

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER (arrived at 6:01 p.m.)
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER

STAFF PRESENT: DEPUTY CAO/CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS D. Albo
ACCOUNTANT/COMPTROLLER L. Hunter
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT C. Añonuevo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Ms. Laura Pettit requested that Council keep in mind the use of all City-owned facilities when reviewing capital expenditures.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: SPEARN / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 6, 2014 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

a) Continuation of the December 18, 2013 Committee-of-the-Whole Discussion Regarding the 2014-2018 Draft Financial Plan

Ms. Lois Hunter, Accountant/Comptroller, stated that the answers to Councillor Moore's questions will be sent out at the end of this week. Ms. Hunter began the discussion with funding the Columbia/Washington project. Ms. Hunter suggested that she can provide Council with examples at different tax rate increases, however mentioned that it should be recognized that she would still require an idea of how Council would like to approach this. Mr. Darrin Albo, Manager of Operations, mentioned that Council will need to identify priorities in capital costs, operations and services.

Council discussed the relationship between capital expenditures, asset management, the balance between operations/services and possible tax increases. Council discussed a baseline percent increase to move forward with in order to cover capital costs and finance the Columbia/Washington project.

MOTION: SPEARN/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH A 7.0% TAX INCREASE TO FUND CAPITAL COSTS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE PLANNING PROCESS.

CARRIED.

Council and Staff discussed Capital projects in order to prioritize items. Mr. Albo answered additional questions from Council regarding the project list presented to Council at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on December 18th, 2013.

MOTION: SPEARN/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTACT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION TO THE CITY OF ROSSLAND FOR THE USAGE OF JUBILEE PARK.

CARRIED.

Council and Staff discussed the future of the Rossland Pool and the role of the recreational opportunities provided by the City. Ms. Hunter mentioned that Staff will be drafting a policy for Council consideration regarding the level of subsidy appropriate for Recreations Programs.

MOTION: MOORE/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT \$30,000 REMAIN IN THE 2014 BUDGET TO ADDRESS THE CHLORINATION METHOD OF THE ROSSLAND SWIMMING POOL.

CARRIED.

Ms. Hunter summarized the options to Council regarding the cost of garbage and waste removal and answered questions from Council.

MOTION: SPEARN/FISHER

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO END FALL CLEAN-UP AND CONTINUE WITH SPRING CLEAN-UP AS PRESENTED IN OPTION 2 “INCREASE USER FEE BY CONTRACTOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 WITH NO FALL CLEAN UP GOING FORWARD” FROM THE ANALYSIS OF GARBAGE HANDOUT IN THE BUDGET PACKAGE CIRCULATED AT THE DECEMBER 9, 2014 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WALLACE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT STAFF APPLY TO THE COLUMBIA BASIN WATER SMART MATCH FUNDING GRANT OPPORTUNITY TO HIRE A WATER RATE CONSULTANT VIA A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS TO ASSIST THE CITY IN DEVELOPING A LONG TERM WATER UTILITY RATE STRUCTURE AND THAT \$5,000 BE BUDGETED AS THE CITY’S PORTION OF THE MATCH FUNDING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WALLACE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO APPLY FOR \$13,000 (\$3,800 FOR MAINTENANCE AND \$10,000 FOR RESTORATION) FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO MAINTAIN THE COLUMBIA CEMETERY.

CARRIED.

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA:

MOTION: SPEARN/FISHER

RESOLVED THAT THE REMAINDER FO THE JANUARY 6, 2014 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 90(1)(c) – LABOUR RELATIONS.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 6, 2014 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 6:46 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM

CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER