



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
Minutes**

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: LOEB/COSBEY

RESOLVED THAT THE MARCH 12, 2014 AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BE ADOPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS FROM MS. HOWSE UNDER ITEM 13 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS: STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WETLANDS PROJECT AND SPORTS STRATEGY.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: LOEB/QUINCE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST (CBT) GRANT APPLICATION:

Mr. Terry Miller presented the CBT grant agreement and summarized the financial highlights from the budget and project amounts.

Ms. Alex Loeb inquired about small requests as they come up and what the protocol is. Terry stated that unused funds may be used for these types of expenses. Terry thanked Tracey for a lot of the work to make the deadline happen.

ACTION: Ms. Cynthia Anonuevo to send a copy of the CBT Agreement to Commission Members.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Terry Miller stated that there is \$3,000 allocated for community outreach activities and is looking for participants for a sub-committee to proceed and plan these types of activities (i.e. website updating, Earth Day etc.). Mr. Miller suggested that the Sustainability Commission website may fall under this type of activity.

ACTION: Members to speak their groups to find volunteers to think of ideas for Community Outreach Activities and gather information on website usage. Councillor Moore and Ms. Tara Howse volunteered to be the points of contact.

RECOGNITION OF PAST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Ms. Sara Golling has departed the Sustainability Commission and Mayor Granstrom has sent her a thank you letter on behalf of Council. Members discussed purchasing a gift for Ms. Golling.

ACTION: Ms. Loeb and Councillor Moore to purchase a thank you gift and Mr. Miller to write a thank you letter for Ms. Golling on behalf of the Sustainability Commission.

UPDATE– ENERGY TASK FORCE:

Transportation, Ms. Alex Loeb

- No current update on the Car Share Program, but stated that more participants are required to sign up for the program to grow
- Has received inquiries regarding shuttle services to Teck. Stated that the shuttles are running to Teck, however at a lower capacity. Alex and Karina are currently looking into the reasons why.
- Currently in talks with Selkirk College and will be producing a survey for students and staff in order to understand the current needs or opportunities for a shuttle service to Selkirk College.

Carbon Neutral Kootenays, Mr. Aaron Cosbey

- Currently crafting recommendations for Council for the approximate 400 tonnes of emissions to offset.
- Currently speaking to Mr. Darrin Albo, Manager of Operation, and Fortis to coordinate rebates and finalize budget and projects.

Energy Diet, Mr. Aaron Cosbey

- Fortis will most likely not commit to another Energy Diet as participation will most likely decrease.
- Mr. Ash and Mr. Cosbey met with a representative from Fortis in order to see the next project endeavours may be. It will most likely more regional in scope. Stated that a regional effort may bring more funding opportunities.
- Will be speaking to the LCCDT Energy Task Force regarding a regional collaboration.

UPDATE – INNOVATIVE EDUCATION TASK FORCE:

Innovative Education Chair Discussion:

Mr. Fletcher Quince updated on the following:

- Is stepping down as the Chair of the Innovative Education Task Force and announced that Ms. Kate Harrison Whiteside will be the new Chair.
- Kate summarized her previous experience and motivations and interest in education to join the Sustainability Commission.

MOTION: HOWSE/LOEB

RESOLVED THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT MS. KATE HARRISON WHITESIDE ACT AS THE CHAIR OF THE INNOVATIVE EDUCATION TASK FORCE.

CARRIED.

- Mr. Miller and Ms. Harrison Whiteside will be conducting interviews for the Coordinator position of the Innovative Education Task Force this week.
- Mr. Miller also brought up areas of concentrations that the Innovative Education Task Force has identified: Arts (i.e. painting, arts & crafts, writing), Leadership & Business (i.e. Nomadic Entrepreneur Camp etc.), Health (back health, yoga therapy, etc.), and Nature (i.e. permaculture, wild edibles).

UPDATE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE:

Ms. Tara Howse updated on the following:

- Last Meeting was held at the end of February 2014
- Discussion regarding on the multitude websites and streamlining relocation information on Rossland, Kel and Deanne
- \$1500 dedicated to a video marketing campaign to attract people to Rossland – currently brainstorming and will be meeting with juicy studios
- Nonprofit collaboration date has not been announced yet. Deanne Steven will let everyone know.
- Councillor Moore mentioned that Council approved use of Miners Hall at non-profit rate

CHAIR UPDATE:

Nil

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL & STAFF:

Mayor Granstrom updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- The Public Consultation for the 2014-2018 Financial Plan will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 in Council Chambers.

Councillor Kathy Moore updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- Communities Adapting to Climate Change project has received funding from Natural Resources Canada and are looking at indicators and will work with RDI in order to fill in any gaps to determine which indicators are relevant to climate change
- RDKB Sewer Bridge price has gone up and is requesting Rossland's share be 25% of the cost.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Howse updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- State of the Environment piece was supposed to launch on April 1, 2014 but no updates.

- Wetlands project a new Rossland Society for Environmental Action is being formed. Upcoming workshops include a Wetland Keepers workshop in May and various other events around wetland restoration.
- CBT and Via Sport have teamed up and are currently coming up with a physical activity and sport strategy for the region. Ms. Howse serves as the local representative.

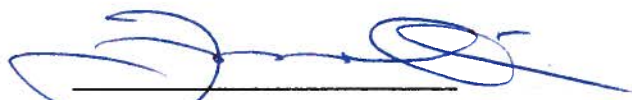
NEXT MEETING:

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

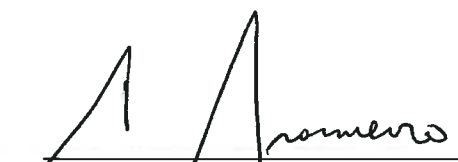
ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2014.



Terry Miller
Chair



Cynthia Anonuevo
Executive Assistant

