



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
Minutes**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Terry Miller	Sustainability Commission Chair
	Steve Ash	Energy Task Force Member Chair
	Sara Golling	Member at Large
	Fletcher Quince	Innovative Education Chair
	Alex Loeb	Car Share/ Energy Task Force Member
	Tara Howse	Sustainability Commission Member (arrived 3:11 p.m.)
	Kathy Moore	Rossland City Council Liaison Alternate
	Greg Granstrom	Mayor
	Tracey Butler	Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer – City of Rossland
	Cynthia Afionuevo	Executive Assistant – City of Rossland
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Aaron Cosbey	Energy Task Force Member
	Jill Spearn	Rossland City Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: LOEB/QUINCE

RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013 AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: GOLLING/LOEB

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

UPDATE- ENERGY TASK FORCE:

Kootenay Energy Diet, Mr. Steve Ash

- 55 people have signed up, Fortis Lockout has negatively affected program
- Will write letter for funds, but waiting until lockout is over
- Regional uptake is about 800 people
- Expressed value of local initiatives like this one.

Rate Disparity

- Met with assistant Deputy Minister in Trail. Expressed that the dinner meeting was successful, agreed to work with Fortis to identify the differences in rates as a result of a non-level playing field.
- Contacted Fortis they are willing to undertake some of the work, however it is complex and ongoing.

Car Share/ Carbon Neutral Kootenays, Ms. Alex Loeb

- In the homestretch of the project
- Funds have been collected and an application has been submitted to Columbia Basing Trust for additional funds Ms. Loeb and Ms. Ann Damude to attend a launch event on Saturday
- Still 2-3 people below the requirements to fill requirements
- Parking spot has been allocated by City of Rossland, now need to purchase the vehicle
- Ms. Loeb requested that the other members think of anyone who may be interested in taking other projects relating to transportation issues (i.e. vanpool and other transit projects) to contact her.

UPDATE – INNOVATIVE EDUCATION TASK FORCE:

Mr. Fletcher Quince & Mr. Terry Miller updated on the following:

- Mr. Quince spoke about Innovative Education Task Force will have a meeting on November 21st to come up with action plans
- Would like to tie into other events in other communities
- Mr. Miller spoke to Council last night regarding the Royal Roads University Leadership Challenge
- Mr. Miller mentioned some correspondence is occurring with Royal Roads University regarding satellite campus opportunities
- Mr. Miller would like to recommend to Council to request some funds in the realm of \$2,000 operational funds
- Discussed having some funds for autonomy and planning

MOTION: GOLLING/LOEB

RESOLVED THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OF UP TO \$1000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF PLANNING AND INCIDENTAL COSTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR.

CARRIED.

ACTION: Meeting of Sustainability Commission members to plan recommendations (keeping in mind the Indicators project) to Council for the 2014 Budget discussions by mid-December/January. Mr. Steve Ash is the point person to plan Mr. Terry Miller and Mr. Fletcher Quince to assist.

UPDATE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE:

Ms. Tara Howse updated on the following:

- Ms. Howse is now a member of the Economic Development Task Force. Next meeting will to be scheduled.
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UPDATE FROM COUNCIL & STAFF:

Mayor Greg Granstrom updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- Moving ahead with Social Planning Exercise and budget discussions
 - Mentioned the article by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) and noted Rossland's fiscal standing compared to other municipalities in the province
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Ms. Tracey Butler updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- Car share parking is on Queen Street, by the Credit Union
 - Wanted the Innovative Education Task Force to be aware that the City of Rossland will be partnering with Selkirk College and may assist in bringing them more contacts.
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Councillor Moore updated the Sustainability Commission on the following:

- Communities Adapting to Climate Change grant Columbia Basin Trust has been received.
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CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Energy Efficiency Financial Incentive Review – Permission to Release Findings

- Mr. Miller inquired about correspondence from report and request to make information public.
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ACTION: Ms. Butler to respond to seek further information.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Regional Municipality – Steve Ash

- Recapped the last strategic planning session and discussion regarding regional municipality
- Mr. Ash inquired if the project is ongoing and is it worth exploring the benefits
- Mayor Granstrom commented that there are logical collaborations may be more feasible, bigger opportunities are in the smaller cost savings.
- Members briefly discussed the merits of pursuing such a project and discussed examples within the Sustainability Commission that require a regional focus.
- Ms. Butler mentioned that costs-saving projects between nearby municipalities are always being sought.

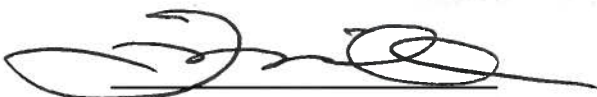
NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2013.



**Terry Miller
Chair**



**Cynthia Anonuevo
Executive Assistant**