

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

PRESENT: MAYOR KATHY MOORE
COUNCILLOR JOHN GREENE
COUNCILLOR MARTEN KRUYSSSE
COUNCILLOR LLOYD MCLELLAN
COUNCILLOR ANDY MOREL
COUNCILLOR ANDREW ZWICKER

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR AARON COSBEY

STAFF PRESENT: INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER M. Maturo
ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER L. Hunter
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER C. Añonuevo

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:

Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MCLELLAN/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO ITEM 14 – RECESS TO IN-CAMERA MEETING: SECTION 90(1)(C) – LABOUR RELATIONS AND 90(1)(K) – NEGOTIATIONS OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER*.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Delegation from Interior Health’s BC Healthy Communities Initiative

Ms. Kerri Wall, Community Health Facilitator with Interior Health for the East and West Kootenays, outlined her role in promoted healthy policy making and presented a PowerPoint

presentation on Interior Health's Healthy Communities initiative. Ms. Wall outlined the factors that contribute to community health and the role local government has in relationship to community health. Ms. Wall requested a possible partnership agreement between the City of Rossland and Interior Health.

b) Delegation from Columbia Basin Trust

Mr. Kelvin Saldern, Community Liaison with Columbia Basin Trust, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Columbia Basin Trust's program highlights for 2014/2015. Mr. Saldern stated that Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) delivered \$22 million in programs and services to the Columbia Basin and how they were delivered. Mr. Saldern summarized Columbia Basin Trust's Strategic Priorities for 2016 to 2020, their current financial position and next steps.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

a) MOTION: ZWICKER/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

b) MOTION: MOREL/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

c) MOTION: GREENE/KRUYSSSE

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 BE ADOPTED WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION REGARDING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN MS. JEN ELLIS AND THE CITY OF ROSSLAND. THE MOTION SHOULD READ:

"RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSLAND AND MS. JEN ELLIS TO FACILITATE THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION."

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Request for Council Decision, Encompass Benefits Update, Acting Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: KRUYSSSE/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DEFERS THE BENEFIT PREMIUM REVIEW UNTIL APRIL 2016.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:

a) Request for Council Decision, Street Light Policy, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION: MOREL/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE STREET LIGHT POLICY NO. 07-03;

AND FURTHER,

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES A REDUCTION (THROUGH DISCONNECTION OR REMOVAL) OF MID-BLOCK STREET LIGHTS AS WELL AS AT CORNERS WHERE MORE THAN ONE STREETLIGHT ILLUMINATES THE CORNER AREA.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: ZWICKER/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE STREET LIGHT POLICY NO. 07-03 WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO POLICY OBJECTIVE 1 TO READ "TO SAFELY ILLUMINATE THE CITY OF ROSSLAND".

CARRIED.

MOTION: ZWICKER/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR THE POLICY AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) Request for Council Decision, Bylaw No. 2599 Permissive Tax Exemptions for 2016-2018, Acting Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Greene declared a conflict of interest at 7:46 p.m. due to being on the board of directors for one of the applicants.

MOTION: ZWICKER/ KRUYSSSE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL READS BYLAW NO. 2599 – 2016-2018 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIMES.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: MOREL/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AMENDS SECTIONS 1.1 & 2.1 BYLAW No. 2599 – 2016-2018 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW TO CHANGE THE EXEMPTION LENGTH BACK TO ONE YEAR.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOREL/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL READS BYLAW NO. 2599 – 2016-2018 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW AS AMENDED FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIMES.

CARRIED.

Councillor Greene returned at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION: MCLELLAN/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND PROVIDE A REPORT ON WHAT COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES PROVIDE AS PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS WITH COPIES OF THEIR POLICIES.

CARRIED.

b) Request for Council Decision, Bylaw No. 2596 Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw, Acting Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: MCLELLAN/ZWICKER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL READS BYLAW NO. 2596 – 2016 REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIMES.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOREL/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT (SCHEDULE C) AND CERTIFICATE (SCHEDULE D) OF BYLAW 2488.

CARRIED.

c) Request for Council Decision, Bylaw No. 2600 Water Rate Bylaw & Bylaw No. 2601 Sewer Rate Bylaw, Acting Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: MCLELLAN/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL READS BYLAW NO. 2600 – WATER RATE BYLAW FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND TIMES.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ZWICKER/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL READS BYLAW NO. 2601 – SEWER RATE BYLAW FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND TIMES.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KRUYSSSE/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO ORGANIZE A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS FOR BYLAWS 2600 – WATER SERVICE RATE BYLAW AND BYLAW 2601 – SEWER RATE BYLAW,

AND FURTHER;

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO CONTACT PROPERTY OWNERS THAT MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RATE CHANGES WITH AN INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

CARRIED.

d) Request for Council Decision, Bylaw No. 2595 Loan Authorization Bylaw for the Washington Street Infrastructure Renewal Project, Acting Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: KRUYSSE/ZWICKER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS CALENDAR.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MCLELLAN/ZWICKER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE PUBLIC NOTICE OPTION ONE FOR THE NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

DEFEATED.

MOTION: KRUYSSE/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE PUBLIC NOTICE OPTION TWO AS PRESENTED IN THE STAFF REPORT WITH THE AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS:

- The cost to the average household – exclude tax increase and include the average assessed value used to calculate the cost to the average household
- Removal of paragraph three.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ZWICKER/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE ELECTOR'S RESPONSE FORM – OPTION TWO FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 86(3)(B) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MCLELLAN/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FAIR DETERMINATION OF ELECTORS IN THE CITY OF ROSSLAND TO BE 2712 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE ADOPTION OF BYLAW NO. 2595 INTENDED TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING/FINANCING FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING THE WASHINGTON STREET INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL PROJECT.

CARRIED.

e) Request for Council Decision, Bylaw No. 2598 2015-2019 Financial Plan Amendment, Acting Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: KRUYSSSE/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS BYLAW NO. 2598 – 2015-2019 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW.

CARRIED.

STAFF UPDATES & REPORTS:

Nil

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Correspondence from the Kootenay Columbia Trails Society requesting a property tax relief program for owners of private managed forests who contribute to public recreation.

MOTION: MOREL/MCLELLAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO RESPOND RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PRIVATE MANAGED FORESTS, EXPRESS APPRECIATION, AND OUTLINE LIMITATION TO OFFERING A PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 16(a) to 16(e):

- a) Lower Columbia Initiatives Skills Workforce Development. **Recommendation to Receive and File.**
- b) Red Mountain Resort Public Notice – Projects Underway. **Recommendation to Receive and File.**

- c) Tourism Rossland 2016 Rossland Summer Escape Guide. **Recommendation to Receive and File.**
 - d) Heritage BC Conference News Release & Conference Information. **Recommendation to Receive and File.**
 - e) Washington Street Design Charrette September 30th, 2015 notice. **Recommendation to Receive and File.**
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MOTION: COSBEY/MOREL

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS 16(a) to 16(e) ARE RECEIVED AND ARE ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

MEMBERS REPORTS (VERBAL)

Councillor Zwicker:

Councillor Zwicker reported on the following items:

- Attended UBCM Convention in Vancouver and stated that he found the discussion on Council wages interesting. Attended many meetings and workshops
 - Stated that the Convention provided a great for contacts and enjoyed the trade show
 - Will be attending Heritage BC Conference this week.
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Councillor Greene:

Councillor Greene reported on the following items:

- Stated that the Heritage BC conference will begin on Thursday in Rossland.
 - Attended the Rossland Museum meeting on Friday
 - Museum Development Committee meeting will be held on September 30, 2015 however cannot attend due to volunteer commitments at the Heritage BC Conference.
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Councillor Kruyse:

Councillor Kruyse reported on the following items:

- Attended the Tourism Rossland Annual General Meeting on September 15, 2015
 - Stated that one of the main factors affecting tourism presently is the US exchange rate.
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Mayor Moore:

Mayor Moore reported on the following items:

- Attended the UBCM 2015 Convention in Vancouver and will provide Council with a report on the meetings attended. Highlighted the following:
 - **Highway 3 Coalition Meeting with Minister Todd Stone of the Ministry of Transportation**
 - **Resort Municipality Initiative meeting- with Minister Shirley Bond of the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training**
 - Spoke with Minister Bond about Rossland's successes: doubling tourism revenue since 2007, new hotel, snow making, ski hill expansion and the critical nature of our shuttle.
 - **BC Mayor Climate leadership invitation** with Minister Mary Polak (Ministry of Environment) and Minister Mike Bernier (Ministry of Education) and staff, MLAs from all parties. Provided a good opportunity to explain to the Ministers of the barriers facing small communities.
 - **Rural Dividend Fund: \$75 million over 3 years** available to communities under 25,000 people, criteria to be announced soon.
 - **BC Mayors Caucus Meeting:** mayors uniting from across the Province to speak on key issues to the Province.
 - **Meeting with Minister Fassbender and senior staff of the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development:** discussed our ongoing infrastructure needs, (still have grants yet to be awarded) reviewed the situation with the pipe and pedestrian bridge and frustration with the process.
 - **More Small Community Funding announced:** \$90 million (intake is from October to April, 2015 with announcements next fall)
 - **Meeting with additional staff from Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development.**
 - **Small Talk Forum**
 - Interesting to discuss issues of smaller communities; sharing ideas and solutions.
 - **Resolutions at UBCM:** lots of really good ones; I missed a number of the sessions due to other meetings which was disappointing because it always interesting to see what comes forward.
 - **Strategic Planning Session:** stated that the public participation was excellent with over 70 attendees.
 - **Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB)** meetings this week to discuss organizational review for RDKB to make sure organization is aligned with its goals and objectives and fulfilling the will of the board. Will not be able to attend the Hospital Board Meeting.
 - **Trail Recreation Meeting** is scheduled this week
 - **North Jubilee Park Wetland Restoration:** participated in student planting day with J.L Crowe and Seven Summits students. Stated that it looks fantastic.
 - Will be attending Land Strategy workshop this week – a Lower Columbia Initiative Corporation project and sponsored by Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Development0
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RELEASE OF DECLASSIFIED IN-CAMERA MATTERS

Nil

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: MCLELLAN/GREENE

RESOLVED THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 90(1)(C) LABOUR RELATIONS, 90(1)(E) DISPOSITION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS AND 90(1)(K) NEGOTIATIONS OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER*.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: KRUYSSSE

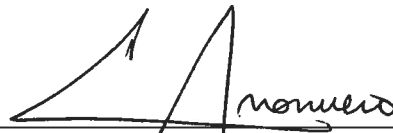
RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED 11:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR KATHY MOORE



DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER –
CYNTHIA AÑONUEVO