



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
Minutes**

PRESENT: Terry Miller Sustainability Commission Chair
Aaron Cosbey Energy Task Force Member (arrived at 3:06 p.m.)
Steve Ash Energy Task Force Member Chair
Sara Golling Member at Large
Fletcher Quince Innovative Education Chair
Alex Loeb Energy Task Force Member
Greg Granstrom Mayor
Cynthia Añonuevo Executive Assistant – City of Rossland
Kathy Moore Rossland City Council Liaison

GUEST: Corinna Guest
Deanne Steven Tourism Rossland

ABSENT: Jill Spearn Rossland City Council Liaison Alternate
Tracey Butler Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer – City of Rossland
Tara Howse Economic Development Task Force Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: LOEB/QUINCE

RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 15, 2014 AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: LOEB/GOLLING

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

UPDATE- ENERGY TASK FORCE:

Presentation from Ms. Deanne Steven on the Rossland Shuttle

Ms. Deanne Steven presented to the Sustainability Commission on the success of the Rossland Shuttle and summarized the average usage rates and will continue to trail statistics over the season. Ms. Deanne Steven stated that approximately 136 people rode the shuttle per day in December 2013. She also calculated that the approximate reduction in carbon emissions that the shuttle provides is 2.31 tonnes per year.

Energy Diet, Mr. Steve Ash

- Announced that FortisBC has decided to cut their Demand side management programs by approx. 30%.
- Stated that the LiveSmart BC program has ended and since Fortis is reducing implies more challenging conditions to reduce energy consumption in residential houses.
- Stated that the Street lamp program is being withdrawn.
- Stated that the Regional energy group through the LCCDT may possibly work on regional projects to regarding reducing energy consumption in light of the current cutbacks at Fortis.

Carbon Neutral Kootenays, Mr. Aaron Cosbey

- Will present to Council next month on the steps to carbon neutrality and will focus on the energy audit on the municipal buildings and the Rossland Energy Diet.

Car Share, Ms. Alex Loeb

- Stated that a Toyota Matrix has been purchased for the Car Share Program.

UPDATE – INNOVATIVE EDUCATION TASK FORCE:

Mr. Fletcher Quince updated on the following:

- Attended meeting last week with the Innovative Education Task Force.
 - Has spoken with Royal Roads University who has given some advice on how to move forward with partnering and stated that there is potential to work with Rossland Recreation and Selkirk College for programming.
 - Working with Columbia Basin Trust for additional funding streams and waiting for Sustainability Commission's budget to be finalized in order to plan projects.
 - Stated that a stakeholder meeting will occur soon.
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UPDATE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE:

Ms. Deanne Steven updated on the following:

- Ms. Steven updated on a non-profit collaboration night that she is organizing to be held in April. The event will be held at the Miners Hall as an event to exhibit the non-profit organizations in Rossland. The event will have guest speakers and each non-profit will have the opportunity to briefly present on what they do.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was discussion about Earth Day Canada's call for nominations in their Hometown Hero contest (correspondence forwarded to the Sustainability Commission by Mayor Granstrom), and some Members suggested that the Energy Diet might be a good candidate for the competition.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Communication of Sustainability Commission Business & Activities

Terry stated that Ms. Tara Howse is the new chair of Economic Development Task Force and referred to her email regarding including all task force members on Sustainability Commission correspondence. Commission members discussed the merits of including all correspondence and decided that minutes and agendas should be sent out to all task force members.

ACTION: Mr. Miller to send a complete distribution list to Ms. Anonuevo for distribution of agendas and minutes.

Rossland Taxation Discussion

Mr. Miller inquired if a panel discussion on Taxation in Rossland would be a project the Sustainability Commission would like to organize in order to engage citizens in the City of Rossland budget process. Commission members discussed the role the Sustainability Commission may play in this, however felt that the given timing of the current budget discussion, may need to plan for next budget discussions.

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL & STAFF:

Mayor Greg Granstrom updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- The Committee-of-the-Whole has recommended to Council to fund the Sustainability \$5000 in 2014.
- Summarized how the new Sewer Agreement will increase operating costs.

Ms. Tracey Butler updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- Stated that the Indicators project will be completed in house and not through the Sustainability Commission and therefore the cost was not included in the funding amount recommended to Council at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

Council Kathy Moore updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- Stated that at the January 13, 2014 Regular Council meeting the following appointments were made to the Sustainability Commission: Councillor Kathy Moore and Mayor Granstrom are now the Council Liaisons to the Sustainability Commission.

2014 BUDGET REQUEST DISCUSSION:

Commission Members discussed the current funding recommendation by the Committee-of-the-Whole to fund the Sustainability Commission in the amount of \$5,000. Members discussed if the Sustainability Commission can continue as an entity of the City and will proceed to look at new and additional funding streams.

ACTION: Terry Miller to liaise with Columbia Basin Trust and Council Liaison to research other funding streams and options.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2013.



**Terry Miller
Chair**



**Cynthia Anonuevo
Executive Assistant**