

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE (Acting Mayor)
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN

ABSENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER

STAFF PRESENT: DEPUTY CAO/CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler
MANAGER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT M. Maturo
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT C. Anonuevo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Ms. Deanne Steven, Executive Director, Tourism Rossland, spoke to the importance of retaining a winter shuttle bus. Ms. Steven commented that having this service in Rossland is in line with the Official Community Plan. She reviewed that this past year the shuttle transported 779 people between December 2012 and March 2013. Ms. Steven mentioned that many businesses supported the shuttle service and that approximately \$35,000 has been raised from these businesses to support the shuttle in 2013/2014. Ms. Steven will be coming as a delegation to Council on June 24, 2013. Tourism Rossland believes this initiative will have immediate impact on the economy and tourism trade. Ms. Steven requested Council consider a terms of reference from the City to administer the Resort Municipality funds.

Ms. Hazel Arnold, 2376 Thompson Avenue, spoke in opposition to the development variance permit application for 2362 Thompson Avenue. Ms. Arnold is concerned that the proposed carport would be a detriment to her view, space and light for her garden. She inquired about assuring that the snow slide from the carport will not slide onto her property. She expressed concern regarding snow removal in the alley and if the City will be clearing it as part of their regular schedule. She expressed concern regarding risk of exiting the alley onto Esling Drive that is often icy in the winter.

Janice Nightingale, 2336 Thompson Avenue, expressed her concerns and issues with the development variance permit for 2362 Thompson Avenue. Her concerns included potential snow removal challenges, parking issues and sight line blockages. She inquired that the approval of this development variance permit may set a precedence that a larger percentage of lot coverage will be allowed on setbacks.

Gary Westbury, 2392 Thompson Avenue, voiced concerns in regards to increased travel in the laneway and wear on a rock wall on his property due to this increase of usage if the development variance permit was approved for 2362 Thompson Avenue.

Rosanne Chobanuk, Legacy Gift Room and Brewshop, voiced her support for the ski hill shuttle service and feels it is important for those who may be staying near the ski hill to be able to visit downtown businesses.

Chris Bowman, the Flying Steamshovel, expressed the importance of the ski hill shuttle to grow his business and believes the shuttle is integral. He often received inquiries from patrons and tourists about a shuttle service. Mr. Bowman also raised his concerns over drinking and driving and that a shuttle service can help alleviate this issue.

Christy Calder, Red Mountain Academy, supports the ski hill shuttle service and will continue to partner with Tourism Rossland on the shuttle service.

Lori Simon, The Prestige Mountain Resort, noted that the Prestige is currently negotiating with ski wholesalers and voiced her concerns that a shuttle service between downtown and the ski hill is key to booking these groups.

Matt Adams, Red Mountain Resort Lodging, noted that spring and summer are heavy booking seasons for the coming winter. He has observed that the most common question from those wishing to book accommodation is how to get to town. Mr. Adams stated that sales are dependent on the provision of this shuttle service.

Joelle Bodieu, Rossland Resident, pointed out the importance of Rossland's logo in regards to the Rossland Wide Branding Project. She expressed concern that the logo was not visible in the printout she saw and the colours and shadings were not highlighting the key focus of what the town represents.

Tasha Storms, Red Mountain Resort Lodging, expressed her support for a ski hill shuttle service and feels it is critical to selling Rossland as a destination. Ms. Storms pointed out that having this service will allow Rossland to compete with other ski towns and attract new visitors.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: THATCHER/ SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 10, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT A CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL NOT BE HELD.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: MOORE / THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: BLOMME/ MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013, BE ADOPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO COUNCILLOR BLOMME'S MEMBER REPORT: "Broadband Task Force has applied for a SIDIT grant...." BE REPLACED TO READ "Broadband Task Force is currently in the process of applying for a SIDIT grant".

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Request for Council Decision – Rossland Wide Branding Project, Planning Assistant

MOTION: BLOMME/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY DEFER THE APPROVAL OF ONE OF THE OPTIONS AS THE CITY'S NEW WORD MARK AND IMPLEMENT THE CHANGE ON ALL RELATED CITY OF ROSSLAND MATERIALS (E.G. WEBSITE, LETTERHEAD, EMAIL SIGNATURES AND TRUCK STICKERS) AND ON BUSINESS CARDS AS STOCK IS DEPLETED,

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT A COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE-MEETING BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 AT 7PM TO MEET WITH THE GRAPHIC DESIGNER TO LOOK AT OPTIONS.

CARRIED.

b) Request for Council Decision – Kootenay Energy Diet (KED) Subsidy for Energy Assessment Fee, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET AND PROVIDES A GRANT OF \$25 TOWARDS THE INITIAL KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET - ENERGY ASSESSMENT OF \$60 TO THE FIRST TWO HUNDRED ROSSLAND PARTICIPANTS.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET AND PROVIDES A GRANT OF \$25 TOWARDS THE INITIAL KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET - ENERGY ASSESSMENT OF \$60 TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED ROSSLAND PARTICIPANTS.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

a) Request for Council Decision – Development Variance Permit Application for 2362 Thompson Avenue, Planning Assistant

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO VARY THE REAR SETBACK FROM 2 METRES TO 0.3 METRES – A 1.7 METRE VARIANCE AND A HEIGHT VARIANCE FROM 4.5 METRES TO 5.17 METRES - A 0.67 METRE VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 5, BLOCK 4 TOWNSHIP 9A, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 2235, LOCATED AT 2362 THOMPSON AVENUE.

CARRIED.

Councillor Spearn and Thatcher voted opposed to the resolution.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(l)

- a) UBCM – The Compass Newsletters for May 22, 2013 and May 29, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- b) Information Bulletin from the BC Building and Safety Standards Branch regarding new energy requirements. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- c) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB)/Village of Fruitvale/Village of Montrose Press Release in opposition of efforts of the City of Trail expanding boundaries up to and including the Waneta Dam. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- d) Letter from the Auditor General for Local Government regarding the 2013/14 selected audits and the 1st quarter audits for 2014/15 being disclosed on May 29, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) City of Victoria resolution and recommendation regarding reducing default speed limits for municipal roads. **Recommendation for Council to support resolution at UBCM.**
- f) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) 2012 Financial Statements. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- g) West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Spotlight Newsletter for May 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- h) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) letter dated May 27, 2013 regarding solid waste management policies and tipping fees. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- i) Rossland Public Library Financial Statements for December 31, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- j) City of Rossland and Surnadal, Norway Friendship Agreement. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- k) City of Rossland Heritage Commission Minutes from the June 3, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- l) City of Rossland Design Review Panel Minutes from the June 3, 2013 Meeting. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 11(a) TO 11(l) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INVITES, AREA A DIRECTOR GREIVE, FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AND THE CITY OF TRAIL TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL IN REGARDS TO THE TRAIL BOUNDARY EXPANSION AT A COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING TO BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

CARRIED.

MOTION: THATCHER/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION ON PLACING A PERMANENT PLAQUE IN A PROMINENT PLACE DOWNTOWN REGARDING THE SURNADAL AND ROSSLAND FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Request for Council Decision, Bylaw No. 2555 – Kootenay Avenue Road Closure Bylaw, Planning Assistant.**

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2555 – KOOTENAY AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW BE READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME,

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT A PUBLIC REPRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY REGARDING BYLAW NO. 2555, BE HELD ON JUNE 24, 2013 DURING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

CARRIED.

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Moore

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Inquired about the heat transfer set-up on the City Hall roof and if it is currently working.
 - Rossland sign, the furthest one from Red Mountain, is tipping over.
 - Inquired if the broadband task force has looked into the SIBAC Beetle Coalition grant opportunity.
 - Noted that in the Council information packages some website links work and some don't. Requested staff to look into putting the package together in a different way so that all links work.
 - Fortis BC Utility Tax letter – inquired how the revision came up and if previous reports are available for council review.
 - Spoke about a mountain biking group of about 18 people who come to Rossland every year due to the well-maintained trail conditions.
 - Attended Trail days on June 8, 2013 and noted that it was well-attended and was a productive day.
 - Notified Council that she will be submitting a notice of motions from January and would like to revisit them at the next regular council meeting.
 - Attended the Liquid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee meeting and commented on Rossland's representative's presentation.
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Councillor Blomme

Councillor Blomme reported on the following items:

- Tourism Rossland and Rossland Chamber of Commerce meetings are coming up and noted that the groups have looked into grant opportunities.
 - Updated on the Broadband Task Force regarding its pending request for decision to council and will bring more information to council next regular meeting.
 - Answered questions regarding the ski hill shuttle service proposal.
 - Attended the Lower Columbia Community Development Team presentation at the Prestige.
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Councillor Thatcher:

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Has had conversations regarding citizens who live near Rossland Secondary School regarding the teachers' parking lot change. He inquired if there will be additional parking for teachers and students and where it will be provided.
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Councillor Spearn

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Was not able to attend the Lower Columbia Community Development Team, but spoke to the key ideas of the business expansion and retention report and its relationship to education services.
 - K-12 is a key component to economic development and appreciates the letter of support from the Lower Columbia Community Development Team to School District 20.
 - Sustainability Commission Meeting on June 12, 2013 – Councillor Moore to attend.
 - Will be attending the School District 20 meeting on June 11 regarding the MacLean School facilities.
 - Attended RSS Graduation ceremony on June 7 and noted the ceremony felt bittersweet. The school administrators are currently preparing for the transition.
 - Spoke to the importance of K-12 in Rossland and expressed her concerns and thoughts regarding this.
 - Noted the downtown core looks great.
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Councillor Wallace:

Councillor Wallace reported on the following items:

- The electric car charging stations are up and running.
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MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INVITE RDKB AREA 'C' DIRECTOR, MS. GRACE MCGREGOR AS A DELEGATION TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON THE RURAL BC STRATEGY.

CARRIED.

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- Attendance at the last Sewer Committee Meeting and the Regional District Liquid Waste Management Meeting.
 - Request from SPCA (located on the sewer service lands) for a waiver of rent to save funds in order to relocate.
 - Liquid Waste Management Steering committee approved the motion to request an estimate of the cost of a feasibility study on rapid infiltration.
 - Attended Rossland Secondary School graduation and expressed the difficulty with losing the tradition of the ceremony.
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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM



CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER