

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY MARCH 8, 2010**

PRESENT: MAYOR GREG GRANSTROM  
COUNCILLOR LAURIE CHARLTON  
COUNCILLOR KATHY MOORE (via phone)  
COUNCILLOR KATHY WALLACE  
COUNCILLOR HANNE SMITH  
COUNCILLOR JILL SPEARN

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR ANDY STRADLING

STAFF PRESENT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V. Kumar  
CORPORATE OFFICER T. Butler

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: SPEARN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE MARCH 8, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD:**

1. Ms. Janis Anderson RSS PAC/VSS alliance addressed Council to discuss next steps regarding the maintaining of K-12 education in Rossland. Ms. Anderson requested Council pass a motion to support further exploration of the Neighbourhoods of Learning concept. Ms. Anderson reiterated that this exploration should be a joint investigation with the RSS PAC/VSS Committee's, School District 20 and Council.
2. Randy Blaskovich, speaking on behalf of neighbours in the Midtown transition area (Emcon Lot), requested Council rescind the motion regarding the Skateboard Park location. A written submission and petition signed by Rossland residents was submitted to Council.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: CHARLTON / WALLACE

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: CHARLTON / SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SPEARN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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**DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISION:**

- a) **Manager of Planning and Development Services Report – OCP Amendment Process to comply with Bill 27 – Green House Gas Reduction Mandate**

MOTION: WALLACE / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE STAFF TO ADVERTISE THE PROPOSED OCP TEXTUAL BYLAW AMENDMENT IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND

THAT THIS ADVERTISING CONSTITUTES THE OCP AMENDMENT INITIAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION REQUIRED UNDER THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT*, PART 26 SEC. 897.

CARRIED.

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**b) Manager of Planning and Development Services Report – Age Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant.**

MOTION: SMITH / CHARLTON

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY GARDENS INITIATIVE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ROSSLAND FOODIES AS THE PROJECT ELIGIBLE FOR THE AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PROJECT GRANT AND THAT THE CITY MANAGES THE GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.

CARRIED.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: CHARLTON / SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT** INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5(a) TO 5(r)

- a) Memorandum from the AKBLG – amendments to Executive Resoluiton#1 proposed Constitution Change re: election of Executive. **Recommendation to file.**
- b) Letter from Gary D. Bass – RCMP Department Commissioner, Pacific Region & Commanding Officer “E” Division re: Accountability, Oversight and Communications. **Recommendation to file.**
- c) Letter from the Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, re: increased distance criterion for relocation of licensee retail stores. **Recommendation to file.**
- d) Letter from Mr. Ian McNeill expressing concerns regarding Water Meter rates. **Recommendation to send acknowledgement, receive and file.**
- e) Letter from Mr. Raymond Guadart expressing concerns regarding Water Meter rates. **Recommendation to send acknowledgement, receive and file.**
- f) Invitation to the Trail Firefighters’ Association Parade, May 8, 2010. **Recommendation to participate.**

- g) Letter from Ms. Sue Wrigley expressing concerns regarding Pesticide ban in Rossland. **Recommendation to send acknowledgement, receive and file.**
- h) Letter from the Castlegar and District Health Watch regarding KBRH cuts to operating room time. **Recommendation to file.**
- i) Letter from BC Hydro regarding FortisBC Inc. Project No. 3698564. **Recommendation to file.**
- j) Letter from Minister of Education, Margaret MacDiarmid regarding the Education Funding allocation System. **Recommendation to file.**
- k) Letter from the Deputy Minister of Tourism Culture and the Arts, Lori Wanamaker regarding ongoing review of funding and structural components of Destination Marketing Organization network in BC. **Recommendation to file.**
- l) Email from Ms. Sara Davis, Columbia Basin Trust & Fraser Basin Council with enclosed summary report from the November workshop and invitation to participate in the next steps. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- m) Copy of Strategic Action Planning Workshop Report facilitated by Mr. Dave Fairbairn, Impact Training Corp. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- n) Minutes from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Meetings of January 19, January 28 and February 17, 2010. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- o) UBCM member notices and news release concerning the Provincial Budget for 2010. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- p) Report from the Manager of Planning and Development Services to the CAO regarding the Red Mountain Base Lodge Development Permit Approval. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- q) Copy of the Ophir Reservoir Project Funding and Expense Report. **Recommendation to receive and file.**
- r) Copy of the Draft Greater Trail Cultural Plan for Arts and Heritage. **Recommendation to receive and file.**

BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / SPEARN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO MS. SARA DAVIS, COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST AND FRASER BASIN COUNCIL, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT STEPS BY PROVIDING INPUT TO MS. DAVIS.**

CARRIED.

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Councillor Wallace declared a conflict of interest regarding item 9a) 5p) – Red Mountain Base Lodge Development Permit and was excused from the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Following general discussions regarding the Development Permit of the Red Mountain Base Lodge, Councillor Wallace returned to the meeting at 8:00 pm.

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MOTION: SPEARN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5(a) TO 5(r), EXCEPT FOR ITEM 5(l) BE ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Corporate Officer Report - Bylaw 2475 – Waste Collection Service and Rate Bylaw No. 2475, 2010 adoption of the bylaw.**

MOTION: CHARLTON / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2475, CITED AS “Waste Collection Service and Rate Bylaw No. 2475, 2010, BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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- b) **Corporate Officer Report - Bylaw 2476 – Sewer Rate Bylaw No. 2476, 2010 adoption of the bylaw.**

MOTION: SPEARN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 2476, CITED AS “Sewer Rate Bylaw No. 2476, 2010, BE ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Charlton voted in opposition of the motion

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**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS; NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Councillor Charlton:**

**Notice of Motion by Councillor Charlton – Amendment to the Water Rates Bylaw for 2010.**

MOTION: CHARLTON / MOORE

WHEREAS THE FEBRUARY 2010 EDITION OF THE ROSSLAND CITY HALL NEWS SAYS THAT 2010 WATER RATES WILL REMAIN AT THE 2009 LEVEL; AND

WHEREAS THE 2009 RATES GENERATED \$75,000 ADDITIONAL REVENUE OVER AND ABOVE THE BUDGET REVENUE; AND

WHEREAS THE 2010 BUDGET FOR THE WATER FUND ANTICIPATES A SURPLUS OF OVER \$63,000 EVEN THOUGH THE 2010 BUDGETED REVENUE IS \$75,000 LESS THAN THE REVENUE OBTAINED IN 2009 WITH THE SAME RATES; AND

WHEREAS THE 2009 RATES INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DWELLING MUST PAY A PUNITIVE RATE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF UNITS IN THE BUILDING IRRESPECTIVE OF THE VOLUME OF WATER USED; AND

WHEREAS THE 2009 RATES INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT THE RATES INCLUDE USE OF UP TO 30 M3 OF WATER IN THE BASE RATE WHICH REMOVES ANY INCENTIVE FOR RESIDENTS TO INSTALL WATER METERS;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE A 2010 WATER RATE BYLAW THAT REDUCES THE RATES TO A LEVEL THAT WILL BALANCE THE WATER FUND BUDGET; AND

FURTHER THAT A 2010 WATER RATE BYLAW IMPOSE RATES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE VOLUME OF WATER CONSUMED.

DEFEATED.

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MOTION: SMITH / WALLACE

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS THE STAFF TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ISSUES IN THE NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE 2011 WATER RATE STRUCTURING.**

CARRIED.

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Councillor Charlton reported on the following items:

- Councillor Charlton submitted a Notice of Motion, to be placed on the March 22, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Agenda, regarding “Staff Briefing” sessions.
- Requested update on Arena Roof replacement project AAP process and status of the grant extension request.
- Requested details of the CBT Community Initiative Grant advertisements.
- Requested information about the Ophir Reservoir Local Service Area letters being sent out to property owners in the local service area.

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**Councillor Smith:**

**Notice of Motion by Councillor Smith – Strategic Planning Session.**

MOTION: SMITH / SPEARN

WHEREAS COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF DID NOT COMPLETE THE WORK STARTED AT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION, SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO COMPLETION OF THE COMPLETE COMMUNITY FOCUS AREA,

AND WHEREAS CONSULTANT FAIRBAIRN STATED IN HIS REPORT THAT SOME OF THE GOALS IN THE OTHER 4 FOCUS AREAS ARE VAGUE, INDEFINITE OR LACK TIME FRAMES,

AND WHEREAS THE OVERALL LIST OF GOALS MAY NEED TO BE PRIORITIZED AND “NARROWED DOWN” TO A SMALLER LIST,

AND WHEREAS IT IS IMPORTANT TO FORMULATE THE STRATEGIES AND TACTICS THAT WILL BE USED TO ACHIEVE THE CHOSEN GOALS,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 1) COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO SET A DATE BY THE END OF MAY DURING WHICH THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION CAN BE COMPLETED DURING A 1-4 HOUR PERIOD, USING AN APPROPRIATE FORM OF INFORMAL WORKING MEETING, WHICH WILL INCLUDE COUNCIL, AND MAY INCLUDE STAFF BUT WILL NOT INCLUDE A CONSULTANT, AND THAT;

2) WITHIN ONE MONTH OF COMPLETING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION, VIA AN APPROPRIATE WORKING MEETING AS STATED ABOVE, STAFF PLACE THE COMPLETED PLAN ONTO THE AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, SO IT MAY BE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL, AND THAT;

3) THE MAYOR AND CAO INFORM COUNCIL HOW PROGRESS WILL BE MONITORED.

CARRIED.

**Councillor Spearn:**

Councillor Spearn reported on the following items:

- Next steps regarding K-12 education in Rossland.
  - Heavy equipment being stored in visible locations around the City.
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**Councillor Wallace:**

Councillor Wallace reported on the following items:

- That the RDKB board expressed their enthusiasm towards the Rossland Arena Roof project coming to fruition.
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**Councillor Moore:**

Councillor Moore reported on the following items:

- Workshop attended on Climate Adaptation.
  - Continued strong position of Council regarding schools and hospital issues.
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**Mayor Granstrom:**

Mayor Granstrom reported on the following items:

- Apology from the LCCDT for comments made regarding Rossland Schools.
  - Continued discussions with Rossland Seniors regarding their Hall.
  - Upcoming meeting with the Sustainability Committee with the Mayor and CAO.
  - Reminder to register for the AKBLG.
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: GRANSTROM

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:47 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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MAYOR GREG E. GRANSTROM

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CORPORATE OFFICER – TRACEY BUTLER