

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR TIM THATCHER
COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR JODY BLOMME

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

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Mr. Ryan McGill, Rossland Time Capsule Project, summarized the project and thanked the volunteers, committee members and sponsors involved in making the project possible. The Capsule itself contained approximately 100 items and weighed approximately 100 pounds. Mr. McGill circulated a Project Report Summary. Mr. McGill presented a picture of the Rossland Time Capsule Sealing Ceremony held during Golden City Days and mentioned it was well-attended. Mr. McGill thanked Council and City Staff for their support for this project and stated that the plaque will be installed in front of the Rossland Public Library in the Spring of 2014.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOORE/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 25, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

MOTION: THATCHER/FISHER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2013 BE ADOPTED WITH AN AMENDMENT TO COUNCILLOR THATCHER'S MEMBER REPORT TO CORRECT THE FOLLOWING: "that the Rossland Museum Annual General Meeting will be held at the museum not the at the Prestige Mountain Resort".

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE/FISHER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2013 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Delegation from the Rossland Council for Arts and Culture

Ms. Renate Fleming, President of the Rossland Council for Arts and Culture, updated Council on the highlights of the previous year and the continuation of regular and special programs. Ms. Fleming summarized how the City of Rossland supports the Rossland Council of Arts and Culture through funding, in-kind assistance and free use of the Miners Hall. Ms. Fleming summarized the improvements made to the Miners Hall in 2013 and requested that Council provides the letters of support to assist with grant applications for the Miners Hall Renovations project.

Councillor Wallace assumed Chair at 7:17 p.m.

Ms. Ann Damude, Miners Hall Renovation Committee, updated Council on the Miners Hall Renovation project and summarized the requests from the last meeting. Ms. Damude has met with two funders (Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program and Creative Spaces BC) in regards to the Miners Hall Renovation project. Ms. Damude requested letters of support from the City in order to apply for grant funding with Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program and Creative Spaces BC.

Mayor Granstrom returned as Chair at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROSSLAND COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURE TO APPLY TO COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST FOR GRANT FUNDING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SPEARN/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROSSLAND COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURE TO APPLY TO BC CREATIVE SPACES FOR GRANT FUNDING.

CARRIED.

b) Delegation from the Youth Action Network

Mr. Mike Kent, Youth Action Network (YAN), introduced the Strategic Plan for the Youth Action Network regarding upcoming programs, initiatives and thanked the youth delegation that attended the Council meeting. Mr. Kent summarized the progress to date regarding the Youth Action Network and has presented the priorities identified by youth in Rossland at a youth planning session held on September 30, 2013. Mr. Kent stated that current grant funding will be used to implement the priorities identified: youth events, parkour and arts programming. Mr. Kent thanked the City for administering the funds and for the support from Rossland Recreation. Mr. Kent requested that Council considers waiving user fees for youth events and programs and will provide Council a formal request soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

a) Request for Decision – Municipal Security Issuing Resolution, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Corporate Officer

MOTION: WALLACE/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES BORROWING FROM THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, AS PART OF THE SPRING BORROWING SESSION, FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000) AS AUTHORIZED THROUGH THE COLUMBIA AVENUE AND WASHINGTON STREET UPGRADE LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 2554 AND THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BE REQUESTED TO CONSENT TO OUR BORROWING OVER A THIRTY (30) YEAR TERM AND INCLUDE THE BORROWING IN THEIR SECURITY ISSUING BYLAW.

CARRIED.

b) For Council Discussion – Draft Community Funding Application Form and Draft Grant-In-Aid Policy

Council discussed the draft Community Funding Application Form and draft Grant-In-Aid Policy. Council inquired to Staff and Committee members on the Application Form for clarification on Eligibility and Non-Eligibility Criteria.

MOTION: MOORE/FISHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL MAKES THE GRANT-IN-AID POLICY AND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013 FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. AND ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013 FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Letter dated November 3rd, 2013 from the Rossland Council for Arts and Culture requesting assignment of space for rotating sculpture downtown.**

MOTION: WALLACE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF THE SIDEWALK BUMP-OUT ON THE NORTH-WEST SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION OF COLUMBIA AVENUE AND WASHINGTON STREET FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A ROTATING SCULPTURE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES IN-KIND ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH THE PREPARATION AND INSTALLATIONS OF THIS PUBLIC ART PIECE IN 2014.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 20(a) to 20(c):

- a) UBCM – The Compass Newsletter for November 6th and 13th, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
 - b) Columbia Basin Trust Youth Grants Program Contribution Agreement for the Rossland Youth Week Celebration. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
 - c) AKBLG Notice of Annual General Meeting and First Call for Resolutions 2014. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
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MOTION: WALLACE/FISHER

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 20(a) to 20(c) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

Nil

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Moore:

MOTION: MOORE/FISHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO ADD A BRIEFING SECTION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS SECTION 8.2A OF THE PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 2522 FOR BOTH THE REGULAR AND IN-CAMERA AGENDAS.

DEFEATED.

Councillor Wallace:

Councillor Wallace reported on the following items:

- Fire Service study will be received and therefore made public at a meeting on December 2, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the Muriel Griffiths room (Greater Trail Community & Arts Centre).
- Will be attending the Kootenay Boundary Hospital meeting on Wednesday in Castlegar. A Facility assessment was done of the facilities within the region. Stated that reports show considerable deficit in our local facilities. The report has not yet been made public by Ministry of Health.
- A report with considerable detail will be released on November 30, 2013 regarding Public Safety Answer Point (PSAP).
- Updated Council on the Policy, Executive and Personnel committee's discussion regarding Director Remuneration compared to other districts. Will share info with council when ready.
- Stated that BC Transit projected budgets show considerable required increases. There will be ongoing discussions about the level of service delivery and setting of performance standards.
- Environmental Services Update: decision for cost savings in the Multi Materials BC program for the beginning of May 2014. There may be a shift of resources to organic diversion and the corresponding increase to the life of our landfills.
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary received top award from Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association for the highest collection rates in the province.
- Sewerage: made motion to request that staff compile data on water usage of the 3 communities and electoral participant, however it was defeated.
- Liquid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee made a motion to request approval of approximately \$5000 to do a hydrogeological assessment as to the viability of a satellite treatment plant to serve Rossland population that was defeated. Motion carried to have options 1 and 2 go for public consult, Rossland opposed these options to go to public consult.

- Trail & District Arts Council presented to the East End Services Committee on their study of the Charles Bailey theatre and proposal to take over operations of the theatre.
 - Voiced concern regarding the recent ice formation on Highway 3B (on the hill to and from Trail).
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MOTION: WALLACE/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO CONTACT EMCON TO LOOK AT DRAINAGE ISSUES WHERE WATER CAN FREEZE AND CAUSE SAFETY ISSUES ON HIGHWAY 3B.

CARRIED.

Councillor Thatcher:

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Reminder presentation by Mr. Donald Luxton at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers regarding the Museum Gateway project on Thursday, November 28, 2013.
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Councillor Spearn:

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Neighbourhood of Learning Committee is currently helping and supporting the 7 Summits School.
 - Stated that there is intention to hold a Neighbourhood of Learning meeting this week so that she can report to Council.
 - Inquired to staff on the status of the Rossland Word Mark project and when the City will start to transition to the new word mark.
 - Inquired about the MacLean School Annex and if Staff has had a conversation with the School District.
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Councillor Moore:

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Attended the Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT) meeting and heard the presentation on Biomass by Dave Lovekin from the Pembina Institute. He presented on opportunities for new business start-ups that could make use of this new sector.
 - Discussed the Columbia Basin Trust Community Directed Funds initiative to disburse \$200,000 for 3 years. Stated that 7 municipal representatives were appointed and 3 at-large representatives have been chosen: Nadine Tremblay from arts/culture perspective, Anne Marie Seguin from a business background, and Betty Ann Marino, long time regional volunteer for community organizations. This group is independent but is managed under the Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT).
 - Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT) energy group is continuing to work with Ministry on rate disparity. Is hopeful for some movement there in the New Year.
 - Coordinator of Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation reported on the Provincial Nominee event that tries to match parties (generally immigrants) wishing to invest in

British Columbia with businesses for sale. She noted that they are looking for larger opportunities than rural areas have on offer here and that there is a need to look more broadly at how to package opportunities in order to be more appealing. Noted that for a Provincial Nominee, they must agree to invest \$600,000 if they are looking in the Lower Mainland, but only \$200,000 to invest in rural areas.

- Stated that the Invest Kootenay website is a pay-to-play regional website listing all commercial and business opportunities and that all listings are automatically uploaded to the Opportunities BC website.
- Teck update: next shut down is scheduled for fall 2014 and will bring approximately 600 temporary workers into the area. Noted that this may be an economic boost for the area.
- Attainable Housing Committee has received the green light for first phase approval. The next step is to provide more information in order to be well-prepared for the acquisition phase.
- Gave an update that the Metallurgy Committee is working to expand and spin-off business opportunities from Teck. They are also working with Selkirk College, the Kootenay Association for Science and Technology, University of British Columbia Cooperative program and are expanding the Business Retention and Expansion study to focus on research ideas to expand business opportunities in our region.
- Chamber of Commerce in Trail talked about work with Rural Development Institute, Selkirk for free digital media workshops that are being offered. Stated that it would be good to have someone represent the Rossland Chamber of Commerce. Next meeting will be held on December 19th, 2013.
- East End Services seven municipalities have decided to let the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation carry over \$140,000 to continue operations into the next year, but did not authorize any additional funds for the Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT).
- Inquired about the Rossland Broadband Initiative and if a contract has been signed or if there was progress on attracting service providers? Expressed that some residents are curious about the pricing scheme.
- Felt that some people have the impression that the city is in a lot of debt and requested that Staff issue an update of our long term and short term borrowing limits and the amount of debt that we currently have outstanding.
- Submitted a Notice of Motion requesting a summary of the City of Rossland's current borrowing capacity and indebtedness in the long-term and short-term.
- Submitted a Notice of Motion requesting Staff to ask ISL Engineering for a list of the invoices submitted to the City of Rossland for the Columbia/Washington Project.
- Stated that she feels Council may get annoyed by the fact that she asks questions and make a number of motions but feels she is asking for information that should be provided as a matter of course. Councillor Moore stated examples, Council should be:
 - 1) informed about active Development Permits
 - 2) provided full accounting of the costs of major infrastructure projects like the Columbia/Washington project
 - 3) provided quarterly updates to our financial plan or to be kept updated on the amount debt outstanding.
- Stated that Council is doing the public's business and should be kept up to date so we can make informed decisions.

Mayor Granstrom:

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation is seeking funding from other sources.
- Commented on Councillor Moore's comment on questions during her Member's Report and reiterated that all items requested of Staff by Council are being handled in due priority.
- Sewer arbitration meeting with lawyer on Wednesday.
- Budget is ongoing, Auditor General of Local Government is ongoing.
- Museum meeting will be held on Thursday, November 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Ms. Tracey Butler, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer:

Ms. Butler updated Council on the following items:

- Ms. Lois Hunter, Accountant/Comptroller, would like to hold the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting regarding the budget with Council on December 9, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (dinner to be provided) instead of on December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Ms. Hunter will hand-out information at the meeting and hopes to walk Council through the process.
- Another Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. to answer any questions from Council

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: SPEARN/WALLACE

RESOLVED THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2013 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 90(1)(G) LITIGATION OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER*.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:04 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM


CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER