

# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

## Minutes of the Regular Open Meeting of Council Held Monday, January 12, 2009

### Present

Mayor G.E. Granstrom  
Councillor T. L. Charlton  
Councillor M.K. Moore  
Councillor J.H. Smith  
Councillor D.J. Spearn  
Councillor A.W. Stradling  
Councillor K.H. Wallace

### Staff In Attendance

CAO – R. Campbell  
Deputy City Clerk – T. Butler  
Manager of Planning and Development Services – M. Maturro  
City Engineer – M. Thomas

Mayor Granstrom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

### Agenda

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held January 12, 2009 be amended by including the late addition items as follows;

#### **(3) ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

(d) Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes – January 8, 2009

#### **(6) MATTERS REFERRED**

(g) Committee-of-the-Whole Recommendations from January 8, 2009

#### **(8) NEW BUSINESS**

(g) Topping Creek Intake Grant Application – Towns for Tomorrow

CARRIED

### Minutes

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 8, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

### Minutes

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held December 15, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

### Minutes

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the Design Review Panel Meeting held December 9, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

**Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council held January 8, 2009 be received with the amendment of recording Councillor Charlton as opposed on the motion regarding the Sustainability Commission.

CARRIED

**GENERAL MATTERS – Delegation**

**Blackjack Ski Club – Dr. Iain Reid**

Dr. Iain Reid, Vice President, Blackjack Ski Club presented a letter to Council and requested reconsideration by Council of the Development Permit for snow shoeing at Blackjack Ski Club. Discussion ensued regarding safety crossing the dam, insurance, dogs on snowshoe trails, signage and summer use.

**Redstone Resort – Mr. Cary Fisher**

Mr. Cary Fisher, Managing Partner, Redstone Resort addressed Council with his concerns over perceived destructive situations regarding Council decision making. Mr. Fisher expressed his concerns over the Official Community Plan and the Sustainability Commission not moving forward in a timely fashion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Streetscape Committee Appointments**

December 29, 2008 memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk to the Administrator re: requirement for two Council Member appointments for the Downtown Streetscape Committee. Council consideration for one more Council Member required.

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT the matter be deferred until after Council discussion on the Committee Structure of all Council Committees and Liaisons.

CARRIED

**Council Review of Committee System**

Establish date for Council review of committee system.

**Council review of the Procedure Bylaw**

Establish date for Council review of Procedure Bylaw #2345.

The above two item were considered jointly with the following motion;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be scheduled for January 28, 2009 at 7:00 pm to discuss the following:

1. Council Review of the Committee System
2. Council Review of the Procedure Bylaw
3. Council Communication Strategy

CARRIED

**Boundary  
Expansion**

December 19, 2008 memorandum from the Manager of Planning and Development Services to the CAO re: Boundary Expansion – attached letters from three land owners (Mann, Hanson, Gould) from Area B requesting inclusion into the City boundary.

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the City not entertain any further boundary expansion at this time.

Motion not voted on – motion to defer as follows;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the item regarding boundary expansion for the Mann, Hanson and Gould boundary expansion be deferred until after the January 21, 2009 Planning and Development Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

**Rossland Museum  
Lease & adit work**

January 6, 2009 memorandum from the CAO re: Museum lease and outstanding adit work;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Council approve the grant applications to Canadian Heritage – Cultural Spaces in the amount of \$56,000, SIDIT – phase 1 in the amount of \$24,000 and Heritage Legacy Fund in the amount of \$25,000 and further that Staff be authorized to enter into a new 10 year lease agreement with Teck subject to Council approval for any financial commitments that differ from the existing lease and further that Staff be authorized to tender and initiate the project, should the low bid be within budget.

CARRIED

**MATTERS REFERRED**

**Design Review  
Panel  
Recommendation**

Matter referred from the December 9, 2008 Design Review Panel Meeting;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT Council develop a signage bylaw with an association signage permit as recommended in the Official Community Plan (Section 16.2.7). The bylaw should also be developed in conjunction with the Signage Strategy already adopted by Council. The Design Review Panel feels this is necessary for the following reasons:

- The increasing number of billboards
- Abundance of sandwich boards (portable signs).
- Development Permit Areas are specific and don't cover all the areas in Rossland.
- Some Development Permit Areas don't have specific guidelines regarding signs.
- The signage requirements in the Downtown Design Guidelines are unnecessarily limiting and restrictive.
- The sign requirements in the zoning bylaw are not detailed enough.

**CARRIED**

**Notice of Motion –  
Councillor  
Charlton /  
Governance Study**

Matter referred from the December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting re: Councillor Charlton Notice of Motion; January 5, 2009 supporting memorandum from Councillor Charlton with attached information;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the City of Rossland write the Ministry of Community Development to indicate that the City is interested in being involved in any governance restructuring study in the Greater Trail Area and would like to receive more information about the process.

**CARRIED**

**Notice of Motion –  
Councillor  
Charlton /  
Development  
Permit Creekside  
at Red**

Matter referred from the December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting re: Councillor Charlton Notice of Motion; January 5, 2009 supporting memorandum from Councillor Charlton with attached information.

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the issue of the Development Permit for Creekside at Red and all relevant documents be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for further review at a meeting to be held in January 2009.

**DEFEATED**

**Notice of Motion –  
Councillor  
Charlton / OCP**

Matter referred from the December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting re: Councillor Charlton Notice of Motion; January 5, 2009 supporting memorandum from Councillor Charlton. Friendly amendment to the motion to remove “*before any further action is taken on the new Zoning Bylaw*”;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT a copy of the OCP be circulated to all members of Council and further that the OCP be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for review.

CARRIED with Councillor Spearn and Councillor Wallace voting opposed.

**Notice of Motion –  
Councillor  
Charlton / Senior  
Staff Contract**

Matter referred from the December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting re: Councillor Charlton Notice of Motion; January 5, 2009 supporting memorandum from Councillor Charlton;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT copies of the contracts and resumes of all senior staff be circulated to all members of Council and further that an in-camera meeting be scheduled in January for Council to review the documents.

DEFEATED

**Notice of Motion –  
Councillor Smith /  
Run of the Rivers**

Matter referred from the December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting re: Councillor Smith Notice of Motion – Water Licences/supporting documentation attached;

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Council write a letter to the Provincial Government which recommends placing a moratorium on the issuing of Water Licences or Licences of Occupation for Independent Power Projects, and which also argues that all hydropower be;

1. Publicly owned and regulated
2. Regionally planned
3. Environmentally appropriate

CARRIED

**Committee-of-the-  
Whole  
Recommendations  
from January 8,  
2009**

**Topping Creek  
Intake Grant  
Opportunity**

Matters referred from the January 8, 2009 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Recommendations;

THAT the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to Council that Staff be instructed to continue with the application to the Towns for Tomorrow Grant for the Topping Creek Intake.

ITEM MOVED FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER NEW BUSINESS - REPORTS

**Sustainability  
Commission**

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to Council that the Sustainability Commission be approved to move forward as per Bylaw 2428 - Sustainability Commission Bylaw.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed.

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT the Sustainability Commission and Councillors Stradling, Moore and Smith meet by January 21, 2009 to discuss revisions to the bylaw and draft a set of recommendations for approval by Council at the Regular Council Meeting of January 26, 2009.

CARRIED

**CBT Opportunity**

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to Council that Council reaffirm their willingness to participate in the Columbia Basin Trust – Communities Adapting to Climate Change and that the level of participation be referred to budget discussions.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS – Correspondence**

**UBCM – School  
Community  
Connections  
Program**

December 15, 2008 memorandum from the Union of BC Municipalities re: Grant opportunity – School Community Connections Program Strengthening the Connection;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT a meeting be set to discuss the grant opportunity through the School Community Connections Program with Councillor Moore, the Principals of RSS and MacLean School and School Trustee Gord Smith.

CARRIED

**Ministry of  
Community  
Development –  
Trees for  
Tomorrow**

December 4, 2008 letter from Minister Blair Lekstrom, Ministry of Community Development re: grant opportunity through the Trees for Tomorrow initiative.

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Trees for Tomorrow Grant opportunity be referred to Rossland Secondary School, MacLean School, public works staff, Downtown

Streetscape Committee and the Heritage Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

**2009 AKBLG  
Conference**

December 10, 2008 letter from Bernice Reed, AKBLG Conference Organizing Committee re: request for speakers during the conference.

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Spearn

THAT the following individuals be invited to have their names considered for submission as guest speakers during the AKBLG Conference:

- Kelvin Saldern and/or Graham Kenyon - Sustainability Commission
- Tracey Saxby - Greener Footprints / Plastic Bag Free Initiative
- Deanne Stevens - branding of Tourism Rossland
- Mike Maturo and Mike Thomas - Healthy and Green Communities
- Janet Haskins – Success of Downtown Streetscape Committee
- Red Mountain - Caldera Project / Green Building
- Kim Dean - Trails Society and the 7 Summits Trail

CARRIED

**Michael Gifford –  
Donation Request  
for Miners' Hall**

December 18, 2008 letter from Mr. Michael Gifford re: request for donation of Miners' Hall Rental to host fundraising benefit for Johan Kruus.

January 6, 2009 memorandum from Robin Hethey, Rossland Recreation re: associated costs regarding request from Michael Gifford for donation of Miners' Hall use.

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Council waive the total fees of the Miners' Hall to Michael Gifford in support of fund raising efforts for Johan Kruus medical needs.

CARRIED

**Rossland Winter  
Carnival  
Committee**

December 29, 2008 letter from the Rossland Winter Carnival Committee re: request for support with preparation, road closure and insurance for the 112<sup>th</sup>. Rossland Winter Carnival – January 30, 31, February 1, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Council agree to the requests numbered 1-10 in the Rossland Winter Carnival Committee letter of December 29, 2008.

CARRIED

**Local Government  
and Climate  
Change – Course  
Attendance by  
Council**

Oral report from Councillor Smith re: Invitation to attend workshop- Local Government and Climate Change – Current Law and Urgent Action at UBC Robson Square, Vancouver, BC Friday, March 6, 2009.

Staff to see if any neighbouring municipalities wish to attend the workshop with Councillor Smith in an effort to share expenses.

**LCCDT – Strategic  
Planning Session**

Invite to the Lower Columbia Community Development Team Strategic Planning Session Thursday, February 5, 2009;

Mayor Granstrom to attend.

**UBCM – Sparwood  
Avalanche Victims**

January 5, 2009 Member Release from the UBCM re: Trust fund established for Sparwood Avalanche Victims request for donations and publicizing the information.

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councilor Wallace

THAT the correspondence from the UBCM regarding Trust fund established for Sparwood Avalanche Victims be received.

CARRIED

Information regarding the Sparwood Avalanche Victims Trust Fund to be circulated by Staff to the local media, City Web Site and Council Newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS - Reports**

**Water  
Conservation  
Incentive Program**

December 15, 2008 memorandum from the CAO re: Water Conservation Incentive Program;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Staff be directed to rewrite the Water Service Bylaw including the requirement that all residences in the City of Rossland will require a meter installed within 3 years of the date the bylaw is adopted, and that a penalty clause in accordance with the penalty schedule submitted in the May 7, 2008 report from the CAO, be included in the bylaw;

AND FURTHER that Staff develop program guidelines that would cover 100 percent of the City's purchase price for meters and high efficiency and low flush toilet subsidy of \$50. per toilet for Council's consideration;

AND FURTHER that Staff budget \$120,000.00 for each of the next three years to cover the cost of the meter subsidy and that the funds be derived from the Community Works fund of the Gas Tax agreement.

CARRIED



**Quote – Video for Council Meetings**

December 17, 2008 quote from BV Communications to install Video Recorder System for Council Chambers;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the quote from BV Communications Ltd. be referred to 2009 budget discussions.

CARRIED

**Motion to Extend**

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council be extended.

CARRIED

**Council Strategic Planning Session**

Council Strategic Planning Session Discussion re: process to be followed and if facilitated confirmation of dates, January 24 (full day) and 25 (half day), 2009.

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT a facilitated Council Strategic Planning Session be set for January 24 – 25, 2009.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Smith Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Council members submit ideas for the Strategic Planning Session to the Administrator to be forwarded to the facilitator.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the CAO and Department Heads attend the Council Strategic Planning Session.

CARRIED

**OCP Action Items**

Request to Staff to develop a list of all OCP action items re: oral report from Councillor Smith.

Staff be directed to develop a list of action items that are suggested in the new Official Community Plan.

**Rossland Pool Society -**

January 6, 2009 proposal to the City of Rossland from Aaron Cosbey, Co-President, Rossland Pool Society re: request for the City of Rossland to approve funding from the Community Fund of the Gas Tax Agreement for a grant to cover heating system for the Rossland Pool. Letter of support from the City Engineer;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the City of Rossland approve funding from the Community Fund of the Gas Tax Agreement for a grant in the amount of \$33,000 for the capital costs of an alternative heating system for the Rossland Pool.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed.

**Local Motion Grant Application**

January 6, 2009 memorandum from the Planning Assistant to the CAO re: Local Motion Grant Application;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT Staff be directed to apply for the LocalMotion Grant for the construction of the Centennial to Downtown walkway in the amount of approximately \$30,000 and further that if the grant is approved, Staff be authorized, in conjunction with KCTS, to proceed with the trail development.

CARRIED

**Topping Creek Intake Grant Application**

Council consideration for the Topping Creek Intake Grant Application;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Staff be authorized to apply for the Towns for Tomorrow Grant in the amount of \$400,000 for the Topping Creek Intake Project.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed.

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Moved by Councillor Moore

THAT Staff be instructed to come up with a detailed cost estimate for the Topping Creek Intake Project once the grant has been approved.

CARRIED

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**Public  
Representation  
Opportunity for  
Road Closure  
Bylaw #2431**

Public Representation Opportunity for Road Closure Bylaw #2431, a bylaw to close part of Monita Street in order for snow storage in the area of 1505 Nickleplate Road. Copies of approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways attached.

Mayor Granstrom called for representation from the public in attendance. There being no persons coming forward the Mayor continued with the bylaw reading.

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Monita Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 2431 be read a third time.

**CARRIED**

**Signing Authority  
Repeal Bylaw  
#2432**

Repeal Bylaw #2432 – A bylaw to repeal Bylaw #1566 Signing Authority Bylaw. December 29, 2008 memorandum from Deputy City Clerk to the Administrator explaining the reasoning for consideration of Bylaw #2432;

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Bylaw #2432 – Signing Authority Repeal Bylaw be read a first time.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Bylaw #2432 – Signing Authority Repeal Bylaw be read a second time.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Bylaw #2432 – Signing Authority Repeal Bylaw be read a third time.

**CARRIED**

**Motion to close**

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:48 pm.

**CARRIED**

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 12, 2009.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer