

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

Minutes of the Regular Open Meeting of Council Held Monday, March 9, 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
City Engineer – M. Thomas

Mayor Granstrom called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Agenda
Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn
THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held March 9, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

Minutes
Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Charlton
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 23, 2009 and the Special Meeting of Council held March 2, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

GENERAL MATTERS – Delegation

Golden City Manor – Water/Sewer Rates
Mrs. Doreen Butler and Mrs. Maureen Wallace, Golden City Manor Board, read a letter from the Board to Council requesting reconsideration of the increase in the water and sewer rates proposed for 2009.

MATTERS REFERRED

Mr. Bill Profili – Delegation from Feb. 23/09 Meeting
Matter referred from the February 23, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding Council consideration of suggestions made by Mr. Bill Profili regarding inclusion of the Regional District into the Governance Study and the handling of Recycled glass.

February 26, 2009 memorandum from the Manager of Operations regarding the RDKB handling of recycled glass.

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the information regarding the handling of recycled glass be received.

CARRIED

**Councillor Spearn
– Notice of Motion**

Matter referred from the February 9 & 23, 2009 Regular Meetings. Notice of Motion from Councillor Spearn regarding Council expenses during conferences;

March 2, 2009 memorandum from the CAO with 4 options for Council consideration regarding Council Member compensation for replacement worker.

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Council accepts “Option 2” in the CAO memorandum of March 2, 2009, with and amendment to include unpaid leave as well as replacement worker, be approved.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed.

**Councillor Spearn
– Notice of Motion**

Matter referred from the February 23, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Notice of Motion from Councillor Spearn – letter to Minister Bond;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT Councillor Spearn on behalf of Council draft a letter to the Minister of Education, Minister Shirley Bond, to change or adjust school funding formulas and the looming budget shortfall that it will create, particularly for rural school districts, as our declining enrollment reaches the bottom of an historical 7 year dip. As we near the bottom of the decline in enrollment we will be receiving ‘inadequate funds’ for the maintenance of the existing schools in School District #20, Kootenay Columbia, that will be required in the future.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – Correspondence

Golden City Days

February 23, 2009 letter from Terry Brinson, Rossland Golden City Days Committee. Request for support for festival September 11-13, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT Council concur with the requests in the letter of February 23, 2009 from the Rossland Golden City Days Committee for support during the festival with an amendment to Columbia Avenue closure being for the duration of the parade.

CARRIED

City of Burnaby – support of UBCM resolution re: School Lands

February 18, 2009 letter from the City of Burnaby, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan, re: consideration of UBCM resolution regarding the protection of local Municipal interests in school lands and assets.

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the letter from the City of Burnaby regarding the protection of local Municipal interests in school lands and assets be received.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Staff prepare a late resolution for the AKBLG similar to that from the City of Burnaby regarding the protection of local Municipal interests in school lands and assets with an addition of an “item h.” to read;

THAT lands determined to be surplus are offered to the local governing body at a minimal or no cost for use as seniors facilities, low cost housing, economic incubations centers or other community purpose.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT Staff work with School District #20 to prepare a comprehensive report for Council on the potential impact of the Provincial Ministry of Education’s *Disposal of Lands or Improvements Order*, on School District #20 properties, with particular reference to Rossland school lands.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS - Reports

Grant application – School Use Planning Program

Draft copy of the application form for the School Community Connections Program – Strengthening the Connection – a continuation of the program launched in 2008.

Information regarding the Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program granting opportunity for Council consideration.

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Council support the School Community Connections Program and direct Staff to apply for the grant.

AND FURTHER that Council request a letter of support from the Visions for Small Schools accompany the application.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Staff proceed with the Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program granting opportunity.

CARRIED

**Village of Warfield
– Water Treatment
Plant Operations
& Maintenance
Service
Agreement**

March 2, 2009 memorandum from the CAO with attached copy of the Water Treatment Plant Operations and Maintenance Service Agreement;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the City of Rossland enter into a Water Treatment Plant Operations and Maintenance Service Agreement with the Village of Warfield and further, that the Chief Administrative Officer and Manager of Finance ratify the agreement.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed.

**Strategic
Community
Investment Funds**

March 3, 2009 memorandum and copy of the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement for Council consideration;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the City of Rossland enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of British Columbia and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

CARRIED

**Development Cost
Charges**

March 4, 2009 memorandum with attached background information re: Development Cost Charges for Council consideration to hold public consultation to receive comments on the proposed changes to the bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be scheduled for Council to review the information concerning Development Cost Charges prior to the public consultation meeting.

CARRIED

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

**Heritage
Commission
Bylaw #2439 –
adoption and
appointment of
Councillor**

City of Rossland Heritage Commission Bylaw #2439 for Council adoption and selection of Council member to sit on the Commission;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the City of Rossland Heritage Commission Bylaw #2439 be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT Councillor Smith be appointed to sit on the Heritage Commission.

CARRIED

**Sustainability
Commission
Bylaw #2442**

Bylaw #2442 – Sustainability Commission Bylaw, for Council adoption;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Bylaw #2442 – Sustainability Commission Bylaw, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

**Water Rate Bylaw
#2433**

Bylaw #2433 – Water Rate Bylaw, 2009 for Council adoption;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT Bylaw #2433 – Water Rate Bylaw, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton and Councillor Moore voting opposed

**Sewer Rate Bylaw
#2434**

Bylaw #2434 – Sewer Rate Bylaw, 2009 for Council adoption;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Bylaw #2434 – Sewer Rate Bylaw, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed

**Waste Removal
Service & User
Fee Bylaw#2435**

Bylaw #2435 – Waste Removal Service & User Fee Bylaw, 2009 for Council adoption;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Bylaw #2435 – Waste Removal Service & User Fee Bylaw, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed

**Bylaw #2438 –
Zoning
Amendment Bylaw
for Duplex, 2374
2nd. Ave.**

Bylaw #2438 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 2438, 2009 (1) re: Council consideration to allow for a duplex at 2374 Second Avenue with the following motions recommended;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Bylaw #2438 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 2438, 2009 (1) be read a third time.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Bylaw #2438 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 2438, 2009 (1) be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

**Councillor
Stradling**

Councillor Stradling suggested that School Trustee Gordon Smith be invited quarterly to Regular Meetings to update Council on School District #20 business. Staff to invite Mr. Smith.

Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith informed Council that she will be reporting to Council in April on the Sustainability Conference she attended in Kelowna.

**Councillor Smith –
Notice of Motion**

Two Notices of Motion submitted by Councillor Smith for consideration at the March 23, 2009 Regular Meeting and for submission to the AKBLG.

1. That Council determine who will write the columns for the April 11 and May 23 editions of the Trail Times, and further, that Council develop a list of topics that councilors might choose from.

2. That Council adopt the following resolution which is intended for presentation at the upcoming AKBLG AGM.

WHEREAS small agricultural producers are significant contributors to local, sustainable food production and associated economies, and

WHEREAS many small producers are struggling and even ceasing production under current regulatory and economic conditions, which could result in loss of local production and negatively impact the sustainability of BC communities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province support the creation and

implementation of food systems planning within each Regional District, including agricultural area plans; local food security plans and action strategies; impact assessments related to the effects of current meat processing regulations; and continuous core funding for establishment of a food systems coordinator position within each Regional District, *in order that* all BC communities can work towards and implement solutions which support local food resilience and supply.

**Councillor
Charlton**

Councillor Charlton expresses his concerns of the times and place of Sustainability Commission meetings and inquired as to when the Task Force terms of reference would be supplied to Council.

**Councillor
Charlton – Notice
of Motion**

Four Notices of Motion submitted by Councillor Charlton for consideration at the March 23, 2009 Regular Meeting;

1. Policy Review

THAT staff be directed to circulate copies of all City of Rossland policies to Council members, and further that a schedule be established by March 31, 2009 whereby all policies will be reviewed on an annual basis.

2. Procedure Bylaw – Committee Meetings

THAT the Procedure Bylaw be amended to require that committee meetings of Council, when required, be scheduled to take place at 7:00 pm on the first, third, and fifth (if applicable) Mondays of each month, and further, that for committee meetings to be scheduled on any other day requires a majority vote of Council.

3. Procedure Bylaw – Format

THAT the Procedure Bylaw be amended using the model bylaw format recommended by the Ministry of Community Development.

4. Ophir Reservoir Cost and Revenue Summary

THAT staff be directed to prepare, by March 30, 2009, an itemized report summarizing the revenues and expenses for the Ophir Reservoir project including, but not limited to:

- a) all actual costs to date associated with planning, engineering, and construction including preliminary geotechnical work;
- b) an estimate of costs still to be paid for construction including any potential claims related to construction;
- c) a list of the estimated costs to complete all of the tasks deleted from the original project scope including the Murphy and Topping Creek intake, and increasing the height of the Ophir dam to full capacity;
- d) land acquisition costs;

- e) all legal costs including those related to land acquisition; and
- f) actual and proposed sources of revenue used or needed to pay all the identified costs.

Councillor Spearn

Requested Council send a letter of congratulations to the Rossland Light Opera Players for their production of “The Sound of Music”.

**Councillor Spearn
– Notice of Motion**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Spearn for consideration at the March 23, 2009 Regular Meeting;

WHEREAS British Columbia is the only province in Canada that does not pay medical benefits for the seniors population and;

WHEREAS this is an onerous financial cost (tax) for this respected sector of the population of BC,

I HEREBY make a motion that the BC Liberal Government immediately implement MSP basic premiums for all seniors in the province turning 65 years of age or upon retirement, which ever comes first.

Councillor Moore

Councillor Moore reported on her attendance at the Cancer Prevention Meeting.

**Councillor Moore
– Notice of Motion**

Four Notices of Motion submitted by Councillor Moore for consideration at the March 23, 2009 Regular Meeting;

1. THAT Staff prepare a background summary and provide all correspondence concerning the city’s decision to withdraw from the Regional Emergency Services agreement.

2. THAT Staff prepare a report detailing the cost and benefits to the city of the Regional Emergency Services program and the costs and benefits of our own program.

3. THAT the Council Meeting Follow-up Master List be revised to contain the following columns: Priority and Objectives (to be filled in by council);

AND FURTHER that all columns, including due date, be completed and that nothing is removed from the list until it has been celebrated as DONE.

4. THAT Council specify in the amended Procedure Bylaw #2345 that COW meetings will be held 2 times per month to discuss issues, gather further information and provide direction to staff prior to a regular council meeting where final reports will be presented, for debate and decisions.

Councillor Wallace

Councillor Wallace informed Council of Atco Wood Products cutting permit 193 located downstream of Rossland's water intake on Hanna Creek. Councillor Wallace will be requesting, at the RDKB level, that Atco follow the best management practice as per the City of Rossland.

Closed Meeting Resolution

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the proceedings of the remainder of the meeting of March 9, 2009 be closed to the public pursuant to section 90 (1)(a) of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED

Close

Mayor Granstrom closed the meeting at 9:07 pm.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 9, 2009.

Mayor

Corporate Officer