

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME (via telephone)
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER

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

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Granstrom called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Ms. Christine Andison, President of Red Mountain Racers, gave an update to council on the Athletes Training Centre. Ms. Andison stated the Red Mountain Racers has raised enough funds for the first phase of the project. Ms. Andison stated that the majority of the funds raised thus far is in the form of a loan. Ms. Andison requested that Council allow the use of raw water for a nominal fee in order to make the project financially viable and that Council considers the potential economic benefits to the community in allowing the project to move forward.

Mr. Laurie Charlton, 1189 Earl Street, spoke in opposition to the Athletes Training Facility's request for use of City raw water. Mr. Charlton stated that granting the use of raw water for snow making contravenes the City's Official Community Plan and suggested other alternative water sources to produce snow. Mr. Charlton inquired if Council has reviewed the feasibility study used by the Red Mountain Racers and inquired if it has been made available to the public.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: THATCHER/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 23, 2014 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 9, 2014 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Delegation from Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation

Mr. Mike Martin, Chair of the Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT) and representative for the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation (LCIC) and Ms. Terry Van Horn, Economic Development Coordinator for the LCIC introduced their request to reinstate funding to the LCIC from the East End Services Committee in order to proceed with their 5-Year Plan

Ms. Van Horn presented a PowerPoint presentation on origins of the LCIC and summarized their current initiatives and success stories. Ms. Van Horn stated that the LCIC's 5-year plan includes a partnership with Columbia Basin Trust and East End Services Committee and outlined the benefits of this collaboration. Ms. Van Horn stated that the LCIC is requesting Council's consideration of a \$30,100/year contribution from the City of Roseland (through the East End Services tax) and requested Council's support for the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Request for Council Decision, Athletes Training Facility – Use of Raw Water for Snow Making, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer

MOTION: SPEARN/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT STAFF TO DRAFT A 5 YEAR WATER USE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE RED MOUNTAIN RACERS TO DRAW RAW WATER

FROM CENTRE STAR GULCH RESERVOIR FOR SNOW MAKING PURPOSES FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION,

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT THE RED MOUNTAIN RACERS PAY A FLAT USER FEE FOR RAW WATER OF \$1,000 FOR 2014/2015 AND THAT THE RATE BE INCREASED BY \$250 PER YEAR OVER THE 5 YEAR AGREEMENT TO A TOTAL OF \$2,000 FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020.

CARRIED.

b) Request for Council Decision, City of Rossland Watermark for the Rossland Wide Branding Project, Executive Assistant

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CHOOSES OPTION 2C OF THE FOUR WATERMARK OPTIONS AS PRESENTED BY MS. SHELLEY ACKERMAN IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE ROSSLAND WIDE BRANDING PROJECT.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

a) Request for Council Decision, Development Variance Permit Application – 2208 Elmore Avenue, Planning Assistant

MOTION: THATCHER/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO VARY THE EXTERIOR SIDE SETBACK FROM 3 METRES TO 0 METRES – A 3 METRE VARIANCE TO REBUILD AN EXISTING GARAGE THAT CURRENTLY ENCROACHES ONTO CITY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AT THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK 8, PLAN 2245, DL 695, KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT; LOCATED AT 2208 ELMORE AVE.

CARRIED.

b) Request for Council Decision, Development Variance Permit Application – 1890 Planer Crescent, Planning Assistant

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO VARY THE FRONT SETBACK FROM 4 METRES TO 0.3 METRES – A 3.7 METRE VARIANCE AND AN INCREASED DRIVEWAY WIDTH FROM 4.0 METRES TO 6.1 METRES – A 2.1 METRE VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE BUILDING OF A TWO CAR CARPORT AT THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, BLOCK 9, PLAN 683, DL 537, EXCEPT PARCEL A (SEE 146599I); LOCATED AT 1809 PLANER CRESCENT.

CARRIED.

c) Request for Council Decision, Development Permit Application – Red Mountain Village – Lot 2 Olaus Way, Planning Assistant

MOTION: THATCHER/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY ISSUE A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED FOUR-PLEX ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, SECTION 10, PLAN NUMBER NEP87099, LAND DISTRICT 26, TOWNSHIP 28 (PID 027-590-844), LOCATED ON OLAUS WAY, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(A) THAT THE DIMENSIONS AND SITING OF THE BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED SHALL BE IN SUBSTANTIAL ACCORDANCE WITH THE INFORMATION SHOWN ON THE APPLICATION DRAWINGS, DATED JUNE 16, 2014 AS PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT AND SHALL COMPLY WITH DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA 2: RED MOUNTAIN GUIDELINES.

(B) THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEDIMENTATION PREVENTION, DRAINAGE AND EROSION CONTROL PLANS, MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, HABITAT MANAGEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN. IN PARTICULAR, WORK SHALL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE NEIGHBOURING EPHEMERAL STREAM IS DRY AND SILT FENCING SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO THE STREAM CHANNEL TO PREVENT STREAM SEDIMENTATION.

(C) THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS ALL GEO-TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY, AS DIRECTED IN SECTION 33.3 OF THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN.

(D) THAT THE FRONT SETBACK BE REDUCED FROM 4 METRES TO 2 METRES AND THE INTERIOR SIDE SETBACK BE REDUCED FROM 1.8 METRES TO 1.0 METRES TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

CARRIED.

Ms. Lightbourne was excused at 8:16 p.m.

d) Request for Council Decision, 2013 City of Rossland Annual Report, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013 AND HOLD THE ANNUAL MEETING TO CONSIDER ANY SUBMISSIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 14, 2014.

CARRIED.

e) Request for Council Decision, Appointment of the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer

MOTION: MOORE/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO SECTION 41(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, APPOINT MS. TRACEY BUTLER AS THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER FOR CONDUCTING THE 2014 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION WITH POWER TO APPOINT OTHER ELECTION OFFICIALS AS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT OF THE 2014 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS; AND THAT MS. CYNTHIA ANONUEVO BE APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER FOR THE 2014 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 12(a) to 12(g):

- a) UBCM – The Compass Newsletters dated: June 4 & 11, 2014. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- b) Sri-Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run request for participation on July 4th, 2014. **Recommendation to receive and direct Staff to respond if wishing to participate.**
- c) UBCM Gax Tax Program Services Community Works Fund Agreement. **Recommendation to approve signing of the agreement.**
- d) UBCM Meeting Requests with the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development at the 2014 UBCM Convention. **Recommendation to request meeting if required.**
- e) Letter from the Premier, Christy Clark – Meeting Requests with the Premier or a Cabinet Minister at the 2014 UBCM Convention. **Recommendation to request meeting if required.**
- f) Heritage Commission Minutes from the June 2, 2014 meeting. **Recommendation to receive and approve any recommendations within.**
- g) Sustainability Commission Minutes from the April 9, 2014 meeting. **Recommendation to receive and approve any recommendations within.**

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 12(a) to 12(g) ARE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

Councillor Blomme was excused at 8:32 p.m.

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO CREATE A LIST OF HOW AND WHY THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CODE DIFFERS FROM THE PROVINCIAL BUILDING CODE AND INCLUDE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES.

DEFEATED.

BYLAWS:

a) Request for Council Decision, Bylaw No. 2572 – Local Government Election Procedure Bylaw 2014, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer

MOTION: THATCHER/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL READS BYLAW NO. 2572, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION PROCEDURE BYLAW 2014 FOR A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME.

CARRIED.

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Spearn:

- Attended part of the Chamber of Commerce board meeting last week and commented they are currently brainstorming to increase membership. Stated that revenue is mostly from the advertisement in their vacation guide, membership and fundraising. Currently looking for solutions increase revenue. Challenges include not having a permanent office.
- Invited to present scholarships at the Seven Summits Centre for Learning for the one of the two graduates.
- Has received several inquiries of the speed bump on Thompson Avenue seeking clarification on its permanency
- Commented on the annual report and inquired about when several roads will be repaired
- Inquired about the natural playground and is seeking an update
- Commented on the tall grass on several boulevards that are hindering sightlines at intersections.

Councillor Thatcher:

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Was not able to attend the recent Museum Gateway meeting
- Has received comments from a concerned citizen regarding the tree covering the stop sign at Davis Street and Leroi Avenue four-way stop.

Mayor Granstrom:

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Attended the Museum Gateway meeting and stated that the project committee has now achieved their goals and are now turning over to a fundraising committee to raise funds for the project.
- Rossland Seniors Society have requested a letter of support from the City to apply for a grant and provided Council with a copy of the letter.

- Attended the East End Services meeting and commented on the report from Fire Chief was presented in the Agenda Package. The Fire Chief's recommendation is to hire 4 more employees and build a training centre at an approximate cost of \$800,000. Requested a report on the costs of these regional services in relation to municipality size.
- Will be attending the next East End Services meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2014.

Councillor Moore:

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Presented the City sponsored bursary at Kootenay Columbia Learning Centre. Very inspirational how much support these graduates received in order to turn their lives around.
- Working on setting a meeting date in July for the sub-committee to implement Auditor General for Local Government's recommendations.
- Inquired when will Council consider the Accord presented by the Women Creating Change at the June 9th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
- Attended a meeting in Castlegar with the new Senior's Advocate, Isobel MacKenzie, who seems interested in rural issues.
- Attended Sustainability Commission meeting on June 11th, 2014
 - Group approved communications plan via email. Small budget, part of plan already approved by council.
 - Energy Task Force:
 - Fortis has pulled back on conservation efforts like energy diet this year but have renewed commitment in new budget for next year.
 - Energy Diet 3 will have a more regional focus in keeping with Columbia Basin Trust's broader focus.
 - Carbon reduction goals as signatory to Climate Action Charter requiring City operations to be carbon neutral by 2012. Most municipalities have been unable to achieve this.
 - Energy Task Force working with staff on some ideas for uses of the Gas Tax Fund within the constraints of the program.
 - Looking at the energy audit of City buildings that was completed and considering how this can be used to achieve carbon neutrality.
 - Recommendations will be coming to Council soon.
 - Innovative education Task Force:
 - Task force has launched the Monashee Institute and currently has 7 courses lined up including a goat cheese making workshop, writing workshop, some health and nutrition courses, an art walk (paint and hike) etc.
 - They are hoping to be launched as a separate entity in the next 6 months.
 - Currently has a marketing plan, website and coordinator.
 - Economic Development Task Force:
 - Non Profit Collaboration night was a success; asking Ms. Deanne Steven to get feedback from participants.

- Attended Lower Columbia Community Development Team meeting on June 19th, 2014
 - Guests included representatives from the Monashee Institute and Rural Development Institute. Rural Development Institute talking about employment lands tool on website.
 - Work West Kootenay website received a special award at the BC Provincial Economic Development conference and was recognized for its excellent economic development tool. Received a lot of attention at the conference- especially because our region is so small.
- Attended grand opening of new Skills Center location in Trail.
 - Commented on the nice event and space.
- Attended the casual gathering on June 11th, 2014 organized by the Rossland Telegraph to discuss how the community can better engage with local government. Encouraged other councillors to attend future events.
 - Discussed ideas about how to improve committee contribution and participant satisfaction; how Council could get more involved in social media.
 - Discussed need for higher compensation for councillors to allow candidates flexibility to do the job and sustain employment.
- Attended BC Rural Summit in Kaslo and shared notes in the agenda package. Highlights were:
 - Need to collaborate: only need not win a riding east of Chilliwack or north of sunshine coast to govern BC.
 - Need to regionalize: not a one size fits all approach because BC is so diverse
 - Many sessions emphasized the need for broadband service for economic development and future sustainability.
 - Great session on amenity migrants: those who move because of area and what it offers, not because of a job.
- Clarified comments in email about councillors' attendance at this year's UBCM conference. Suggested that anyone not planning to run, should not go to the conference. This would not exclude anyone who is undecided. Explained rationale: as responsible stewards of taxpayers' money it doesn't make any sense for a councillor who knows they are not running to attend the UBCM conference.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION:

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 90(1)(C) LABOUR OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER*.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: MAYOR GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:06 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM



CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER