



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. City Hall, Council Chambers

Present	Terry Miller Steve Ash Sara Golling Tracey Butler Mike Maturro Cynthia Añonuevo Kathy Moore	Sustainability Commission Chair Energy Task Force Member Chair Member at Large Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer – City of Rossland Manager of Planning and Development Executive Assistant – City of Rossland Rossland City Council Liaison Alternate
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Guests	Graham Kenyon
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Regrets	Greg Granstrom Jill Spearn Renee Clarke Aaron Cosbey Alex Loeb Tara Howse	Mayor Rossland City Council Liaison Economic Development Task Force Energy Task Force Member Guest Guest
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Call to Order	The Sustainability Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.
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Approval of the Agenda	Motion: Ash/Golling RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 12, 2013 AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BE APPROVED. CARRIED.
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Approval of Minutes	Motion: Golling/Ash RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2013 MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BE APPROVED. CARRIED.
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Updates

Kootenay Energy Diet

Mr. Steve Ash reminded the group about the Kootenay-wide Energy Diet (phase 2) launch tonight at the Miner's Hall where FortisBC will make a presentation. He expressed this is an opportunity for Rossland citizens to sign-up for the program. The program will target the following groups: low-income households (combined income of approximately \$40K-\$45 per year) as there are attractive opportunities to save on energy bill; high-volume users that Fortis will contact directly; seniors and landlords.

Councillor Kathy Moore inquired about the promotion efforts and Mr. Ash commented that Fortis would be receptive to suggestions in regards to targeting these groups to sign up and educate on the short and long-term benefits. The Energy Task Force is currently coming up with a plan to communicate and target these groups.

Mr. Ash mentioned that the process may take months and is hoping to attract around 100 people (the Phase 1 total was around 300 people) and hopes Rossland will become a model community for this program.

Mr. Ash will be meeting with local mayors and is hoping to eventually invite representatives from the provincial government regarding energy rate disparages among municipalities.

Kootenay Car Share

Ms. Alex Loeb will update the Commission at the next meeting.

Innovative Education

Mr. Terry Miller gave an update on the Innovative Education Task Force. Mr. Miller has sent an outline for a public event at the Rossland Gallery (formerly the Rouge) at 7p.m. on June 19, 2013. This event is to set up brainstorm sessions regarding Innovative Education in Rossland. Mr. Miller has spoken to Ms. Katie Albright at the Library and is looking for a liaison from Rossland Recreation. Ms. Butler offered to be the contact at City Hall regarding this event. Mr. Miller mentioned that he will be advertising the event soon and would like the information to be sent out on the City email group.

ACTION: Mr. Miller to send the details of the event to Ms. Anonuevo for her to send out the City Hall email group.

Mr. Miller would also like to find representatives to sit on the Commission for this Task Force.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Ash will be attending a meeting with Ms. Rona Parks from Columbia Basin Trust tomorrow and would like other Task Forces to come up with any other ideas to be presented to her in regards to potential funding.

Carbon Neutral

Update from Mr. Aaron Cosbey will at next meeting.

**CBT Community
Directed Youth
Funds**

Update from Mr. Aaron Cosbey will at next meeting
Ms. Tracey Butler confirmed NoL is taking care of this with Council approval
and is currently looking for a Community Youth Coordinator.

Sustainability Bylaw (No. 2556)

Mr. Terry Miller thanked Ms. Sara Golling, Mr. Aaron Cosbey and Ms. Tracey Butler for working on updating the bylaw.

Ms. Golling and Ms. Butler summarized the following changes in the Bylaw:

- Does not directly specify for a coordinator, but would allow for one if able
 - Changes to membership of the commission and to who is able to vote
 - Clarifies Quorum and the chair has voting power.
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Motion: Golling/Ash

RESOLVED THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT BYLAW NO. 2556 – SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

ACTION: Mr. Miller to notify Ms. Butler after the June 19, 2013 event to recommend members to be appointed to the Sustainability Commission at the June 24, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Council/Staff Updates

Council Update

Councillor Moore stated that the electric charging stations for electric cars are installed and working. Mr. Maturo mentioned that the Rossland charging station provides the missing link along Highway 3 and now links the BC's west coast to Calgary, AB.

Councillor Moore updated the Commission that the \$25 subsidy for the Kootenay Energy Diet phase 2 was approved by Council and that Council may consider additional subsidies for more people in the near future.

Councillor Moore mentioned that The Rossland Wide Branding project is still under Council discussion.

Councillor Moore updated the Commission that the City is looking to meet with the Area A representative and the City of Trail to speak about Trail's efforts for a boundary expansion. Councillor Moore expressed concern that because of City of Trail's potential agreement with Teck that this relationship may take away the regional focus of economic development and become solely focused on the City of Trail.

Regarding the Broadband grants Councillor Moore said they have not been

submitted, however there is more time for pole permit applications to Fortis.

Ms. Tracey Butler mentioned that the flyer from the Broadband Task Force was sent out to all homes and posted on website.

Ms. Butler mentioned City Hall has sent out envelopes to Fortis for high energy users so that they can be contacted directly regarding the Kootenay Energy Diet.

Ms. Butler spoke to Ms. Ann Damude and will meeting with David Livingstone and City staff regarding updating and maintaining the Sustainability Commission's website.

Ms. Butler expressed that a representative from the Sustainability Commission should be named in regards to the State of the Environment Report (RDI) and let Terry MacDonald know. Ms. Golling clarified that she and Ms. Tara Howse were going be the representatives.

Ms. Butler updated that the Car Share program is currently held up over how many vehicles will be available in Rossland and is awaiting Ms. Alex Loeb's return to find out more information.

ACTION: Mike and Steve to sit down and meet with Fortis regarding downtown lighting.

Other Business

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Nil

Correspondence

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Nil

Next Meeting

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Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10th, 2013 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:17p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting held on June 12, 2013.

Terry Miller
Chair

Tracey Butler
Deputy CAO/ Corporate Officer