

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

Minutes of the Regular Open Meeting of Council Held Monday, November 23, 2009

Present

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

Staff In Attendance

Interim 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 Smith / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held November 23, 2009 be adopted with the following addition:

(6) NEW BUSINESS – Correspondence

(b) RDKB Building Upgrade

CARRIED

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 9, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

GENERAL MATTERS – Delegations

Rossland Public Library

Ms. Marie Tremblay and Mr. Geoff Coke, Rossland Public Library Board, spoke to Council on concerns regarding funding for the Rossland Public Library, budget request for 2010 and future plans for the Library programs and building.

Rossland Senior Citizens Lodge #45

Delegation from Mr. Les Anderson, Vice President, Rossland Senior Citizens Lodge #45, spoke on concerns regarding repair to back room of Seniors Hall, 1916 First Avenue. The Rossland Senior Citizens Lodge is requesting City assistance with engineering needs concerning the repair and the City's permission to proceed with the repair to the building. The group is not requesting funding from the City for the repair.

MATTERS REFERRED

**Notice of Motions
– Councillor
Stradling**

Matter referred from the November 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Notice of Motions from Councillor Stradling;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the following Notice of Motion be referred to Committee-of-the-Whole budget discussions;

“IN accordance with Council’s resolution of 13 October that Staff come forward with a budget proposal for 2010 which reflects a 0% increase in Operations and maintenance expenses over the 2009 budget amount of \$4,430,085;

I MOVE TO AMEND the resolution to read “that Staff come forward with a budget proposal for 2010 which reflects a \$220,000 (5.0%) decrease over the 2009 budget amount of \$4,430,085, and that Council requests that the majority of cost savings be found in the Administration, Planning and Development, and Recreation and Culture departments.”

CARRIED with Councillor Stradling voting opposed

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT the following Notice of Motion be referred to Committee-of-the-Whole budget discussions;

“WHEREAS the 2010 Financial Plan Guidelines approved by Council on 13 October state that Departments are required to find new sources of revenue, or to initiate programs that will earn income, as well as seek efficiencies to reduce costs, in order to strive to make Rossland’s tax burden competitive relative to comparable communities,

AND WHEREAS in 2009 the residential Tax Burden of \$3,594 on a Representative House puts Rossland at a competitive disadvantage to 84% (133 out of 160) of British Columbia’s communities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, Council direct a portion of funds generated from new revenue sources, and improved cost efficiencies, to reducing the Tax Burden on Rossland property owners in 2010”.

CARRIED with Councillor Stradling voting opposed

**Notice of Motion –
Councillor Moore**

Matter referred from the November 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Notice of Motion from Councillor Moore;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT Council work with Staff and Rossland Secondary School to explore the possibilities of establishing a Junior Council based on the model provided by the District of Clearwater in order to involve local youth in civic affairs and to provide Council with an organized channel of communication with the youth of Rossland.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – Correspondence

**CBT – Water
Smart Grant
Opportunity**

November 5, 2009 letter from the Columbia Basin Trust informing Council about the Columbia Basin Water Smart Initiative Grant opportunity and November 17, 2009 memorandum from the Interim CAO regarding the CBT Water Smart Initiative;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Staff be directed to make an application to the Columbia Basin Trust Water Smart Initiative Grant.

DEFEATED

**RDKB Building
Upgrade**

Proposal from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for the RDKB Administration Building upgrades.

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Council support the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Administration Building upgrade project to the full project scope.

CARRIED with Councillor Stradling and Mayor Granstrom voting opposed

NEW BUSINESS – Reports

**2010 Pond Hockey
Event**

November 12, 2009 memorandum from the Manager of Recreation. Request for support from the Rossland Chamber of Commerce for 2010 Pond Hockey Event;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Council approve the requests outlined in the November 12, 2009 memorandum from the Manager of Recreation, including an in-kind contribution of \$4,000 for public works personnel and equipment, to support the 2010 Pond Hockey Event.

CARRIED

**2010 Regular
Council Meeting
Schedule**

November 16, 2009 memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk regarding the 2010 Regular Council Meeting Schedule;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT the following 2009 Regular Council Meeting Schedule be adopted by Council:

- Monday - January 11, 2010
- Monday - January 25, 2010
- Monday - February 8, 2010
- Monday - February 22, 2010
- Monday - March 8, 2010
- Monday - March 22, 2010
- Monday - April 12, 2010
- Monday - April 26, 2010
- Monday - May 10, 2010
- Tuesday - May 25, 2010 (Victoria Day Monday May 24)
- Monday - June 14, 2010
- Monday - June 28, 2010
- Monday - July 12, 2010
- Monday - July 26, 2010
- Monday – August 23, 2010
- Monday - September 13, 2010
- Monday - September 27, 2010 (UBCM - Whistler)
- Tuesday - October 12, 2010 (Thanksgiving Monday Oct 11)
- Monday - October 25, 2010
- Monday - November 8, 2010
- Monday - November 22 2010
- Monday - December 13, 2010

CARRIED

2010 Acting Mayor Schedule

November 16, 2009 memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk regarding the appointment of Acting Mayors for 2010;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the following alphabetical rotating Acting Mayor’s list be approved by Council;

January 2010	Councillor Moore
February	Councillor Charlton
March	Councillor Smith
April	Councillor Spearn
May	Councillor Stradling
June	Councillor Wallace
July	Councillor Charlton
August	Councillor Moore
September	Councillor Smith
October	Councillor Spearn
November	Councillor Stradling
December	Councillor Wallace

CARRIED

1962 Georgia Street

November 18, 2009 memorandum from the Manager of Planning and Development Services regarding 1962 Georgia Street, garage extension built without a building permit and the possibility of a Remedial Action Order.

Update from the Manager of Planning and Development Services updating Council on the situation and that at this time Staff is satisfied with property owners plans to come into compliance.

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councilor Spearn

THAT the November 18, 2009 memorandum from the Manager of Planning and Development Services regarding 1962 Georgia Street be received.

CARRIED

**Zoning
Amendment –
1453 Kootenay
Ave./ Bylaw 2469**

November 18, 2009 report from the Planning Assistant regarding Zoning Amendment for 1453 Kootenay Avenue;

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the application for a zoning amendment for the property legally described as Parcel B (See XC 17742), Block 4, Section 35, Township 9A, Kootenay District Plan 616; located at 1453 Kootenay Ave, from R-1 (Residential Single Detached) to R1-Small Lot – (Residential Small Lot) by giving First and Second Reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw # 2469, and schedule a Public Hearing on December 14, 2009, with the following conditions:

- A. THAT a sign be posted by the owner on the site stating the intent and purpose of the proposed rezoning application, within 7 days of the first reading of Bylaw #2469 in accordance with the City of Rossland Development Procedures Guidelines.
- B. THAT, if necessary, all site servicing requirements and infrastructure upgrades are undertaken by the owner upon subdivision.

be approved by Council.

CARRIED

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

**Bylaw #2467 and
#2468**

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT Bylaw #2467 – Water Rate Amendment Bylaw, 2009 (1) and Bylaw #2468 – Water Service Bylaw, 2009, be referred to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting of Council.

CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Spearn

Councillor Spearn reported on future School Board Meetings regarding the facilities study for Rossland Schools. Councillor Charlton suggested a meeting

between the School Board and the Rossland City Council to discuss views and concerns.

**Councillor
Charlton**

Councillor Charlton offered to draft a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands to inquire into the status of Rossland's watershed reserves.

Councillor Charlton requested that the Council follow up report include the feasibility study of rerouting access to Black Diamond right-of-way if the proposed land sale occurs with Tomich/Thornton.

Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith inquired into the timeline for discussions on the Emcon Site, riparian setback report and the skateboard park report.

Councillor Smith requested that the correspondence from Saferhome be forwarded to the Building Inspector.

Councillor Smith requested that the letter from Ms. Jackie Drysdale regarding budget considerations for heritage matters be referred to budget discussions.

Councillor Moore

Councillor Moore extended an invitation from the Public Works Manager to ride along during snow clearing operations.

Councillor Moore reported on the well attended Seniors Housing forum, November 23, 2009 and that the Rossland Legion is still interested in some form of Senior Housing on Legion lands.

Councillor Moore requested that the Council Follow up action item prioritization be brought forward for discussion at a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

Councillor Wallace

Councillor Wallace inquired into the status of the Potters Guild in the Miners' Hall and the venting for the kiln.

Councillor Wallace updated Council on the Cultural Plan Steering Committee Project.

Councillor Wallace spoke on the submissions from Jackie Drysdale for budget considerations for Heritage Matters and the Columbia Cemetery.

Councillor Wallace inquired into the status of the Centennial Trail grooming contract with Blackjack.

Councillor Wallace reported on the large number of new members of the Rossland Legion.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

**Closed Meeting
Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the proceedings of the remainder of the meeting of November 23, 2009 be closed to the public pursuant to section 90 (1)(g) of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED

Close

Mayor Granstrom closed the meeting at 9:42 pm.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 23, 2009.

Mayor

Corporate Officer