

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012**

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

STAFF PRESENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
CORPORATE OFFICER

V. Kumar  
T. Butler

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:**

Ms. Amber Hayes, Adventure Engine, spoke in favour of the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC) project and encouraged Council to consider the benefits of the project.

Mr. Brian Fry, Chief Marketing Officer for Rack Force Hybrid Cloud and Hosting explained the importance of broadband to his company and requested Council consider investigating the CBBC project further.

Mr. Jim Firstbrook, Fulcrum Management Solutions Ltd. and Chairman of Economic Development Task Force, spoke in favour of the CBBC project and asked Council to consider taking the first steps in investigating the project.

Ms. Lisa Wagner, spoke in support of the CBBC project and encouraged Council to be proactive instead of reactive towards technology changes.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: WALLACE / SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 11, 2012 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY ADDING ITEM 8A) REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT SUPPORT OF WESTJET SERVICE.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION:        SPEARN / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON MAY 28, 2012, BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION:        MOORE / WALLACE

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF BYLAW NO. 2530, HELD ON MAY 28, 2012, BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION:        MOORE / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON MAY 30, 2012, BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**DELEGATIONS:**

- a) **Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC) – PowerPoint presentation from Mr. Mark Halwa introducing the CBBC Project.**

Mr. Mark Halwa, provided an overview of the CBBC vision to provide connectivity to a world class open access broadband network across the Basin that provides a reasonable return on investment. Mr. Halwa explained how the Columbia Basin Trust and CBBC can assist municipalities to develop and manage a fibre network.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nil

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:**

- a) **Manager of Planning and Development Request for Decision and report – City Boulevard purchase proposal for 2213 Fourth Avenue.**

MOTION: MOORE / SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY ADVANCE THE STAFF REQUEST TO CONDUCT A SALE OF CITY-OWNED BOULEVARD TO THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 2213 FOURTH AVENUE AND TO FOLLOW THE PROCESS FOR DISPOSAL OF CITY-OWNED LANDS AS DEFINED IN THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, PART 3, DIVISION 3, SECTION 26 AND DIVISION 5, BY PROVIDING FIRST AND SECOND READING TO BYLAW NO. 2536 - ST. PAUL STREET ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Thatcher and Councillor Fisher voted opposed to the resolution.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **June 7, 2012 letter from the West Kootenay Regional Airport Chair, Mr. Lawrence D. Chernoff - request for letter of support regarding WestJet coming to the West Kootenays.**

MOTION: WALLACE / MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT REGARDING WESTJET SERVICING THE WEST KOOTENAY'S FROM THE CASTLEGAR AIRPORT.**

CARRIED.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

- a) Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Design Review Panel Meeting. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- b) May 16, 2012 letter from the Rossland Golden City Lions Club regarding operations and management opportunities of the Nancy Green Lake Park. **Recommendation to file.**
- c) Copy of the City of Rossland Annual Expenditure Report for 2011 from Infrastructure Canada. **Recommendation to file.**
- d) May 22, 2012 letter from the British Columbia Press Council, in response to the May 8, 2012 letter from the Mayor to the Rossland Telegraph, informing Council that the Rossland Telegraph is not a member of the BC Press Council therefore they are only able to assist in mediating issues between the City and the Rossland Telegraph. **Recommendation to file.**
- e) May 22, 2012 letter from the Trail Castlegar Augmented Response Enhancement (TCARE) requesting an opportunity to speak to Council about their project to build the capacity of the

resources available to assist those living with life limiting illness and dealing with end of life issues. **Recommendation for Council to invite TCARE as a delegation.**

- f) May 26, 2012 letter from the Rossland Fall Fair Core Group Assoc. requesting use of the Rossland Arena, tables, and chairs for the Annual Fall Fair September 6 – 8, 2012. **Recommendation to approve requests.**
- g) Minutes of the May 29, 2012 City of Rossland Sustainability Commission Meeting. **Recommendation to receive minutes and refer recommendations to Council discussion on the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation.**
- h) Copy of the Resort Municipality Initiative Annual Report 2011. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- i) Minutes of the May 28, 2012 City of Rossland Heritage Commission Meeting. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- j) June 4, 2012 UBCM Memo regarding submission and debate of resolutions at the 2012 UBCM Conference. **Recommendation to file.**
- k) June 1, 2012 notification from Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services informing the City that they have been selected for an audit for testing purposes. **Recommendation to file and refer to Staff to complete.**
- l) May 24, 2012 Invitation to the Velo-City Global 2012 cycling planning conference. **Recommendation to file.**

MOTION: MOORE / SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL MEET WITH THE STAFF OF THE ROSSLAND TELEGRAPH TO DISCUSS COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TELEGRAPH AND COUNCIL.**

DEFEATED.

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MOTION: THATCHER / SPEARN

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

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Planning Assistant Request for Decision - Third reading and adoption of Bylaw No. 2535 "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2012(4)" – Small Lot Floor Area Ratio and coverage.**

MOTION: MOORE / WALLACE

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2535 – ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2012(4) BE READ A THIRD TIME.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SPEARN / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2535 – ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2012(4) BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL):**

**Councillor Moore:**

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Attendance at the RSS 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.
- Attendance the Cooperative Education Centre graduation ceremonies.
- Attendance at the Communities Adapting to Climate Change webinar.
- Attendance the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Summit Conference in Grand Forks.

**Councillor Fisher:**

Councillor Fisher reported on the following items:

- Requested that the Mayor remove him as the representative on the Sustainability Commission.

**Councillor Blomme:**

Councillor Blomme reported on the following items:

- Will be assisting with the Tourism Rossland Executive Director review.

**Councillor Spearn:**

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Attendance at the RSS 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.
- Neighbourhood of Learning 30/60 Postcard Campaign.
- Issues concerning Class room ratio affecting the future of the RSS Academy's.

**Councillor Thatcher:**

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Rossland Museum has received grants for student employment, June Museum Newsletter, success of Family Days and several tours have been booked for June.
- Next Museum Gateway Meeting will be held June 21, 2012.

**Councillor Wallace:**

Councillor Wallace reported on the following items:

- Diamond Jubilee Medal - recommendations through the Regional District or MLA.
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- West Kootenay Transit Committee first meeting. Fare structure review and making the service as friendly as possible, looking into a zone system.
- Attendance at the FCM in Saskatoon. Circulated pictures of downtown core for ideas on Columbia Avenue.
- Top issue at FCM was long term infrastructure planning (LTIP) – consideration of a new reliable and flexible funding program for infrastructure projects.
- CETA – little discussion at the FCM as previously considered – information available on FCM Website.
- Press Release from the Western Economic Diversification Canada highlighting a new Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) announced in Economic Action Plan 2012.
- Attended two study tours at FCM - Shaw Centre and inside soccer pitch. Excellent examples of partnerships.
- Attendance at the Rural Summit Conference and the reception at the Living Arts Centre at Christina Lake.
- Future consideration to invite Dr. Roly Russell from Grand Forks to present to Council re: Sustainability Planning.

**Mayor Granstrom:**

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Attendance at the RSS Grad Ceremonies

**CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION:**

MOTION: SPEARN / THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2012 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTON 90(1)(C) OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER*.**

CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: GRANSTROM

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.**

CARRIED.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM



CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER