



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
Minutes**

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| <u>PRESENT:</u> | Terry Miller | Sustainability Commission Chair |
| | Tara Howse | Economic Development Task Force Chair |
| | Alex Loeb | Energy Task Force Member |
| | Aaron Cosbey | Energy Task Force Member |
| | Kate Harrison Whiteside | Innovative Education Chair |
| | Fletcher Quince | Innovative Education Task Force Member |
| | Cynthia Añonuevo | Executive Assistant – City of Rossland |
| | Tracey Butler | Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer – City of Rossland |
| | Councillor Kathy Moore | Rossland City Council Liaison |
| <u>ABSENT:</u> | Steve Ash | Energy Task Force Member Chair |
| | Mayor Greg Granstrom | Mayor |
| | Councillor Jill Spearn | Rossland City Council Liaison Alternate |

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: HOWSE/HARRISON WHITESIDE

RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 11, 2014 AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BE ADOPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION UNDER CORRESPONDENCE – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AWARD DEADLINE.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: HOWSE/ HARRISON WHITESIDE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Terry Miller gave an update on the status of the Communication Plan from Ms. Ann Damude.

ACTION: Mr. Miller to send out a copy of the Communication Plan to members for their approval via email.

Mr. Miller mentioned that members should send any items of interest for the general public and members to Ms. Ann Damude for distribution.

UPDATE- ENERGY TASK FORCE:

Transportation, Ms. Alex Loeb

- Rossland Carshare has no new members, but a lot of interest and current members are using the car more.
- Completed surveys for Teck and Selkirk College. Selkirk College students and staff have expressed some are interested shuttles and carpooling. Teck is currently working group transportation options.
- Kootenay Carshare Nelson Office paid for a recent radio promotion.

Energy Task Force, Mr. Aaron Cosbey

- Rossland Energy Diet, 2nd phase is complete. The final assessment of total energy saved will be available in July. Fortis will have a budget increase on these projects for next year and has been in discussions about regional efforts that could also coincide with Columbia Basin Trust grant criteria for regional projects.
 - Carbon Neutral Kootenays – currently working with Ms. Stacey Lightbourne and will be looking at the arena report to find ways to increase energy efficiency. Will send a draft to Ms. Tracey Butler to get Public Works to identify these things.
 - Mr. Miller inquired about the electric car charging stations and inquired if the City knows that one station currently does not work.
 - Ms. Tracey Butler responded that the City is aware and that an agreement is required to be a part of the network of stations for 5 years at a cost of approximately \$3000.
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CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Terry Miller read a letter from Ann regarding the application for the Sustainable Community Awards Energy Category. Deadline for application is June 16th.

UPDATE – INNOVATIVE EDUCATION TASK FORCE:

Ms. Kate Harrison-Whiteside updated on the following:

- The Monashee Institute has launched and 3 courses will be offered. Currently in the process of setting up Paypal on the website. Courses to be offered:
 - Goat cheese making Workshop on June 21st, 2014
 - Eco-walk and Permaculture Course in Late September/October
 - Writing camp and art walk are being planned September
 - Herbalist and healthcare discussion
 - Potential Yoga Workshop
 - Currently operating under the Innovative Education Task Force and Sustainability Commission and hopes to become independent by October.
 - Will be meeting on June 26th, 2014 and may have a new committee member
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UPDATE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE:

Ms. Tara Howse updated on the following:

- The Economic Development Task Force has not had a meeting, however one is scheduled. Was not able to attend the Non-Profit Collaboration night.

Councillor Moore updated on the following:

- Attended Non-Profit Collaboration Night and summarized the events of the evening and shared feedback from the evening.
 - Mr. Miller thanks the City of Rossland for donating the use of the Miner's Hall for this event.
 - Ms. Howse to find out if there will be an opportunity for feedback at any similar future events.
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CHAIR UPDATE:

Nil

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL & STAFF:

Ms. Tracey Butler updated on the following:

- Attended the Resort Collaboration Meeting in Revelstoke:
 - Summarized the general concern that the RMI funding program may not continue past 2016 and that all resort municipalities have decided to work together to lobby the provincial government to continue program.
 - Gave the example of a Sun Peaks business owner who used to lose 200+ days a year and now with concert series (funded through RMI) only has 5 day of lost business a year.
 - Collaboration between municipalities was great.

- Revelstoke has used some of their RMI funding into a dirt bike track, snowmobiling cabins and public art. Revelstoke stressed that there is importance of feeding off of local volunteer groups in order to stretch RMI funds.
- Ministry of Transportation coming up with new signage plan and are moving towards using less, but more effective signage.

Councillor Moore updated on the following:

- Multi-family guidelines have been approved and expressed that this will be good for development.
- Will be attending the meeting at the Prestige hosted by the Rossland Telegraph on Community Engagement in municipal politics.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Fletcher Quince, Mr. Terry Miller and Councillor Kathy Moore will be attending the BC Rural Communities Summit in Kaslo.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

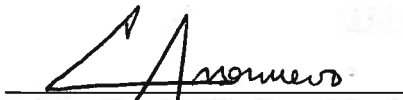
ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2014.



**Terry Miller
Chair**



**Cynthia Anonuevo
Executive Assistant**