

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER (Acting Mayor)
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN (arrived at 6:25 pm)
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER

ABSENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE

STAFF PRESENT: DEPUTY CAO/CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler
ACCOUNTANT/COMPROLLER L. Hunter
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS D. Albo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 12, 2014 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Continuation of the February 3, 2014 discussion on Financial Plan version II, Committee-of-the-Whole discussion regarding the 2014-2018 Draft Financial Plan (information same as handed out at Feb 3, 2014 meeting).

Acting Mayor Fisher opened the discussion by addressing the following areas of concern:

Recreation budget

- Swimming Pool allocation of \$30,000 to replace chlorine system
- Curling Rink usage and revenue generated
- Cost of recreation programs and facility use

Discussion ensued about fees and charges for recreation. Acting Mayor Fisher suggested that if Council increases fees, the establishment of a foundation should be considered to financially assist children, seniors and individuals with special needs.

Councillor Thatcher suggested that staff provide a comparison study of fees and charges in other municipalities.

Council discussed the drafting of a cost recovery policy for recreation programs and facility use. Staff will be drafting the policy for Council consideration in 2014.

Staff will be presenting a high level summary of costs, revenue and user numbers of recreation facilities and programs for the next budget discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$515,084. requisition from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for fire services in Rossland. It was suggested that Council needs to consider what a reasonable cost for fire service should be for a community our size and that perhaps Rossland cannot afford the very robust fire service being provided by the Regional District and that options need to be considered.

Council requested clarification from Staff on specific line items in the draft 2014-2018 Financial Plan.

Acting Mayor Fisher requested Council put forward any motions regarding material changes to the proposed budget.

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE WASHINGTON STREET-SHELF READY DOCUMENTS TO "GRANT READY" INSTEAD OF "TENDER READY" AND TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO REFLECT THAT COST (AMEND \$55,200.).

CARRIED

MOTION: BLOOME/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO INCREASE STAFF APPRECIATION BUDGET TO \$5,000.

DEFEATED

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO INCREASE STAFF APPRECIATION BUDGET TO \$2,000.

DEFEATED

Acting Chief Financial Officer explained that \$460,000. Gas Tax Fund could be used to offset costs of the Columbia/Washington Upgrade Project. Staff will provide report at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ACTING MAYOR FISHER

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 12, 2014 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM


CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER