

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR LAURIE CHARLTON
COUNCILLOR HANNE SMITH
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR ANDY STRADLING
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE

STAFF PRESENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V. Kumar
CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: SPEARN / CHARLTON

RESOLVED THAT THE MARCH 14, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: MOORE / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF BYLAW NO. 2497, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, EXCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING 2011 PROPERTY TAX RATE AND 2011 WATER RATE, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

Councillor Charlton voted against the resolution.

DELEGATIONS:

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

Nil

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5(a) TO 5(k)

- a) Copy of letter to Minister of Education from MP Alex Atamanenko regarding School District No. 20. **Recommendation to receive for information.**
- b) Notice from the AKBLG requesting interest from Municipalities to host upcoming conventions. **Recommendation to apply to host event in 2014.**

- c) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Sewerage Committee Minutes of February 1, 2011. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- d) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary East End Stakeholders Minutes of January 18, 2011 and February 15, 2011. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Personnel and Policy Committee Minutes of January 19, 2011 and February 10, 2011. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- f) Letter to Mayor and Council from Ms. Ida Koric requesting permission for the “casual user fee” for use of the Centennial Field for a fundraising event. **Recommendation to grant request.**
- g) February 1, 2011 and February 28, 2011 letters from Teck Metals Ltd. to the City of Rossland regarding the Rossland Museum. **Recommendation for Staff to continue with negotiations.**
- h) Notification from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada informing the City that the grant application for the Miners Hall Elevator Project was unsuccessful. **Recommendation to file.**
- i) Tourism Rossland Minutes of February 9, 2011. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- j) Copy of letter from CUPE regarding the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). **Recommendation to file.**
- k) February 22, 2011 Audit Planning Letter from the City’s Auditor Berg Naqvi Lehmann. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

MOTION: MOORE / SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 5(a) TO 5(k), BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED, EXCEPT FOR ITEM 5(j).

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE / CHARLTON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESPOND TO THE ISSUE IN INFORMATION ITEMS 5(j) – COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA), BY WRITING A LETTER TO MP ALEX ATAMANENKO STATING COUNCIL’S STANCE ON THE ISSUE OF LOCAL CONTROL OF WATER.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT EVERY YEAR, IN ADVANCE OF THE AUDIT, COUNCIL BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF MEETING WITH THE CITY AUDITOR PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEARLY CITY AUDIT.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Manager of Finance / Chief Financial Officer Request for Decision – Adoption of Bylaw 2500 “Annual Revenue Anticipation Bylaw”.**

MOTION: MOORE / CHARLTON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2500 – ANNUAL REVENUE ANTICIPATION BYLAW 2011, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

- b) **Bylaw No. 2501 – Manager of Finance / Chief Financial Officer Request for Decision – First three readings of Bylaw No. 2501, Waste Collection Service and Rate Bylaw 2011.**

MOTION: CHARLTON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2501, CITED AS “WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE AND RATE BYLAW 2011 BE READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME.

CARRIED.

- c) **Manager of Finance / Chief Financial Officer Request for Decision – Council decision on tax rate – selection of three options presented to Council.**

MOTION: MOORE / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SELECT OPTION 2 PRESENTED IN THE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION OF MARCH 8, 2011 AND INCREASE THE TAX RATE BY 1.5% PLUS THE \$30,000 VALUE OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT.

DEFEATED.

Councillor Charlton voted against the resolution.

MOTION: SPEARN / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SELECT OPTION 1 PRESENTED IN THE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION OF MARCH 8, 2011, WHICH SETS THE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXATION AT \$3,547,121 AND THE PROPERTY TAX RATES AT \$6.1624/\$1,000 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL CLASS; \$34.6943/\$1,000 FOR THE UTILITY CLASS; AND \$10.5377/\$1,000 FOR THE BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL CLASS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Charlton voted against the resolution.

MOTION: SPEARN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2502, CITED AS “2011 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE BYLAW, BE READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME.

CARRIED.

Councillor Charlton voted against the resolution.

Mayor Granstrom called a recess at 8:27 pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

d) City Manager / Staff Request for Decision – First three readings of Bylaw 2503 “2011 Water Rate Bylaw”.

MOTION: SPEARN / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SELECT OPTION 7 PRESENTED IN THE STAFF REPORT OF MARCH 8, 2011, ADJUSTING THE 2011 FLAT RATE CHARGE FOR NON-METERED RATEPAYERS FROM \$357 TO \$387 EMPHASIZING THAT THE RATEPAYERS HAVE A REDUCTION IN FIXED RATE FROM \$387 TO \$201 WHEN THE METER IS INSTALLED, AND THE FOLLOWING BLOCK RATE STRUCTURE IS APPLICABLE FOR THE 2011 METERED WATER:

Mid Range '2011 Block Rate Structure Proposal

0-30m3	31-100m3	101>m3
\$ 0.25	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.60

CARRIED.

Councillor Charlton voted against the resolution.

MOTION: SPEARN /MOORE

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2503 – 2011 WATER RATE BYLAW, BE READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME.

CARRIED.

Councillor Charlton voted against the resolution.

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Spearn:

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- The well attended meetings regarding the school issues with the Neighbourhoods of Learning Committee and School District 20.
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Councillor Moore:

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Attendance at the CBT Watersmart Conference. Councillor Moore circulated her notes from the Conference to Council.
 - Will be circulating information from Mr. Al Fisher on Project Management to Staff and Council.
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Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- Attendance at the CBT Watersmart Conference.
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Councillor Charlton:

Councillor Charlton reported on the following items:

- Commented on City installation of water meters.
 - Commented on letter from Mr. Paul Allen.
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Mayor Granstrom:

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Meeting with Mr. Mickey Kinakin, School Trustee for School District 20.
 - Council agreed to send a thank you letter to Neighbourhoods of Learning Committee.
 - Council agreed to send letter regarding Heritage Funding cuts similar to City of Burnaby.
 - Will be hosting information sessions to individuals interested in running for mayor or council in the upcoming municipal election.
 - Business Incubator Grand Opening in Trail
 - Planer Mill burning down in Patterson.
 - Regional Sewer Review moving forward with Phase 2.
 - Recommendation from City of Trail Staff is to deny Rossland Council's letter regarding amalgamation.
 - RCMP concerns with Medical Marijuana licenses.
 - City participation in earth hour.
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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM

CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER