

ROSSLAND COUNCIL CONNECTS

Note from Mayor Kathy

It is my honour and great pleasure to write to you in this first newsletter from your new council. We look forward to serving you for the next four years and want to thank you again for voting and putting your trust in us!

In this newsletter you'll find Council's contact information, committee news, answers to questions we've been asked and more. We are dedicated to keeping you informed, so I also encourage you to get in touch with me by e-mail, through [Facebook](#) or at www.rossland.ca.

On behalf of the staff and council, I want wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Mayor Kathy Moore

Did you know?

Rossland was in the top 10% for greatest voter turnout in British Columbia! We had 166 new voters register and almost 60% voter turnout. Council is so proud of our community!

Be in touch!

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Committee News

Communications Committee: Council has established a Communications Committee as part of our promise to keep you informed. We are working with Thoughtexchange to create a communications strategy.

Additional Committees & Volunteers: Other committees will be established to help with aspects of the financial planning process. We need your help to make our committees successful! Isn't this the perfect time for you to get involved? Please contact mayor@rossland.ca to learn more.

Council committee appointments:

Moore: Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) director, Broadband, Sewage, Public Works (New), Communications (New), Admin & Compensation (New), Community Groups (New)
Cosbey: Broadband, Education, *alternate* to Sustainability Commission

Greene: Heritage Commission, Museum, Design Review, Public Safety & Emergency Planning, *alternate* to Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Rossland.

Kruiysee: Chamber of Commerce, Public Works, Tourism Rossland.

Morel: Community Groups, Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT).

McLellan: Admin & Compensation, *alternate* RDKB, Library, Sewage.

Zwicker: Sustainability Commission, Sewage, Communications, Community Groups.

All Council: Financial, Audit and Organizational Planning (New)

Council News:

Our commitment: Your new council will adopt a philosophy of 'continuous improvement' for every aspect of the city. We recognize that it's important to measure what you manage, and in addition, we all believe that information is the bedrock of sound decision-making.

Brighten Council Chambers: Are you interested in brightening up Council Chambers? If you're a local artist willing to lend some colourful art for display, please contact mayor@rossland.ca.

Our Two Meetings: Our first agendas included mostly housekeeping tasks like calendar, acting mayor schedule, committee appointments and a new Procedure bylaw.

New and Exciting: the Rossland Mountain Market will be organizing five winter markets in the Miner's Hall with the first three granted free use of the facility. The new council has committed to supporting the market, and increasing our communication with you by having a table at each market. Come visit a councillor, or two at each market to chat about city business, or whatever is on your mind.

Community Q & A

Q: Where can I find info on our Infrastructure & Facilities plan and the Auditor General for Local Government's report on Rossland?

A: [Infrastructure report](#) and [AGLG Report](#)

Q: Where is the AGLG action plan?

A: It can be found at the end of the AGLG report. It focuses on tightening up our internal financial controls. Happily, much has now been done.

Q: Where can I find the report on the condition of the arena?

A: [Arena report](#). Rest assured that any existing code violations have been fixed.

Q: Where is the Chief Administrative Officer?

A: Our CAO is on extended medical leave but we have a Deputy CAO and an Acting Chief Financial Officer in place.

Q: Where will you start?

A: Council is brand new. We will be learning the ropes and how to best do the city's business. We intend to start work on good, accountable

governance, regional cooperation, resolution of regional issues as well as better communication and public engagement.

What's up in the neighbourhood?

Check out these great regional stats prepared by the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation.



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Newsletter: In an effort to save paper, future newsletters will be electronic. Please go to www.rossland.ca to sign-up for newsletters in 'E-Mail Updates' on the bottom right of our main page.

Council Meetings: Will generally be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, **starting at 6pm**. See the city's Winter Newsletter and www.rossland.ca for a complete schedule.