

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER (ACTING MAYOR)
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE
COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN

ABSENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM

STAFF PRESENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CFO C. Arnott
DEPUTY CAO/CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: WALLACE / SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 27, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: MOORE / FISHER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

DECLASSIFICATION RESOLUTION:

Nil

DELEGATIONS:

- a) **Delegation from Energy Task Force regarding the Kootenay Energy Diet Phase Two:**
Ms. Patricia Dehnel, Program Manager of the Kootenay Energy Diet and Steve Ash and Aaron Cosby, Rossland Sustainability Commission, presented a PowerPoint introducing the Kootenay Energy Diet. The delegation requested Council support and assist with promoting the initiative. The delegation also put forward a challenge to match other participating municipalities by offering a monetary promotion to reduce the \$60 fee for the initial energy audit.
- b) **Delegation from the Neighbourhood of Learning Committee:**
Mr. Aaron Cosby and Kristi Calder, Neighbourhood of Learning Committee, updated Council on the progress of the Independent/Distance Learning Task Force and the Public Kindergarten-Grade 12 Task Force (Municipal School District). The Independent/Distance Learning Task Force is looking at having something in place for the beginning of the next school year (September 2013).
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

Nil

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(h)

- a) UBCM – The Compass Newsletters for May 8, 2013 and May 15, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

- b) Letter form the Town of Port McNeill dated April 23, 2013 regarding vulnerable resource industries. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- c) Copy of the Lower Columbia Community Development Team' Energy Report and invitation to attend meeting on June 13, 2013. **Mayor Granstrom to attend meeting.**
- d) Rossland Chamber of Commerce Minutes from the May 14th, 2013 Board Meeting. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) Rossland Chamber of Commerce letter dated May 21, 2013 requesting use of Pioneer Park on July 1st, 2013 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Recommendation for Council to approve request.**
- f) Tourism Rossland Report for the May 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- g) Lower Columbia Initiatives (LCI) copy of the Columbia Basin Business Retention and Expansion Project Report and invitation to forum on May 29, 2013 in Rossland. **Recommendation for Council to RSVP if they would like to attend the forum.**
- h) Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer regarding 2013 Parcel Tax Rolls deemed to be authenticated. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

MOTION: MOORE / BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 10(a) TO 10(h) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Request for Council Decision, Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Definition of “Parcel Coverage, Building”, Manager of Planning and Development**

MOTION: MOORE / WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2553 – ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2013(3) BE READ A THIRD TIME.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE / SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2553 – ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2013(3) BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Spearn:

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Attendance at the last Neighbourhood of Learning (NoL) Meeting. Updated Council on the plans to administer the Columbia Basin Trust Community Directed Youth Funds and that the NoL will be moving forward with this initiative instead of the Sustainability Commission.
- Inquired into the unsuccessful grant application to the HRDC for summer students and if this would impact our hiring for the summer.
- Commented on the excellent shape of our trail system.

MOTION: SPEARN / MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$260.49 OVER THE ALLOCATED \$200 PER DAY UNDER POLICY NO. 03-05 FOR A REPLACEMENT WORKER DURING COUNCILLOR SPEARNS ATTENDANCE AT THE AKBLG CONVENTION.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wallace:

Councillor Wallace reported on the following items:

- Attended the May 21, 2013 meeting of the East End Services Committee and provided a summary of that meeting which included: delegations from the Canadian Columbia River Forum Committee and the Lower Columbia Ecosystem Management team presented at this meeting; Lower Columbia Initiatives requested a brainstorming session on the future of economic development delivery in the East End; and a request for a summer air show at the Trail Regional Airport – late August; a request for an extension of contract with Red Baron Aircraft Repair Inc. for continued admin support in meeting certification and safety standards.
- Toured Victorian Community Health Centre on May 22.
- Attended the Kootenay Boundary Regional Board Meeting on May 23, 2013 in which discussions arose regarding the restriction of the Board's mandate – contribution to capital expenditures and operations are beyond mandate (patient complaints, staffing matters, nurse practitioners, et cetera).
- Gave an update that the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board received financial statements and the sinking fund effect of MFA borrowing is allowing no requisition for 2013 and probably 2014 with possible surplus at end of debt. Stated that one option is to produce a negative requisition – pay back to taxpayers.
- Stated the Regional District Financial Statements were received in Committee-of-the-Whole Finance meeting.
- Rural BC project is requesting a letter of support from the individual communities in regard to the creation and implementation of a rural strategy to ensure the long term viability of rural communities. The strategy may include a Ministry specifically for this purpose with Regional

District staff supplying some framework. Director McGregor will present directly to Council if requested.

- BEDC – idea for a Visitors' Info Centre in Rock Creek.
- BC Hydro presentation regarding water levels in Castlegar on June 11, 2013.
- Stated the CRT Local Government committee final report should be available the end of June.
- BRE session will be held on May 29 at The Prestige from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Will be attending the Columbia Basin Trust Board meeting tomorrow at Prestige – public session at 4 p.m. and was asked to speak to welcome the Directors to the community and to speak on current issues in Rossland.

Councillor Blomme

Councillor Blomme reported on the following items:

- Broadband Task Force is currently in the process of applying for a SIDIT grant and is currently circulating their letter of intent to possible customers.
- Pole Contracts have been extended until June 30, 2013.

Councillor Moore

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Attended the Sustainability Commission meeting. Thorough minutes will be circulated to Council soon and stated that the group is encouraged by staff engagement in regards to the transition.
- Will be attending the Lower Columbia Community Development Team meeting on May 29, 2013 to discuss transition now that there is no funding for the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation. The group is committed to providing economic development service to the region.
- Expressed that declassified information should be attached to the next meeting agenda packages so that the public may become aware of the subject. Expressed that those minutes should be on the website and may improve the procedure.
- Stated she would like to see a copy of the Columbia Avenue/Washington Street Summary Report
- Inquired about when to expect a report on the Evergreen subdivision.
- Inquired if the Delegation Bylaw committee has met recently.
- Inquired if Management Staff has named participants for the sub-committee regarding a procurement and project management policy.
- Wanted to clarify when the first meeting regarding the 2014 budget will be held in June.
- Followed-up on a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting in February to inquire about the Cook Avenue School report and project.
- Stated her concern over the “Trail/Teck” amalgamation.

Councillor Thatcher (Acting Mayor):

Acting Mayor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Rossland Museum received 3 summer student grants from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

MOTION: MOORE / WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE ROSSLAND FIGURE SKATING CLUB TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATION FOR A BC GAMING GRANT.

CARRIED.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION:

MOTION: FISHER / WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING OF MAY 27, 2013 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY CHARTER SECTIONS 90(1)(K) NEGOTIATIONS.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ACTING MAYOR THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM



CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER