

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

Minutes of the Regular Open Meeting of Council Held Monday, May 25, 2009

Present

Mayor G.E. Granstrom
Councillor T. L. Charlton
Councillor J.H. Smith
Councillor K.H. Wallace
Councillor D.J. Spearn
Councillor A.W. Stradling
Councillor M.K. Moore (via phone – not voting)

Staff In Attendance

Acting CAO / Manager of Finance – D. Timm
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 7:00 pm.

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held May 25, 2009 be adopted with the following additions to the agenda;

- (8) (g) NEW BUSINESS – Reports re: RinC Grant Application and FCC Agrifund Grant Application;

AND FURTHER that the following item be deleted;

- (8) (f) NEW BUSINESS – Reports re: Pinewood, Cemetery, Happy Valley Connector Trail Proposal.

CARRIED

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT the following minutes be adopted by Council;

- Regular Meeting of Council held May 11, 2009
- Minutes of the Public Consultation, Financial Plan 2009-2013 Bylaw #2446
- Special Meeting of Council held May 12, 2009
- Special Meeting of Council held May 19, 2009

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the following Rossland Sustainability Commission minutes be received by Council;

- Minutes of the February 26, 2009 meeting
- Minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting

- Minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting.

CARRIED

GENERAL MATTERS – Delegation

Gondola Pre-feasibility study

Delegation from Paul E. Mathews, ecosign Mountain Resort Planners Ltd. presented the Gondola pre-feasibility study for Council consideration.

Rossland Community Garden Group

Ms. Ami Haworth, Rossland Community Garden Group presented their proposal for community gardens to be located at the North end of Jubilee Park. Ms. Haworth is requesting Council support in the form of providing City owned land for a site, support in terms of community consultation and communication, providing in-kind contributions such as equipment use or reduced water rates, possibility of creating a Food Security Task Force and maintaining the right-of-ways on the site, outside of the garden area.

Ms. Haworth also spoke on behalf of the Farmers Market initiative and informed Council that they are working towards locating the Farmers Market in the Harry LeFevre Square on Saturday mornings. Ms. Haworth provided a copy of a letter drafted to Ferraro Foods.

MATTERS REFERRED

Active Transportation Plan

Matter referred from the May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting delegation from Mr. Stewart Spooner, Recreation Planning and Design, introduced the Active Transportation Plan. The following motion is for Council consideration;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the Active Transportation Plan as presented by Mr. Stewart Spooner, Recreation Planning and Design be adopted by Council subject to confirmation of alignments.

CARRIED

Councillor Charlton – Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion from Councillor Charlton re: Retaining Wall at Spokane and Union;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

WHEREAS one of the goals of Policy #0622 is to not permit the construction or reconstruction of a private fence or retaining wall on City property; and

WHEREAS a retaining wall was constructed on City property in the summer of 2008 by the owners of the property at the southwest corner of Spokane Street and Union Avenue; and

WHEREAS the location of this retaining wall creates a potential traffic hazard at

the corner as sight lines are reduced because of parked cars and piled snow;
and;

WHEREAS this encroachment has been brought to the attention of the Building Inspector on several occasions since early September 2008 without any apparent action being taken by City Staff;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Staff be directed to prepare a written report, by June 15, 2009, explaining why this retaining wall was allowed to be constructed in the first place and why no action has been taken to have it removed from City property.

DEFEATED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**City of Trail –
Parks and
Recreation**

May 20, 2009 email from Mr. Dave Perehudoff, CAO, City of Trail re: conditions that the City of Trail has included with proposals advanced to other communities with respect to the cost sharing agreements for the City of Trail’s Parks and Recreation facilities and services. Mayor Granstrom introduced a copy of the “Trail Parks and Recreation Important News Bulletin” circulated to Trail residents on May 25, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT Rossland Council submits a proposal to Trail based on an accountable formula to offer a contribution based on population toward the Trail Aquatic and Leisure Center.

DEFEATED

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT a letter be sent to the City of Trail Council explaining that the City of Rossland remain open to negotiating with the City of Trail concerning cost sharing of Parks and Recreation facilities in Trail but are confused by the process being taken by the City of Trail to negotiate an agreement.

CARRIED with Councillor Charlton voting opposed.

**East End
Regionalized
Sewer Service
Review**

Copy of May 13, 2009 letter from the City of Trail to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary re: consideration by Trail Council of the “East End Regionalized Sewer Service Review – Proposal for Settlement and New Terms of Participation”.

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the May 13, 2009 letter from the City of Trail to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding the East End Regionalized Sewer Service Review be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – Correspondence

**Tourism BC –
Highway signage**

May 5, 2009 letter from Mr. R. Harris, President and CEO, Tourism B.C. responding to the City of Rossland letter of April 2, 2009 re: Highway signage and assistance in obtaining “Control City” status for the City of Rossland;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting consideration of increased highway signage for Rossland.

CARRIED

**Greyhound
Canada**

May 8, 2009 fax from Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp. re: Public notice of proposed change in route frequency;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Council send a letter to the Passenger Transportation Board expressing Councils concerns with the proposed route frequency change of the Greyhound Bus route and the impact the change will have on Rossland residents.

CARRIED

**Request for Letter
of Support – West
Kootenay
EcoSociety**

May 14, 2009 email from Councillor Moore and Lee-Ann Unger re: request for letter of support from the West Kootenay EcoSociety to hold public meeting in Nelson concerning Glacier/Howser project;

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT Council send a letter to Garry Alexander, Environmental Assessment Office and Simon Gourdeau, AXOR requesting that a public meeting be held in Nelson regarding the Glacier/Howser project.

CARRIED

**Request for Letter
of Support –
Biathlon Range**

May 19, 2009 email from Councillor Moore and George Apel requesting a letter of support to be included in JOP grant application to enhance the Biathlon range;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT a letter of support for the JOP grant application be sent subject to confirmation that the RDKB is in support of the proposed plan for the enhancement to the Biathlon range.

CARRIED

**Golden Bear
Children's Centre**

May 14, 2009 letter from Rebecca Stirling, Golden Bear Children's Centre regarding the May 12, 2009 emergency closure of Golden Bear Children's Centre;

Moved by Councillor Stradling / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Council approve reimbursing Golden Bear Children's Centre \$1,002.80 for wage losses incurred during the May 12, 2009 sewer backup.

DEFEATED

NEW BUSINESS – Reports

**Spring Wing Ding
– Street Closure**

April 29, 2009 memorandum from John Reed, Manager of Recreation re: request to close Queen Street for Spring Wing Ding;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the request from John Reed, Manager of Recreation to close Queen Street for Spring Wing Ding be approved.

CARRIED

**Draft Policy –
Residential Water
Conservation
Incentive Program**

Draft copy of proposed Residential Water Conservation Incentive Program for Council consideration;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT the Residential Water Conservation Incentive Policy be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**C-2 Zoning
Amendment –
Drive-Through
Restaurants**

May 15, 2009 report from the Manger of Planning and Development Services re: C-2 Zoning amendment to remove drive-through restaurants as a permitted use;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT Bylaw #2452 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw, No. 2452, 2009(5) be read a first and second time;

AND FURTHER;

THAT a public hearing date be set for June 22, 2009 for Bylaw #2452.

CARRIED

**Zoning
Amendment –
1807 and 1840
Planer Crescent**

May 14, 2009 report from the Planning Assistant re: Zoning amendment for 1807 and 1840 Planer Crescent to allow for smaller lots on the properties;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT Council approve the application for a zoning amendment for the properties legally described as Lot 6, DL 559, Kootenay District Plan 15704 and Lot A, DL 559, Kootenay District Plan NEP20491; located at 1807 and 1840 Planer Crescent, from P-2 (Parks and Open Space) and R-1 (Residential Single Detached) to R1-Small Lot – (Residential Small Lot) by giving First and Second Reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw #2451, and schedule a Public Hearing on June 22, 2009, with the following conditions:

- A. THAT the owner agree to give a portion of his properties to the City to accommodate the Centre Star Gulch Trail as shown approximately on Attachment #2.
- B. THAT, if necessary, all site servicing requirements and infrastructure upgrades are undertaken by the owner upon subdivision.

AND THAT Council waive the rezoning application fees in order to facilitate this zoning amendment.

CARRIED

Motion to Extend

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the May 25, 2009 Regular Meeting be extended to 10:30 pm.

CARRIED

**Policy
Amendment –
Encroachment of
Retaining
Elements and
Landscape
Features**

May 15, 2009 report from the Manager of Planning and Development Services re: Policy amendment for encroachment of retaining elements and landscape features;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Policy #1442 - Retaining Elements and Landscape Features Encroachment Policy as amended be adopted and that Policy #0622 – Fence and Wall Encroachment Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED

**RinC Grant
Application and
FCC Agrifund
Grant Application**

May 21, 2009 memorandum from the Manager of Recreation re: Council consideration to submit two grant applications – Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RinC) Program and Farm Credit Canada (FCC) Agrifund Grant;

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT Staff be authorized to apply for the Recreation Infrastructure Canada program in the amount of \$276,000 for arena roof replacement project.

AND FURTHER;

THAT Staff be authorized to apply for the Agrispirit Fund available through Farm Credit Canada in the amount of \$25,000 for the arena roof replacement project.

CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Wallace

Councillor Wallace read from a prepared statement regarding comments made in the April 9, 2009 Council report regarding fire service.

Councillor Stradling

Councillor Stradling spoke on concerns raised by citizens regarding meetings with the Sustainability Commission and communications with the task forces and information regarding school issues. Councillor Spearn will be supplying a report concerning school issues.

Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith request from Theresa Adair to have blind driveway signage. Concern to be passed onto Public Works Staff.

Councillor Charlton

Councillor Charlton informed Council of the meeting he attended LCCDT

Mayor Granstrom

Mayor Granstrom will be inviting Craig Adams to address Council regarding the LCCDT.

Close

Mayor Granstrom closed the meeting at 10:43 pm.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 25, 2009.

Mayor

Corporate Officer