvement in the workshop
 - Workshop was well-attended with 5 Council members and approximately 30 community members
 - Members commented on the energy and ideas involved and suggested that continued communications continue in order to roll out the next steps and make preliminary recommendations to Council.
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WORKSHOP SUMMARIES:

ENERGY DISCUSSION TABLE

- Table discussion focused on renewable energy sources for the City of Rossland, renewable energy projects that included ideas revolved around the City's vehicle fleet & shuttle buses
 - Alex summarized what the next logical steps may be regionally focused rather than locally focused, Aaron is currently reaching out to Regional endeavors: LLCDT, Ken Holmes' Energy Plan
 - First draft of energy plan will include projects and subtopics on renewable energy stemming from the workshop in Ken Holmes' original energy plan
 - No updates on transportation – one more member for car share and hoping
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MOTION: QUINCE/HARRISON-WHITESIDE

RESOLVED THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL CONTINUES THE ENERGY TASK FORCE AS PART OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION WITH ALEX LOEB AS CHAIR.

CARRIED.

ARTS & CULTURE DISCUSSION TABLE:

- Members at the table felt that arts and culture are not strongly imbedded in the Strategic Sustainability Plan, however no action items were proposed

FOOD SECURITY DISCUSSION TABLE:

- Discussed preserving green space for food security
- Water collection/greenhouse/identifying soil quality etc.

- Members discussed the viability of hosting forums on the topic of food in order to get current local groups to work with each other.
- Discussed potential opportunities to facilitate Food Security in Rossland and encourages these groups projects and the potential role of the Sustainability Commission in promoting food security.

WASTE REDUCTION DISCUSSION TABLE:

- Discussion around regional composting campaign in the works, participants were in contact with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.
- Ideas about waste organization were presented and were working to contacting local suppliers to find business efficiencies in order to reduce types of waste and through public awareness and education
- Sustainability Commission members suggested that more clarification around projects will assist with liaising with the Sustainability Commission to pursue project.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION TABLE:

Supporting entrepreneurs' discussion:

- Discussion on supporting entrepreneurs' and how more action around professional development and business support can be explored
- Discussed how to attract more presence downtown and attract local business to work in town
- Sustainability Commission to share observations regarding nomadic entrepreneurs with the Chamber and see if Chamber will report back to the Sustainability Commission
- Fletcher stated that there could be some overlap with the LCIC/Invest Kootenay/LCCDTS has initiatives to attract more people to the general region

ACTION: Shelley will attend the Economic Development Task Force Meeting on Monday and will report back with recommendations to the Sustainability Commission and to Council

HOUSING & AFFORDABILITY DISCUSSION TABLE:

- How to make Rossland more affordable to live for seniors
- Patricia Marshall-Thompson was present and that the current challenge with affordable senior housing is being looked at under the regional umbrella and that there are ongoing initiatives currently in place.

CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSION TABLE:

- Discussion on climate change mitigation and education of the public and how changes in lifestyle can be adapted
- Members of the Commission discussed how to adopt a 'lense for climate change' to their current projects.

ACTION: Each Task Force Chair will assess how their current projects address the mitigation and education of climate change.

UPDATE – INNOVATIVE EDUCATION TASK FORCE:

Kate Harrison-Whiteside updated on the following:

- Currently exploring synergies with Visions for Small Schools as a partner for liability insurance issues
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CHAIR UPDATE:

Mr. Terry Miller updated on the following:

Nil

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL & STAFF:

Councillor Zwicker updated on the following:

- Suggested to tie in strategic planning with the Sustainability Commission
- Summarized the general strategic planning ha
- Communications plan has been adopted with having a goal to communicate with more
- Budget process is progressing
- Community grants are not finalized
- Thought exchange has finalized for budget input – approx.100 participants

Cynthia Anonuevo updated on the following:

- Confirmed that the Sustainability Commission will be presenting to Council as a delegation at the February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.
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CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Terry will be circulating the Sustainability Commission’s Final Report to for the City to submit to Columbia Basin Trust as part of the Contribution Agreement. Members will be asked to vote by email to approve the final report.


NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 3:00 p.m.

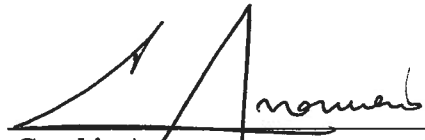
ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

**I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2015.**



Terry Miller
Chair



Cynthia Anonuevo
Deputy Corporate Officer

