



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

### Minutes of Regular Meeting of Sustainability Commission Held Tuesday November 14, 2012 at 4:00 pm City Hall, Council Chambers

- Present** Aaron Cosbey, Chair  
Patricia Marshall-Thompson, Housing & Affordability Task Force  
Sara Golling, Member at Large  
Jim Firstbrook, Economic Development Task Force  
Terry Miller, Member at Large  
Alex Loeb, Energy Task Force  
Cecille Arnott, CAO/CFO
- Regrets** Steve Ash, Energy & Solid Waste Management Task Force  
Ann Damude, Sustainability Commission Manager  
Jill Spearn, Rossland City Council Liaison  
Greg Granstrom, Mayor
- Call to Order** Chair Cosbey called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- Approval of the Agenda** **Motion:**  
That the Agenda be approved as presented.  
Moved by Jim; Seconded Patricia CARRIED
- Approval of Minutes** **Motion:**  
That the Sustainability Commission approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented  
Moved by: Patricia; Seconded Sara CARRIED
- Correspondence** Aaron tabled a letter from Patricia tendering her resignation as Chair of the HATF as of November 14 and as Member of the SC as of December 31. He thanked her for her years of invaluable service to the SC and the City.
- RDI request** Aaron reminded the SC of the request, circulated earlier by email from Ann, for SC representation on the RDI State of the Basin project's Advisory Board. Sara indicated a willingness to assist, perhaps in collaboration with Ann. Tara Howse (member of public in attendance) also indicated some interest. **Aaron to follow up with RDI and Ann to get details of timing, etc.**
- Manager's** Family Friendly Rossland

- Report** Aaron reported that Ann was still in the final stages of completing the integration of the Thoughtstream results and prioritization.
- Focus Area Validation  
Aaron noted no new developments to report.
- Meeting with new CAO/CFO** Aaron reported that he had met (with Sara) with the new CAO/CFO, in a meeting intended to brief her on what the SC is, its history and its role.
- Task Force & Council Updates**
- Energy Task Force
- Alex reported on the Energy Task Force meeting with FortisBC on October 23 to discuss Phase 2 of the Energy Diet. Fortis is waiting for funding to come through on its end, but is conditionally keen to proceed with Phase II in Rossland. LED street lighting won't be part of the plan, though: technology is still too immature and costs are dropping quickly enough to make it sensible to wait a few years.
- Housing and Affordability
- Although Patricia is stepping down as Task Force Chair, she will continue work with the LCCDT on affordable housing, building on the regional work the Task Force undertook with them.
- Economic Development Task Force
- Jim reported on the meeting of the EDTF. One item was forwarded to the SC from that meeting: a proposal for the SC to recommend that the lease for Rossland's campground (soon to be renewed by the Lions) be granted only conditional on the campground being certified approved by Tourism BC. The consensus of the group was that there was not enough information about the benefits of such certification, or what it entailed in terms of costs, to make a recommendation at this time. **Jim to explore whether his TF is interested in doing more background work on this issue. Cecille to inquire as to date of expiry of the lease, and modalities for its renewal.**
- Other business** Sara asked whether there was any interest in having her review the current bylaw governing the operations of the SC. She noted that there were a number of minor areas of concern, where subsequent practice had shown the need for revision. The consensus was that she should bring back to the SC her recommendations for changes (with the understanding that Council is the final arbiter of any decisions on revisions). **Sara to follow up.**
- Aaron welcomed Terry back to town and back to the Commission.
- Next Meeting** The regular meetings of the SC will take place December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at City Hall.
- Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2012.

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**Aaron Cosbey**  
**Chair and Recording Secretary**