

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014**

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

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:**

Ms. Lisa Henderson, Gold Fever Follies Society, spoke to Council's decision at the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting to begin charging a fee to the Gold Fever Follies Society for use of the Miners' Hall. Ms. Henderson stated that despite increased fund raising efforts, the costs of running the Gold Fever Follies have increased and the grant opportunities have decreased. Ms. Henderson stated the Society's appreciation for what the City has contributed to date and outlined that the additional efforts the Gold Fever Follies Society puts into the upkeep of the Miners' Hall. Ms. Henderson requested that Council reduces the proposed rental fee and secures a venue for the Gold Fever Follies for next year.

Ms. Carol Hobbs DeRosa, United Church, stated her opposition to the development variance permit application at 2152 Queen Street. Ms. Hobbs DeRosa summarized her concerns over laneway access for emergency vehicles and accessibility to the United Church. Ms. Hobbs DeRosa suggested parking alternatives in order to ensure access to the laneway.

Mr. Jon Chester, 2152 Queen Street, presented additional information regarding his development variance permit. Mr. Chester stated that the deck he is proposing to build will make no changes to the parking situation in the laneway and that he has built 3 additional parking stalls to the rear of his home.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 26, 2014 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES:**

MOTION: FISHER/THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 12, 2014 BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 12, 2014 BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 14, 2014 BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

**a) Delegation from Ms. Eva Cameron and Ms. Rachael Roussin – Wetland Restoration Project**

Ms. Eva Cameron and Ms. Rachael Roussin presented a PowerPoint presentation on the potential for a feasibility study on wetland restoration at the north end of Jubilee Park. Ms. Cameron and Ms. Roussin are involved with the Community Garden and have noticed the standing water in this area. Ms. Roussin spoke to the advantages of restoring the wetland and that the feasibility study would assist in identifying issues of aesthetics, functionality, traffic patterns and maintenance. Ms. Roussin stated that the standing water is providing natural

habitat for several types of animals. Ms. Roussin and Ms. Cameron presented examples of other restored wetlands. Ms. Roussin proposed that a feasibility study be the first step to see if restoration is possible and requested support-in-principle from Council and support from City Staff to liaise with for maintenance and infrastructure inquiries.

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**b) Delegation from the Rossland Library Board**

Ms. Debbie Nelson, trustee Rossland Public Library Board and Chris D'Odorico, Chairman of the Board, presented to Council on their proposed renovation project. Ms. Nelson presented information on the revitalization project and statistics on usage and program attendance. Ms. Nelson summarized how and why libraries are changing and how the Rossland Library can keep up with these changes and with patron needs. Ms. Nelson stated what the status of the project is and presented on the fundraising plan.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:**

**a) Request for Council Decision, Development Variance Permit Application – 2152 Queen Street, Planning Assistant**

MOTION: SPEARN/FISHER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO VARY THE INTERIOR SIDE SETBACK FROM 1.8 METRES TO 0 METRES – A 1.8 METRE VARIANCE AND A FRONT SETBACK VARIANCE FROM 4.0 METRES TO 0 METRES – A 4 METRE VARIANCE, FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, DISTRICT LOT 531, KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 11731 LOCATED AT 2152 QUEEN STREET WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. THAT ADEQUATE PARKING FOR 2 VEHICLES WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
2. THAT THE BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE REGISTERED ON TITLE BE ADDRESSED AND REMOVED.

CARRIED.

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**b) Request for Council Decision, Tourism Rossland Shuttle Bus Project and Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) Funds, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer**

Councillor Fisher declared a conflict of interest at 7:56 p.m.

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MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$42,000 OF RESORT MUNICIPALITY INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR THE INTERNAL SHUTTLE PROJECT FOR THE 2014/2015 AND 2015/2016 SKI SEASON WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT TOURISM ROSSLAND WORK TOWARDS REDUCING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT, USING RMI FUNDING, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH RMI PROJECT AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES.

DEFEATED.

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MOTION: SPEARN/THATCHER

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CARRIED.

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Councillor Fisher returned at 8:14 p.m.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **Correspondence from the Board of the Rossland Senior Housing Society regarding the loan agreement with the City of Rossland**

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT** THE ROSSLAND SENIORS HOUSING SOCIETY BEGINS AN INTEREST-ONLY PAYMENT ON THE OUTSTANDING \$270,000 LOAN DUE TO THE CITY OF ROSSLAND FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS AT THE RATE FOR 2.2% ANNUALLY (\$5940.00) AND AT THE END OF THE 5 YEAR PERIOD THE SOCIETY WILL BEGIN TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS OVER THE NEXT 25 YEARS ACCORDING TO THE LONG-TERM ANNUAL LENDING RATE SET BY THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (MFA),

**AND FURTHER;**

**RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE INCLUDED:**

- 1) **THAT NO FURTHER EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED**
- 2) **THAT SHOULD PAYMENTS FALL INTO ARREARS FOR ONE YEAR, OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY, GRANTING THE CITY, AS A NEW OWNER, FULL DISCRETION TO USE AND/OR DISPOSAL OF THE BUILDING;**
- 3) **THAT THE SOCIETY PAYS FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE LOAN.**

CARRIED.

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**b) Correspondence from the Rossland Fall Fair Core Group requesting City assistance and use of the Rossland Arena**

MOTION: SPEARN/ MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE REQUEST FROM THE ROSSLAND FALL FAIR CORE GROUP.**

CARRIED.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) to 10(c):

- a) UBCM – The Compass Newsletters dated: May 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> , 2014  
**Recommendation to receive and file.**
  - b) Gold Fever Follies Draft Service Agreement. **Recommendation to approve contract with seasonal rental payment of \$350 (plus GST) for 2015 and \$500 (plus GST) for 2016.**
  - c) City of Rossland Memorandum from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer regarding the 2014 Parcel Tax Roll authentication. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
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MOTION: FISHER/MOORE

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 10(a) TO 10(c) ARE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS:**

**a) Request for Council Decision, Multiple Family Form and Character Guidelines, Planning Assistant**

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2566, OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW BE READ FOR A SECOND TIME AND INCLUDE STAFF'S RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF JUNE 9, 2014.**

CARRIED.

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**MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)**

**Councillor Moore:**

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Withdrew the two notices of motion submitted as a committee has been struck to review all of the Auditor General for Local Government documents and the Action Plan and create a master list of the recommendations. Stated that the committee will then present the strategy to Staff for implementation. Inquired if any other Councillors would like to join the committee.
- Inquired about the deadline for grant applications in regards to the letter of support requested by Ms. Eva Cameron & Ms. Rachael Roussin for the Wetland feasibility study in Jubilee Park.
- Inquired on the status of Council's motion regarding the As and When Engineering Contract and when it will be put out for tender.

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MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO BLACK JACK CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB FOR THEIR APPLICATION FOR A HOSTING BC GRANT TO ASSIST INHOLDING A FIS NORAM COMPETITION IN DECEMBER 2014.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO COMPLETE A REPORT ON POTENTIAL GREEN WASTE AREAS FOR PUBLIC USE.**

DEFEATED.

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MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (RDKB) TO INVESTIGATE INTO ANY INEFFICIENCIES OF REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (RDKB) EXPENDITURES.**

CARRIED.

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**Councillor Spearn:**

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Will be attending the Rossland Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting in June.
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**Councillor Thatcher:**

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Stated that there is an Open House at the Museum on May 31, 2014
  - There will be a meeting of the Advisory Council on June 13, 2014 for the Museum Gateway Project
  - Inquired about the preliminary costs on the Thompson Avenue repair.
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**Mayor Granstrom:**

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Gave an updated on the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. Will be attending the Finance Meeting and Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Is still inquiring about the actual costs for the pipe bridge.
  - Will not be able to attend the Non-Profit Collaboration Night at the Miners' Hall on Wednesday, May 28, 2014
  - Attended the East End Services meeting on May 20
  - Will be attending the retirement ceremony of Fire Chief Gerry Woodhouse.
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**CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION:**

MOTION: FISHER/SPEARN

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

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: MAYOR GRANSTROM

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:54 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER