

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER (Via Telephone)
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER

STAFF PRESENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CFO C. Arnott
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT C. Afionuevo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOORE / WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 8, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SPEARN / WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

DECLASSIFICATION RESOLUTION:

MOTION: FISHER / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE PORTION OF THE MARCH 25, 2013 IN-CAMERA MINUTES PERTAINING TO VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS TO THE HERITAGE COMMISSION AND THE PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE WITHIN 2472 RAILWAY STREET PROPERTY BE DECLASSIFIED FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO NON-CONFIDENTIAL.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

a) Delegation from the Healthy Communities Initiative – Power Point Presentation

Kerri Wall, Community Health Facilitator with Interior Health presented a slide show on Interior Health's Healthy Community Initiative. Kerri spoke to about the Five Pillars of the program in order to continue healthy living and how healthy determinants can prevent future health issues. She also spoke to how municipalities can create supportive policies and environments in order to keep people healthier longer (Rossland citizens). Kerri proposed that the City of Rossland and Interior Health continue to work together to promote health and wellness by formalizing a partnership to strengthen actions that will further improve the health of the community and reduce chronic disease risk factors.

Patti King, Canadian Cancer Society and Trish Hill, Tobacco Reduction Facilitator with Interior Health, presented a slide show in support of an Outdoor Tobacco Bylaw. Patti presented information regarding the health, environmental and economic implications associated with first hand and second hand tobacco use. Trish presented on how smoking bans work in public places and how outdoor smoking bylaws can reduce tobacco use and negative health impacts. She spoke about what the benefits are to the City of Rossland and on bylaw best practices in order to support enforcement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Request for Council Decision – MacLean Annex/Neighbourhood of Learning, Notice of Motion – Councillor Spearn

Councillor Spearn placed a motion on the floor concerning a grant-in-aid to School District No. 20 under the condition that K-12 would remain in Rossland. A lengthy discussion ensued and the original motion was amended.

ORIGINAL MOTION: SPEARN / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OFFERS A GRANT-IN-AID OF \$140,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE (3) YEARS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 WITH THE CONDITION THAT KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 REMAINS IN ROSSLAND FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS OF 2013-2018.

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE THE MACLEAN SCHOOL ANNEX FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 BY THE END OF THE TERM (2018) AND THE GRANT-IN-AID BE CONSIDERED FULL PAYMENT FOR THE ANNEX IF THE CITY WISHES TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO PURCHASE.

NOT VOTED ON.

AMENDED MOTION: WALLACE / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OFFERS A GRANT-IN-AID OF \$140,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE (3) YEARS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 WITH THE CONDITION THAT KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 REMAINS IN ROSSLAND FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS OF 2013-2018.

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE THE MACLEAN SCHOOL ANNEX FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 BY THE END OF THE TERM (2018) AND THAT THE GRANT-IN-AID BE CONSIDERED FULL PAYMENT FOR THE ANNEX IF THE CITY WISHES TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO PURCHASE.

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT IF THE OFFER IS ACCEPTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20, THEN A REFERENDUM WILL BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE DISBURSAL OF FUNDS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Blomme, Councillor Thatcher and Mayor Granstrom voted opposed to the amended resolution

b) Request for Council Decision - Miners Hall Attic Renovation Project & Rotating Sculpture Project, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer

MOTION: WALLACE / MOORE

THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FROM THE ROSSLAND COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURE (RCAC) TO SUPPORT THE MINERS HALL ATTIC RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE ROTATING SCULPTURE PROJECT:

- I. APPROVE THE MINERS HALL ATTIC RENOVATION PLAN IN PRINCIPLE.
- II. STAFF TO WORK WITH RCAC TO DEVELOP A COMMON PLAN AND DRAFT BUDGET FOR BOTH THE ATTIC RENOVATIONS AND THE CITY'S PLANNED UPGRADES TO THE MINERS HALL.
- III. INCLUSION OF THE MINERS HALL RESERVE FUNDS IN THE REVENUE PORTION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE COMMON MINERS HALL RENOVATION PLAN TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE GRANT FUNDING.
- IV. STAFF ASSISTS THE RCAC TO HELP FIND AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR A ROTATING SCULPTURE.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

NIL

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 7(a) TO 7(m)

- a) City of Rossland Memorandum from the Recreation Department dated March 22, 2013 regarding request for waiver of Miners Hall Rental Fee. **Recommendation that Council offer non-profit rate of \$150 plus associated insurance and taxes.**
- b) Rossland Chamber of Commerce Report to Council dated March 15, 2013 regarding benefits of the Rossland Chamber of Commerce. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- c) UBCM – The Compass Newsletter dated March 20th and 27th, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- d) City of Rossland Sustainability Commission Minutes from the March 13, 2013 regular meeting **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) Emergency of Management BC – JEPP Claim Acknowledgement for Project BC #1684-12 EOC Generator. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- f) UBCM Letters regarding the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Review and the Operational Management Project. **Recommendation to receive and file. Staff to reapply for grant once update is complete.**
- g) Columbia Basin Trust News Release dated March 20, 2013 regarding Strong Budget supports efforts of residents and communities. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- h) Letter from the District of Invermere regarding UBCM Executive needs to take action on the concept of towns with no people and appointed councils. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- i) Auditor General for Local Government Annual Service Plans are available at [www. aglg.ca](http://www.aglg.ca). **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- j) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary/East End Services draft report on West Kootenay Transit System Service Options for Red Mountain Resort. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

- k) Neighbourhood of Learning email from Aaron Cosbey and Letter to the Deputy Minister of Education. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- l) Email from the Community Energy Association regarding a Carbon Neutral Kootenays – Offset Due Diligence continues. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- m) City of Rossland 2012 Annual Water Report. **Recommendation to receive and file (report posted on City website).**

MOTION: WALLACE / BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 7(a) TO 7(m) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED EXCEPT FOR ITEMS 7(a) and 7(h).

CARRIED.

MOTION: WALLACE/ MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OFFERS THE NON-PROFIT RATE OF \$150 PLUS ASSOCIATED INSURANCE AND TAXES AS LONG AS THE TOTAL DOES NOT EXCEED \$350 TO RENT THE MINER'S HALL IN REGARDS TO ITEM 7(a).

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING ITEM 7(h) TO BE SENT TO THE UBCM IN SUPPORT OF THE POSITION OF INVERMERE REGARDING TAKING ACTION ON THE CONCEPT OF TOWNS WITH NO PEOPLE AND APPOINTED COUNCILS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Fisher and Mayor Granstrom voted opposed to the resolution.

9:15 p.m. Councillor Thatcher was excused from the meeting.

BYLAWS:

NIL

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Wallace:

Councillor Wallace reported on the following items:

- Attended the East End Services meeting to discuss the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiative regarding funding of a regional nature.
 - Attended the presentation by Andrew Neuner at the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital meeting and will distribute a copy of his presentation to Council.
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Councillor Moore

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Thanked the Public Works department for the recent downtown cleanup.
 - Would like to confirm date for the Pitch in Campaign for the mornings of April 12th and 13th and to confirm that Public Works can collect bags.
 - Inquired about budget discussions and was concerned that it has not occurred yet. Inquired if it is possible to extend the provincial due date for filing of May 15, 2013.
 - Attended the March 27th, 2013 Provincial Economic Development seminar and noted that it was well attended and represented.
 - Participated in a webinar concerning the Sub-d and Servicing Bylaw as part of the Communities Adapting to Climate Change Advisory Group.
 - Requested information regarding the municipal auditor and if an audit has taken place.
 - Inquired if the old street furniture can be re-installed as a temporarily.
 - Inquired on the status of the LCCDT attainable housing request for tax exemption
 - Inquired to the Tourism Rossland Liaison if Council will see a draft of the new work mark for the City of Rossland.
 - Is seeking clarification regarding conflict of interest and what the difference between a councillor who sits on a board as a city liaison and a councillor who sits on a board as a director and will look at Tourism Rossland's and the Sustainability Commission's protocol on voting members of council.
 - Will be submitting a notice of motion regarding an outdoor smoking bylaw requested that smoking be banned in public parks, playgrounds and restaurant patios.
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Councillor Fisher:

Councillor Fisher reported on the following items:

- Would like to see policy on internal emails regarding privacy/public and discussions – Council to Council and Council to Staff
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MOTION: FISHER / WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AN INTERNAL EMAIL (COMMUNICATIONS) POLICY, SPECIFIC TO COUNCIL TO COUNCIL EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS AND COUNCIL TO STAFF EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Blomme:

Councillor Blomme reported on the following items:

- Will be attending Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2013
 - Will be attending the Tourism Rossland meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2013
 - Attended the Provincial Economic Development seminar in Castlegar on March 27th, 2013
 - Would like to develop and seek avenues to engage youth in the democratic process (i.e. Task Force participation etc.)
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Mayor Granstrom:

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Will be going to Norway on May 12, 2013 and will be presenting a moose antler carving with Rossland's Coat of Arms as a gift from Rossland. The carving will cost approx. \$300.
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Councillor Thatcher returned to meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Councillor Thatcher:

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Inquired when the Delegation Committee meeting will be.
 - Informed Council regarding a leak at the Rossland Museum and that the Museum has hired a Tour Guide.
 - Expressed his support of Councillor Fisher's resolution to direct staff to develop an internal email policy.
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Councillor Spearn:

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Informed Council that the Neighbourhood of Learning group is now out of funds and that Aerin Guy is now volunteering his time, as is the committee.
- Neighbourhood of Learning subcommittees are looking into other facets and will inform Council of these items as they are developed.
- Attended meeting with the Earth Day subcommittee Sustainability Commission and informed Council that there will be various activities held on April 20th to celebrate.

- Expressed agreement with Councillor Blomme's comments regarding youth engagement in the democratic system.
- Has requested to step down from the Sustainability Committee due to Neighbourhood of Learning obligations. Councillor Moore to fill in.
- Confirmed that MacLean students will be participating in Pitch-In Day
- Inquired about ways to engage the public in the upcoming Committee-of-the-Whole budget discussions.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

MOTION: SPEARN / WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2013 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY CHARTER SECTIONS 90(1)(C) LABOUR RELATIONS AND, 90(1)(G) LITIGATION.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:51 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM


CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER