

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN

STAFF PRESENT: DEPUTY CAO/CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS
ACCOUNTANT/COMPTROLLER
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

T. Butler
D. Albo
L. Hunter
C. Afionuevo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: WALLACE/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 18, 2013 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD :

Mr. Erik Kalacis, resident, requested Council look into going forward with the Star Gulch reservoir project and that it be made into a public swimming beach. Mr. Kalacis stated that swimming in a lake or river is rated the number 2 as favorite activity in British Columbia and as the number one activity residents enjoy in the Kootenay/Rockies area.

Laura Pettitt, resident, commented on the snow fall on Saturday and observed that the snow clearing was good downtown, however, around the Miner's Hall and around Rotary Building the plowing was not done and there was a lack of parking. Ms. Pettitt also inquired of Council who will brush the snow off the benches downtown.

BUSINESS:

a) Council Discussion regarding the 2012-2014 Council Strategic Plan

Ms. Tracey Butler summarized the 2013 Strategic Plan with Council and recapped the progress updates that Staff has made to the report. Ms. Butler reminded Council of a list of current and imminent projects that will need to be addressed in 2014.

Council was given the opportunity to make any additions to the Strategic Plan and ask Staff questions in regards to the six categories.

Councillor Bloome requested that information on the status of the Attainable Housing project in Rossland be added and stated her support for Seniors Housing initiatives. Ms. Tracey Butler reminded Council that a Delegation from Esling Park Lodge will be presenting at the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2013. Councillor Moore inquired into the status of the transition from Development Cost Charges to the Cost Connection Bylaw. Staff will circulate the Infrastructure and Renewal Plan (CTQ Report) in the next Information Package. Council expressed they would like to see preliminary costs regarding the Star Gulch public swimming area project.

MOTION: WALLACE/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE TAX IMPLICATIONS AND FEASIBILITY ISSUES FOR THE STAR GULCH PROJECT.

CARRIED.

MOTION: BLOMME/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN AS WRITTEN WITH AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED.

CARRIED.

b) Council Discussion regarding Community Group Funding and Social Planning

Ms. Butler inquired about hiring a Social Planning expert and if Council would like to proceed with the current Request for Proposal resolution. Ms. Butler suggested that Council may want to direct Staff or work directly with Staff to develop an application process for funding community groups and to find efficiencies in funding.

MOTION: MOORE/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT STAFF DEVELOP A STANDARIZED APPLICATION FORM FOR ALL GRANT-IN-AID ASSISTANCE REQUESTS.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE/NOT SECONDED

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT A TASK FORCE BE CREATED MADE UP OF A STAFF REPRESENTATIVE, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, TO LOOK FOR EFFICIENCIES AND SYNERGIES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARDS TO SOCIAL PLANNING.

MOTION: FISHER/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT A COMMITTEE BE STRUCK MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND STAFF TO CREATE A DRAFT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDING, TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL AND A COMMUNITY MEETING.

CARRIED.

Ms. Lois Hunter explained to Council how she is approaching the development of the 2014 budget. Council was given the opportunity to ask Ms. Hunter questions regarding this process.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 18, 2013 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM



CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER