

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013

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

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR CARY FISHER
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE

STAFF PRESENT: DEPUTY CAO/CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT C. Añonuevo
PLANNING ASSISTANT S. Lightbourne
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS D. Albo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Mr. Roland Proctor voiced his concerns regarding his dog, Whitey, who was picked up at large on October 10, 2013 and is being held at the SPCA. Outstanding fines associated with his dog total \$2,500 and Mr. Proctor expressed that he is unable to pay this amount at this time. Mr. Proctor reiterated that this incident was an accident. Mr. Proctor insisted that his dog is not a dangerous dog and described other dogs in the neighbourhood being at large, as well. Mr. Proctor requested f Council to allow him to pay a reduced fee due to his monthly income.

Ms. Laura Pettit, resident, spoke in regards to the Social Planning exercise and would like more information in order to understand the progress of the exercise. Inquired about hiring a specialist for this exercise and expressed a request for public input in the process.

Mr. Tyler Merringer, 1533 Monita Street, attended the public hearing regarding the Cooke Avenue School rezoning application. Mr. Merringer felt that the public hearing was too brief and would have liked a question and answer period to have been included in the process. Mr. Merringer expressed his opinion that the public hearing was not advertised adequately and would like another public hearing so that questions can be answered and expressed his concerns over the subdivision application. Mr. Merringer voiced his concern over how the proposed subdivision does not fit into the existing neighbourhood.

Mr. John Marion, 1543 Thompson Avenue, voiced his concern over the Cooke Avenue School rezoning and requested that Council consider the density impacts to the proposal. Mr. Marion expressed his

concern over the impact of the proposal and the safety concerns regarding the existing traffic on the street. Mr. Marion also expressed his appreciation of Council during this process.

Mr. Roy Poznikoff, 1541 Thompson Avenue, voiced his concern over property values being devalued if this proposal goes ahead.

Ms. Kimberly Joines, 1638 Thompson Avenue, reiterated her concerns that were expressed in her letter to Council and voiced concerns about the quality of the proposed buildings.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: THATCHER/ SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 15, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

MOTION: SPEARN/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: BLOOME/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2013 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION: THATCHER/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO MAKE CHANGES TO BYLAW NO. 2547 – ZONING AMENDMENT REGARDING THE COOKE AVENUE SCHOOL SITE TO ADDRESS SOME OR ALL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD’S CONCERNS.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: SPEARN/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL HOLDS A COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERNS WITH THE PLANNING ASSISTANT, APPROPRIATE STAFF AND THE DEVELOPER IN ORDER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF TO AMEND THE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

a) Request For Decision – Planning Assistant, Bylaw No. 2558 – Public Hearing Date

MOTION: SPEARN/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESETS THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR BYLAW NO. 2558 – ZONING AMENDMENT, 2013(4), MA-1-RECREATIONAL CABIN, FROM OCTOBER 15TH, 2013 TO OCTOBER 28TH, 2013.

CARRIED.

b) Request for Decision – Planning Assistant, Development Variance Permit for Redstone Drive Sidewalks.

The Mayor called a brief recess at 7:44 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION: MOORE/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DOES NOT APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO INSTALL PERMEABLE SIDEWALKS.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: MOORE/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO STAFF FOR A REPORT REGARDING OPTIONS FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY IN THE REDSTONE DEVELOPMENT.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: BLOMME/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION TO NOT INSTALL PERMEABLE SIDEWALKS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF REDSTONE DRIVE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THATCHER/MOORE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS REDSTONE RESORT SUBMIT A TRAIL PLAN FOR ALL OF REDSTONE,

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT IF THE TRAIL PLAN IS NOT APPROVED BY COUNCIL, THEN INSTALLATION OF THE PERMEABLE SIDEWALK BE INSTALLED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF REDSTONE DRIVE.

CARRIED.

Ms. Lightbourne was excused at 8:16 p.m.

c) Request for Decision – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer, Rossland Swimming Pool Society

MOTION: THATCHER/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ROSSLAND SWIMMING POOL SOCIETY.

CARRIED.

d) Request for Decision – Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer, Joint Venture Christina Gateway Community Development Association.

MOTION: BLOMME/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTINA GATEWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT THIS PARTNERSHIP WOULD ENTAIL, AS WELL AS, ASSIST COUNCIL IN UNDERSTANDING JUST HOW THIS JOINT VENTURE WILL WORK.

CARRIED.

e) Request for Decision – Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer, Staff Direction for the 2014 to 2018 Financial Planning Process.

MOTION: BLOMME/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL STARTS THE 5-YEAR FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS BY SETTING COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING'S TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- SERVICE LEVEL OPTION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PLANNING
- RECREATION AND FACILITIES

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 17(a) to 17(h)

- a) ATCO Wood Products Letter regarding Development of Area E. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- b) UBCM – The Compass Newsletters for September 20 & October 2, 2013. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- c) Government of Canada information regarding National Seniors Day. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- d) Letter from the RCMP regarding Rossland crime statistics. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- e) SIDIT Grant Approval Letter regarding the Rossland Broadband Initiative. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- f) Heritage Commission minutes from the September 30, 2013 Regular Meeting. **Recommendation to receive and approve and recommendations within.**
- g) Rossland Chamber of Commerce request for City assistance for Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas event. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- h) CBT Youth Grants Program Application form. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

MOTION: MOORE/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 17(a) TO 17(h) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) Request for Decision – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer, City of Rossland Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 2559**

MOTION: SPEARN/BLOMME

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING OF BYLAW NO. 2559 – CITY OF ROSSLAND REVENUE ANTICIPATION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

- b) Request for Decision – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer, City of Rossland Temporary Loan Bylaw No. 2560 – Columbia Washington Project**

MOTION: BLOMME/THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING OF BYLAW NO. 2560 – CITY OF ROSSLAND TEMPORARY LOAN BYLAW.

CARRIED.

- c) Request for Decision – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer, Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2561**

MOTION: BLOMME/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS BYLAW NO. 2561- 2014 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Blomme:

Councillor Blomme reported on the following items:

- Rossland Chamber of Commerce does not currently have an Executive Director. The board is currently taking on the duties.
 - Ms. Janet Fraser is organizing Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas event this year and is the contact person for inquiries.
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MOTION: BLOMME/SPEARN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS THE CITY TO SUBMIT THE FORTIS BC COMMUNITY GRANT FUND APPLICATION REQUESTING IN-KIND SERVICES IN THE FORM OF ANNUAL WAIVING OF THE POLE RENTAL FEES.

CARRIED.

Councillor Spearn:

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Attended the Rossland Museum Gateway presentation by the Donald Luxton and Associates at the Rossland Museum.
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Councillor Thatcher:

Councillor Thatcher reported on the following items:

- Approximately 30-40 people attended the presentation at the museum regarding the Rossland Museum Gateway Project.
 - Inquired about the electronic vehicle charging station and current usage.
 - Mentioned the CBC radio report by Mr. Bob Keating saying that there are no electric-vehicle charging stations in the Kootenays. Council discussed that Rossland does provide this service and the Mayor has contacted CBC in regards to their error.
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Councillor Moore:

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Attended the Sustainability Commission Meeting on October 9, 2013. Updated Council on their current projects and that the Sustainability Commission will be coming as a Delegation to Council in November.
- Rossland Car Share project in moving forward and Ms. Tracey Butler is currently handling the designated parking space.
- The Kootenay Energy Diet has 46 people from Rossland signed up, however program has been hampered due to the Fortis Strike.
- Fortis Rate Differential is being pursued by the Lower Columbia Community Development Team and local mayors group to discuss the inequities in pricing between FortisBC and BC Hydro

- Two members of the Innovative Education Task Force attended Royal Roads workshop and received five proposals. Councillor Moore thanked the City of Rossland for funding the travel expenses.
- Participated in a discussion regarding the Rossland Indicators Project. The next round of indicator measurements will be in 2014 and Council should factor this date in at budget time as the Sustainability Commission does not have a budget.
- Will be attending the Columbia Basin Trust Symposium.
- Indicated that Mr. Kelvin Saldern is the new Community Liaison for Columbia Basin Trust
- Mentioned that the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation's five-year plan has been approved by Columbia Basin Trust
- Attended the Rossland Museum Gateway Open House
- Recommended that members of the community be invited to sit on of the following three committees: Service Level Option, Community Development and Social Planning, Recreation and Facilities
- Inquired about the Project List for Council to be kept informed of how projects are progressing.

Mayor Granstrom:

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Attended the Rossland Museum Gateway Open House and presentation by Donald Luxton
- Will be attending the rate differential discussion to address the pricing differential between FortisBC and BC Hydro
- Met with the new Chief Administrative Officer of Columbia Power who may be presenting to Council next month.

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: SPEARN/ THATCHER

RESOLVED THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2013 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 90(1)(C) LABOUR RELATIONS, (G) LITIGATION AND (K) – NEGOTIATIONS OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER*.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GRANSTROM

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:55P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM



CORPORATE OFFICER - TRACEY BUTLER