

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME

STAFF PRESENT: DEPUTY CAO/ CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT C. Añonuevo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION:

MOTION: SPEARN / FISHER

RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2013 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY CHARTER SECTION 90(1)(K) NEGOTIATIONS AND RELATED DISCUSSIONS AND THAT THE OPEN MEETING RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Tyler Merringer, Revolution Cycle and Services owner, encourages support of Kootenay Columbia Trails Society (KCTS) due to his history with local biking events. He expressed that the Seven Summits Trail has inherent benefits to the community and that City support is crucial due to the economic benefits and for KCTS to solicit future support. He acknowledged a notice of increase to summer tourism through his business. Tyler noted that it is mainly volunteer time that creates the trails, in which KCTS's model has served as an example for other municipalities. His opinion was that City withdrawal of support is a disservice to the community.

Norm Fraser, representing Red Mountain Resort sees KCTS as critical to the community and to Red Mountain. He acknowledged the two distinct tourist seasons and that they feed off of one another. He

has received feedback from all over the world and that lodging statistics have been growing year after year. Norm also expressed that the trail system is an amenity to the City.

Jennifer Gilhula, owner of The Rossland Motel, stated her opinion that KCTS is integral to her business and has seen growth over the summer tourist season.

Dan Ouellet, Rossland resident, asked a question of clarification in regards to how much funding was provided to KCTS from the City in previous years. Dan expressed that he comes to Rossland for the bike trails and that many of his friends comment on the condition and infrastructure of the trail system. Dan commented that during the recent roadwork that he noticed the bike shop was busy.

Natasha Lockey, owner of Betty Go Hard, manager at the Red Shutter Inn and runs Sweetfield Shuttle Service, expressed that without KCTS and the trail network she would not be able to build her business (bike guiding) and summer lodging at the Red Shutter Inn. She expressed her gratitude that this amenity exists in the community.

Don Liszt, Rossland resident, expressed that there is multi-use value to the trail system because the users are not just bike riders (i.e. hikers etc.).

Scott Page, Rossland resident, has noticed that the trail usage is high and that he hears positive comments from users regularly.

Frank Ramovs, Rossland resident, asked how much the funding has been in previous years. Councillor Wallace commented usually \$19K plus the Regional District's contribution.

Norm Worsfold, Rossland resident, expressed that trail system attracts visitors and is one of many reasons why Rossland was recently voted best ski town in the Powder Magazine Ski Town Throwdown.

Marc Walton, Rossland resident, expressed that he enjoys walking his dog on the trails.

Graham Tracey, Rossland resident, spoke about his four-year old's high fitness level due to trail usage and that his son knows his way on the trails, knows the names and enjoys them. He expressed the trail system's importance to young children's health and that the amenity is not available other communities.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOORE /WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 13, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY ITEM 13 (a) COUNCILLOR MOORE'S NOTICE OF MOTIONS TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE FAIRBANKS ARCHITECTS LIMITED REPORT ON THE ROSSLAND ARENA IS RECEIVED AND THE CAO HAS RETURNED FROM LEAVE.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SPEARN/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

DECLASSIFIED RESOLUTION:

MOTION: FISCHER/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 28, 2013 MINUTES OF THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND COUNCIL BE DECLASSIFIED FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO NON-CONFIDENTIAL.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

a) Kootenay Columbia Trails Society (KCTS)

Isaac Saban, President of KCTS/local engineer explained the benefits of the trail network to the community and region. He presented that KCTS manages over 145km of not-motorized trail where 90% of which is located on private land and that the private land owners receive no monetary compensation for the risk of users on their land. In exchange for land use, KCTS provides liability insurance to private land owners, however KCTS must have the ability to maintain the trails on private land and do so with public funding. He stated that coordination of the land agreements, negotiations with different interest groups can be difficult without funding to maintain trails. Mr. Saban also noted that two major employers in the area mention the trail network in their hiring campaigns. KCTS estimates the value of the trail infrastructure that they maintain and create at \$2.25 million with an average per usage fee of \$0.70. Stewart Spooner, Trail Maintenance Crew, commented on usage and how they were calculated.

Mr. Saban requested continued funding from the City in the amount of \$19,000.

b) Rossland Radio Co-operative

Marty Cancilla, Member of the Rossland Radio Cooperative, presented Council with approximately 75 signatures in support of the Rossland Radio Co-operative's request for: a lease renewal, continuation of their rent reduction of 50%, utility bill forgiveness and that their utility bill portion be reduced to 1/3 from 50%. Mr. Cancilla expressed that the items they are requesting would allow the Co-operative to research FM signal strength and focus on programming. He expressed his concern over the amount owing for the utility bill and that it would be a financial set-back to the Co-operative. He is leaving the Co-operative in three weeks and feels that having an amount owing would make it difficult for newcomers to deal with and hinder attraction of new leaders. Mr. Cancilla stated that historically the Rossland Radio Co-operative has never requested direct funding through grants from the City of Rossland.

A neighbor of the Radio Co-operative stated that she is pleased to have the Radio Co-operative housed next door to her and that she supports their request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Building of a City of Rossland Time Capsule

MOTION: WALLACE/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE CITY OF ROSSLAND TIME CAPSULE PROJECT AND PROVIDE IN-KIND ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF CITY STAFF SUPPORT FOR UP TO 30 HOURS OF TIME.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

a. Stacey Lightbourne – Request for Decision regarding Rossland-Wide Branding Project

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURISM ROSSLAND BRANDING PROJECT UP TO \$250.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 3(a) TO 3(u)

- a) January 17, 2013 letter from the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame and Museum expressing regrets that the museum will be housed elsewhere. **Recommendation to file.**
- b) January 23 and January 30, 2012 Union of BC Municipalities Publications of "The Compass" newsletter. **Recommendation to file.**
- c) Tourism Rossland Monthly Report dated December 12, 2012. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

- d) Tourism Rossland Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2012. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments notice of Annual General Meeting and Final Call for Resolutions. **Recommendation that resolutions be submitted by Monday, February 18, 2013.**
- f) Sustainability Commission Minutes from January 16, 2013 meeting. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- g) Rossland Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2012. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- h) City of Rossland Building Permit Report and Development Permit report for December 31, 2012. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- i) Copy of Pitch-In Week notice for April 21-27, 2013. **Recommendation that the City not participate in the 2013 Pitch-In Campaign.**
- j) Letter from the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour regarding the Resort Municipality Initiative Transfer. **Recommendation to file.**
- k) January 25, 2013 letter from Union of BC Municipalities regarding Progress Payment for the Rossland Operational Treatment, 2012. **Recommendation to file.**
- l) January 26, 2013 letter from Union of BC Municipalities regarding the City of Rossland's unsuccessful application under the Gas Tax General Strategic Priorities Fund and Innovations Fund. **Recommendation to file.**
- m) Rossland Council for Arts and Culture Annual Report to the City of Rossland and request of \$4,000 grant funding for 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file and report and refer funding request to 2013 budget discussions.**
- n) February 1, 2013 letter from Greg Luterbach of School District 20 regarding decisions about School District 20 facilities. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- o) Bear Aware 2012 Year-End report with funding request of \$2,500 previously approved by Council on February 14, 2011. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- p) Letter from the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development regarding the Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards. **Recommendation to submit nominations prior to March 1, 2013.**
- q) January 31, 2013 News Release from Interior Health regarding EEG services expansion in the Kootenay Boundary region. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- r) Report of Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for BC email notifying Council that the boundaries have changed and that the report is available on their website. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

- s) Report on tax implication for financial support for School District 20 as follow-up to Council Resolution from January 28, 2013 meeting. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- t) February 6, 2013 Memo from Fire Line Consulting regarding City of Rossland's Wildfire Protection Plan application for 2013 grant funding. **Recommendation to approve resolutions as presented.**
- u) January 28, 2013 Letter from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to proceed with the resolution consenting to Bylaw no. 1523. **Recommendation to approve resolution as presented.**

MOTION: WALLACE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 3(a) TO 3(u) EXCEPT FOR ITEM 3(e) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING TWO RESOLUTIONS BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

“WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA RECOGNIZES THAT RURAL AND SMALL COMMUNITIES HAVE UNIQUE NEEDS AND A STABLE AND EFFECTIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM IS INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING AND SUPPORTING BOTH A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AND PROVINCE, AND THAT MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE ANNOUNCED SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FOR 2013 AND BEYOND;

AND WHEREAS THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS CAN HAVE SIGNIFICANT, AND OFTEN PERMANENT LONG TERM RESULTS SUCH AS PREVENTING ECONOMIC RESURGENCE AN INHIBITING POPULATION GROWTH IN A COMMUNITY, AND CAN BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS, RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSS IN OUR PROVINCE;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES STRONGLY REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF BC TO CONTINUE ITS COMMITMENT TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE BY ADEQUATELY FUNDING THE PROVINCE; WHERE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS UNAVAILABLE THAT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BE ENCOURAGED TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES OR OTHER LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS TO DEVELOP CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN AND TO PROVIDE TOP QUALITY EDUCATION TO STUDENTS, WHERE THEY LIVE, THROUGHOUT BRITISH COLUMBIA.

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT FUNDING FORMULA FOR RURAL EDUCATION, IN EFFECT FOR THE LAST DECADE, HAS RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING CUTS AND HAS CREATED SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VARIOUS

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY THE APPLICATION OF INEQUITABLE CRITERIA THAT HAS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN NUMEROUS RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS,

AND WHEREAS, THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN ADEQUATE REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OR FAIRNESS OF THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR BC SCHOOL DISTRICTS,

RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IMMEDIATELY FORM A JOINT TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES AND BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS SO AS TO INSURE THE FAIR FUNDING, EQUAL ACCESS AND HIGH QUALITY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.”

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

Nil

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Wallace:

Councillor Wallace reported on the following items:

- Requested Council’s direction prior to attending Hospital Board meeting regarding contributing to a reserve fund and whether Council would support a contribution to the fund.
- Intention of meeting will be to discuss the future of the fund and types of goals that would be completed and if the fund is presently needed.
- Supports building the reserve as it may give the Hospital Board a stronger voice.
- Will respond to Mr. Hillis’ inquiry to Council’s position on CETA agreement (staff report from RDKB).

Councillor Thatcher:

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- “Objects of Significance” will be moved to museum and has been a success as a display in the Nelson & District Credit Union.
- Museum Gateway meeting schedule for February 27, 2013.

- Presented the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to Mayor Granstrom as nominated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for his involvement and interest in supporting the community.
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Councillor Spearn:

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Reported on SD 20 meeting at RSS on Feb 12, 2013, commented on the community support and respect at the meeting and thanked all those who attended.
 - 3rd reading of the School District bylaw to maintain K-9 in Rossland will be on Feb 25, 2013 and would like to wait until this reading before exploring the options presented in the Report from the Deputy CAO reading tax implication.
 - The Neighborhood of Learning is still exploring solutions to retain K-12 in Rossland
 - Has received some email feedback regarding dogs downtown and appreciates input from public.
 - Mentioned a question from a Rossland Citizen regarding the timeline of broadband service to the area.
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Councillor Moore:

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Would like to take the time immediately to start planning in regards to SD 20's 2nd reading of bylaw to keep K-9 in Rossland.
 - Attended Welcoming Committee meeting and discussed funding options for newcomers.
 - Al Fischer will be presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal on February 19, 2013 for his contribution to youth sports in the community.
 - Request that the weekly Council information packages could be shared with the public or posted publicly in a central spot and feels that there are many items of interest for the general public.
 - Request to develop email correspondence protocol.
 - Expressed concern over a letter from the City of Rossland to ATCO regarding a 30m setback requirement not mentioned in the letter and requested copies of environmental reports during logging near the watershed.
 - The Ministry of Transportation has increased its contribution for the Columbia project and should be shared with the community.
 - Commented on Council preparation for budget deliberations and suggests compiling Council questions to be given to staff and requested some approximate figures regarding the Columbia/Washington project to be released to the community regarding tax increase this year.
 - Attended the Sustainability Commission Meeting on February 13, 2013 to set future plans.
 - Will be attending The Columbia Basin Trust Climate Change Thinktank meeting next week.
 - Discussed with Councillor Spearn a need for a Council newsletter focusing on education.
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MOTION: MOORE/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO BRING THE CITY SERVICE SATISFACTION SURVEY AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

Councillor Fischer:

Commented on:

- Commented on a need to standardize funding applications for community groups.
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MOTION: FISCHER/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE HELD IN THE WEEK OF THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013 TO REVIEW LAST YEAR'S BUDGET AND PLAN FOR 2013 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS.

CARRIED.

MOTION: FISCHER/ SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT FUNDING APPLICATIONS BE CREATED AND STANDARDIZED BASED ON CHOSEN CRITERIA WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY.

CARRIED.

MOTION: FISCHER/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT SERVICE AGREEMENTS BE DRAFTED WITH ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVING CITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT GROUPS MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF COUNCIL FOR FUNDING.

CARRIED.

Mayor Granstrom:

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Heritage week display of heritage homes will be at the Bank of Montreal building.
- Firefighters parade invitation, requested Councillor Moore coordinate Council's entry.
- Cooke Avenue spelling from 1896 map is spelled without an 'e' in 1954 the 'e' was added to the spelling and suggests that this should be put out to the community for discussion in order to be historically correct and requested that staff research the estimated cost to change of spelling.

- Reiterated the appreciation for the respectful attitude at the SD 20 meeting held on February 12, 2013.
- Will be attending the Lower Columbia Initiatives meeting February 14, 2013.
- BC Mayor's Caucus will be held April 29, 2013 in Prince George – may attend and will let Council know if he's attending.
- Will be going to Norway with Spirit of Red, with own funding, in order to represent Rossland on April 13, 2013 and would like Council's input on a gift from Rossland.
- Presented a photo of the downtown opening.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:17 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM



CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER