

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

PRESENT: MAYOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR AARON COSBEY
COUNCILLOR JOHN GREENE
COUNCILLOR LLOYD MCLELLAN
COUNCILLOR ANDY MOREL
COUNCILLOR ANDREW ZWICKER

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR MARTEN KRUYSSSE

STAFF PRESENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS D. Albo
PLANNER S. Lightbourne

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Moore called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Mr. Jim Markin, Rossland resident stated that there are traffic issues on McLeod Avenue. Mr. Markin has suggested for the Washington Street design to slow traffic on McLeod Avenue; several mixed uses (i.e. bikes, pedestrians) on McLeod and often conflicts with vehicle traffic. Mr. Markin suggested that there may be opportunity to change design and will submit to Council a new design for upper Washington Street.

Ms. Mia Boiridy, Rossland Tennis Court refurbishment team, stated that the tennis courts have 100 people in programs this summer. Ms. Boiridy also stated that they have collected 391 signatures in support of tennis in Rossland and suggested that the courts need refurbishment. She is looking for support from Council for the tennis courts and assurance that the land will remain as tennis courts into the future.

Ms. Laura Pettit, Rossland resident requested that the City keeps an eye on Thompson Avenue from Esling Street to the highway for parking, snow removal, and traffic. She suggested that more vehicles parked on the street in this area and that parking on both sides needs to be addressed.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Delegation from the Youth Action Network

Mr. Mike Kent, Youth Action Network Coordinator, presented t to Council on the Youth Action Network’s program highlights and current projects. The Youth Action Network proposed to Council on the potential use of a City-owned building located on the Emcon Lot and to reallocate the building on Emcon Lot to the Youth Action Network as location for youth services.

b) Delegation from the Rossland Skate Park – Robin Strachan, Heath Clement

Members of the Rossland Skate Park Association presented to Council on the Rossland Skate Park plan and design proposal. The request included:

Washington Ave Project Collaboration: (Not asking for it for free)

- Drainage tie in
- Capitalize on the project for use of equipment, tendering power for purchase of materials
- Keep Skatepark area clear for our construction – no Washington Ave equipment/materials

City staff time to:

- Support design completion/approval for complimentary fit, integration to lot, future consideration of remaining lot development
 - Re-zoning from light industrial to park space
 - City Works Support if and where they can.
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: COSBEY / MOREL

RESOLVED THAT MEETING AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 10, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

MOTION: COSBEY / MOREL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2015 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ZWICKER / GREENE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2015 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: COSBEY / MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2015 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Council Discussion Regarding Snow Removal Changes to Private Driveways, Mayor

MOTION: MOREL / MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO AMEND THE CITY OF ROSSLAND ROAD, SIDEWALK & STAIR SNOW REMOVAL POLICY (#06-05) IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE CRITERIA PERTAINING TO (PRIVATE) DRIVEWAYS AND BRING TO COUNCIL BY JANUARY 1, 2016.

CARRIED.

b) Council Discussion of the Draft Corporate Strategic Plan 2015-2018

MOTION: ZWICKER / MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES VERSION 2 OF THE CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

2.1.1: use version 1 instead of version 2

Final wording: 2.1.1 Improve opportunities for citizen feedback using a variety of mechanisms.

4.1.2: In front of the existing text on performance review: "Ensure that we have the right staff in place, with appropriate contracts and compensation, to achieve the goals of the strategic plan."

4.2.1: Change "reduce productivity losses," to "increase productivity."

Final wording: 4.2.1. Improve computer technology within City facilities to increase productivity

5.2.1: Add to existing text: “Help ensure that broadband also reaches the residential and non-downtown-core businesses of Rossland.”

5.2.2: Use amended version from version 1

Final wording: 5.2.2 Support Tourism Rossland, the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation and community efforts to create targeted marketing plans to attract new residents to improve economy and vibrancy of Rossland.

5.3.2: include in version 2 (was deleted)

Final wording: 5.3.2 Prepare business cases for energy projects to generate new City revenue and/or reduce operating costs.

5.3.3: replace existing wording with: “Create a strategy for the development of the Midtown transitions lands with a focus on Emcon/Third Avenue.”

5.4.2: include in version 2 (was deleted)

Final wording: 5.4.2 Provide more support for food sustainability.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOREL /COSBEY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PREPARE MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN.

CARRIED.

c) Motion to postpone the Water And Sewer Rate Implementation

MOTION: MCLELLAN /MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESCINDS THE MOTION PASSED AT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES BY JANUARY 1, 2016.

CARRIED.

MOTION: COSBEY /MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PURCHASE A PLANNING SPREADSHEET TOOL/MODEL FROM DFA INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MANAGING WATER AND SEWER RATES, FOR A BUDGET OF UP TO \$3500.

CARRIED.

d) Notice of Motion from Councillor Zwicker regarding the Sustainability Commission

MOTION: ZWICKER/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO INVESTIGATE A SEPARATE FUNDING PROCEDURE, OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDING APPLICATION, FOR THE CITY OF ROSSLAND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

a) Request for Decision, Development Variance Permit Application for 2680 Iron Colt Avenue, Planner

MOTION: COSBEY/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO VARY THE DRIVEWAY WIDTH REQUIREMENT FROM 4.0 METRES TO 6.1 METRES – A 2.1 METRE VARIANCE; FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 16 DL 796 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PL NEP21833; LOCATED AT 2680 IRON COLT AVENUE.

CARRIED.

b) Request for Decision, FireSmart Grant, Planner

MOTION: MCLELLAN/COSBEY

WHEREAS THE CITY OF ROSSLAND MEETS ALL THE CONDITIONS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2016 FIRESMART GRANT PROGRAM;

AND WHEREAS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT ROSSLAND IS A HIGHER RISK COMMUNITY DUE TO THE STEEP TERRAIN, TOPOGRAPHY AND THE INTERFACE AND INTERMIX FIRE POTENTIAL THAT EXISTS AROUND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY;

AND WHEREAS ROSSLAND CITY COUNCIL WISHES TO TAKE A PROACTIVE, PREVENTATIVE APPROACH TO MITIGATE AND MANAGE THE RISK OF INTERFACE FIRES;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ROSSLAND CITY COUNCIL ENDORSES

THE APPLICATION AND WILL PROVIDE GRANT MANAGEMENT FOR THE 2016 FIRESMART GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS TO UNDERTAKE FIRESMART PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR PRIVATE LANDS.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) Request for Decision, Third Reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2602, Planner

MOTION: ZWICKER/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL READS ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2602, 2015(5) FOR THE THIRD TIME.

CARRIED.

STAFF UPDATES & REPORTS:

Nil

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Correspondence from Tourism Rossland regarding Requests for Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas Event

MOTION: COSBEY/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES TOURISM ROSSLAND'S REQUESTS FOR REKINDLE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS EVENT.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 19(a) to 19(f):

- a) Tourism Rossland October 28, 2015 Update. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- b) Sustainability Commission Minutes from October 22, 2015. **Recommendation to receive and approve any recommendations within.**
- c) Building Permit Report for October 2015. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- d) Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2015. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) Rossland Museum Development Committee Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2015. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

- f) Press Releases regarding Recreation Negotiations with the City of Trail. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
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MOTION: COSBEY/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 19(a) to 19(f) ARE RECEIVED AND ARE ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Greene:

Councillor Greene reported on the following items:

- Heritage Commission nothing to report
 - Museum development committee minutes are coming. Joelle is a good champion for the project.
 - Council Bobsled is under construction
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Councillor Zwicker:

Councillor Zwicker reported on the following items:

- Food security task force group will be meeting on November 18, 2015.
 - Plan to apply for grant for food security plan (\$15,000 over 3 years).
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MOTION: ZWICKER/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ALLOCATES THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE BUDGET OF \$500 TO IMPROVING CITY'S EMAIL.

CARRIED.

Councillor Morel:

Councillor Morel reported on the following items:

- Rossland Council for Arts and Culture will be meeting about Miners Hall. Exciting project. Wants to know how structure will work.
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Councillor Cosbey:

Councillor Cosbey reported on the following items:

- Broadband POP installed by Library. In ground work is done. Testing will be done by end of November. Should be offering internet service to downtown businesses by January.
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Mayor Moore:

Mayor Moore reported on the following items:

- Visions for Small Schools: request to re-allocate funding from Columbia Basin Trusts Community Initiatives Program grant. Suggested that Council should review and approve their request to send with Councillor McLellan to Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for final approval. Stated that last spring they were allocated funds to purchase a printing press. Now want to teach them research skills and help move the school forward. Good learning and problem solving.
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MOTION: COSBEY/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CLOTHING TRANSFER MACHINE FOR A RESEARCH PROJECT ON HOW TO ATTRACT MORE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND FURTHER THAT COUNCILLOR MCLLELAN TAKE TO THE PROPOSAL TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

CARRIED.

- Easy Peasy Changing stations are being installed by Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy in several locations. Rossland Public Library opening will be opening on the November 17th. Stated that she would love to see City hall be a part of the program, but don't think we have room for a changing table.
- SIDIT grant for \$25,000 to help with hooking up new customers to broadband was successful.
- Attended the Museum's very interesting lecture on Canada's home children.
- Water & Sewer Rate Public Consultation will take place on Thursday, November 12. The results of Thoughtexchange process are out and top questions will be posted to website. Very interesting to see the variety of inquiries. I've answered not just the ones that got the most stars but also a number of others to address the diversity of questions. Since we are still working on how the actual structure will be set up, the report will cover the topic quite well. We will have the meeting for anyone who wants to see the results in person, rather than on line.
- Winter Market was well attended, chatted with lots of people. Good for Council to attend.
- Attended the Celebration of Environmental educators. Wonderful to see the inspirational educators and their projects and to learn about Provincial Government increasing commitment to promoting environmental education for all ages.

- Veterans dinner- great honor to be invited to the dinner, attended with Councillor Morel. Still have several WW2 Veterans in our community and the widows of many more.
- Remembrance Day service begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Legion. Hope all can join. Walk to cenotaph for the traditional ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

RELEASE OF DECLASSIFIED IN-CAMERA MATTERS

Nil

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: COSBEY/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 90(1)(C) LABOUR RELATIONS, 90(1)(E) DISPOSITION OF LAND AND 90(1)(K) NEGOTIATIONS OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER*.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: COSBEY/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED 8:15P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR KATHY MOORE


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER –
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