

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM  
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER  
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE  
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME

**ABSENT:** COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE  
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN  
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER

**STAFF PRESENT:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CFO C. Arnott  
DEPUTY CAO/CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:**

Mr. Gerald Savard, addressed Council expressing his concerns of speeding on Thompson Avenue. He has spoken to the RCMP about increased patrols but Mr. Savard does not think this is going to be enough. Mr. Savard would like to see speed bumps installed and perhaps a stop sign installed at the intersection of Queen Street and Thompson Avenue.

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**CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT:**

The Mayor brought forward the 2012 Annual Report, for consideration and submissions and questions from the public.

MOTION: THATCHER / MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT THE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT, AS PRESENTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, JUNE 24, 2013, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: MOORE / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT THE JULY 15, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: BLOMME / MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013, BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THATCHER / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013 BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**DELEGATIONS:**

**a) Delegation from Berg Lehmann (City Auditor)**

The City Auditor, Ms. Andrea Kramar representing Berg Lehmann Chartered Accountants, has concluded the 2012 audit and presented the audit report to Council. Ms. Kramar gave an overview of the financial statements and explained the content at a high level. Ms. Kramar spoke on the Management Letter and letters to the Auditor under Section 172 of the *Community Charter*.

**b) Delegation from Natural Playground**

Ms. Caley Mulholland presented a plan to build a Natural Playground at Rossland Secondary School. Ms. Mulholland presented a PowerPoint presentation showing examples of other playgrounds to visually explain the plan and structure. Ms. Mulholland is looking at placing the playground in Jubilee Park. Ms. Mulholland spoke to Council regarding in-kind donations from the City, grant writing and volunteer involvement. Ms. Mulholland will be sending Council a follow up package and requested Council consider approving the project in principal, allowing access to staff for advice and consideration of approving a pilot project.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a) Request for Letter of Support for the Rural BC Strategy, Deputy CAO/ Corporate Officer**

MOTION: THATCHER / MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDES A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RURAL BC STRATEGY.**

CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:**

- a) **Request for Council Decision – Appointment of a Key Contact for the City of Rossland during the Auditor General of Local Government Audit Process, Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer**

MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AS THE KEY CONTACT PERSON TO LIAISE WITH THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S SENIOR AUDIT MANAGER AS OUTLINED IN THE ENGAGEMENT PROTOCOL UNDER THE AUDITOR GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.**

CARRIED.

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- b) **Development Variance Permit Application for 2129 Butte Street, Planning Assistant**

MOTION: THATCHER / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO VARY THE INTERIOR SIDE SETBACK REQUIREMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY OF ROSSLAND ZONING BYLAW NO. 2518 FROM 1.8 METRES TO 1.2 METRES – A 0.6 METRE VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL E (SEE W14263), BLOCK 24, DISTRICT LOT 525, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 616; LOCATED AT 2129 BUTTE STREET (PID 007-993-943).**

CARRIED.

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- c) **2014 to 2018 5-Year Planning Process – Direction for Staff, Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer**

MOTION: THATCHER / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF PUT OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN EXPERIENCED COMMUNITY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST TO PROVIDE A SOCIAL PLANNING DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ROSSLAND,**

**AND FURTHER;**

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INCREASES THE EXPENDITURE TO \$10,000.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE FINANCIAL PLAN PROCESS AS RECOMMENDED IN THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT OF JULY 11, 2013.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THATCHER / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR APPOINTS A COUNCIL MEMBER(S) TO EACH COMMITTEE OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Email from Ms. Colleen Ross Regarding 1740 Park Street Taxes.

MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DENIES THE REQUEST FROM MS. COLEEN ROSS, 1740 PARK STREET, TO PROVIDE AN ORDER IN COUNCIL TO WAIVE THE PENALTY ASSOCIATED WITH LATE PAYMENT OF THE 2012 PROPERTY TAXES.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Letter from Ms. Robyne Felsch regarding water charges on 804A Redstone Drive.

MOTION: BLOMME / MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DENIES THE REQUEST FROM MS. ROBYNE FLESCHE TO WAIVE THE ANNUAL WATER CHARGE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804A REDSTONE DRIVE.**

CARRIED.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 13(a) TO 13(g)

- a) UBCM – The Compass Newsletter for July 3, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- b) UBCM - Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Application Review for Area 8, 9 & 10 Prescription, 2013. **Recommendation to fund the City's portion in the amount of \$11,111 out of Operational Surplus.**
- c) UBCM - Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Approval of Operational Fuel Treatment. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

- d) Downtown Pedestrian Kiosk Maps: City Map, Trails Map & Walking Tour Map. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) Email from Ministry of Jobs, Tourism & Skills Training regarding the Business Attraction Toolkit for BC Communities – Overview & Summary. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- f) BC Ombudsperson Letter regarding the 2012/2013 Annual Report & News Release regarding Protecting Citizens and Promoting Government Transparency and Accountability. **Recommendation to receive and file, 2012/2013 Annual Report is available in Council Chambers for viewing.**
- g) Letter from the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Coralee Oakes RE: Scheduling appointments at the UBCM Convention in Vancouver, September 16 to 20, 2013. **Council to submit recommendation for Minister Meetings to Staff.**

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MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 13(a) TO 13(g) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Sustainability Commission Bylaw No. 2556 – Adoption of Bylaw, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer**

MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS BYLAW NO. 2556 – SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION BYLAW, 2013.**

CARRIED.

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- a) **Kootenay Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 2555 - Adoption of Bylaw, Planning Assistant**

MOTION: BLOMME / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS BYLAW NO. 2555 – KOOTENAY AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW.**

CARRIED.

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**MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)**

**Councillor Thatcher**

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Still receiving a lot of positive comments about the improved downtown core.
- Commented on pavement at the intersection of Davis and Cooke.

- Rossland Museum visitor numbers are higher than this time last year.
  - Attendance at the Rossland Museum Family Day.
  - Museum will receive two grants for digitization and web site update.
  - Museum board is looking at realigning director's terms.
  - Museum is considering hosting a gold panning competition.
  - Upcoming events at the Museum.
  - Inquired on usage of the Electronic Vehicle Charging Stations.
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**Councillor Blomme**

Councillor Blomme reported on the following items:

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MOTION: BLOMME / MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE BROADBAND TASK FORCE APPLYING FOR GRANTS UNDER THE WESTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR BEETLE ACTION COALITION (SIBAC).**

CARRIED.

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- Reported on the Canada Day Celebrations.
  - Expressed her concerns with Tourism Rossland moving forward with the kiosk signs and splash page without Council input. Mayor will set up meeting to discuss issues with Tourism Rossland Board Members.
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**Councillor Moore:**

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Requested and update on Tourism Rossland's request for reallocation of Resort Municipality Funds to support the internal shuttle project and update on visit from the BC Accommodation Inspector.
  - Commented on rental housing business licenses and the reference in the OCP concerning the need for owners of rental housing to purchase a business license.
  - Requested an update on the Broadband Project. Councillor Blomme explained that moving forward would be contingent on grants.
  - Requested an update regarding correspondence from Mr. Terhune re: traffic safety at Rossland Secondary School.
  - Attendance at the Seven Summits Learning Centre presentation.
  - Attendance at the Sustainability Commission "Hub of Learning" event. Next meeting scheduled for July 16, 2013.
  - Requested a comparison of the City's benefit carrier versus UBCM group benefits.
  - Would like to see how figures are calculated for the portion of the SOFI report regarding employee remuneration.
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**Mayor Granstrom:**

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Upcoming visit from Mr. Justin Trudeau, Federal Liberal Leader, scheduled for July 22, 2013 in Trail.

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**RECESS TO IN-CAMERA MEETING:**

MOTION: BLOMME / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING OF JULY 15, 2013 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 90(1)(C)(K) – LABOUR RELATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.**

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: WALLACE

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:23 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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**MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM**

  
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**CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER**

