

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

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

Mayor Granstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Charlton / Seconded by Councillor Moore

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

CARRIED

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Charlton

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 26, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings held November 2, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the minutes of the Rossland Sustainability Commission Meeting held September 17, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

MATTERS REFERRED

COW Nov. 2, 2009 Recommendations

Matter referred from the November 2, 2009 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting with the Sustainability Commission;

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Recommendation 1 (b) and (c) and Recommendation 2 from the Sustainability Commission presentation of October 4, 2009 be referred back to the Sustainability Commission.

CARRIED

**Area B – OCP
Representative**

Council appointment to sit on Area B OCP Review Steering Committee;

Moved by Councillor Wallace / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT the Manager of Planning and Development Services, Mr. Mike Maturo, be appointed to sit on the Area B Official Community Plan Review Steering Committee.

CARRIED

**Water Meters and
Water Use in
Rossland**

November 4, 2009 report from the City Engineer regarding Water Meters and Water use in Rossland. Report supplied for information and response to questions from Mr. M. Geldrich's delegation of October 13, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Smith / Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the November 4, 2009 report from the City Engineer regarding Water Meters and Water use in Rossland be received by Council,

AND FURTHER;

THAT the report, with the attachment of the installation instructions, be made available to Mr. M. Geldrich and highlighted on the City web site.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – Correspondence

**Allanco
Development
Corp. – Water
Meter Rates**

October 22, 2009 letter from Mr. Andy Talbot, Allanco Development Corp., regarding Water Sewer Bylaw Input;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Spearn

THAT the October 22, 2009 letter from Mr. Andy Talbot, Allanco Development Corp., be referred to Staff for a report commenting on the suggestions from Mr. Talbot.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Spearn / Seconded by Councillor Stradling

THAT the multi use residential and non-residential categories are separated for the 2010 Water and Sewer Bylaws.

DEFEATED

NEW BUSINESS – Reports

**1953 Third Ave. &
Rotary Health
Centre**

November 4, 2009 Information Memorandum from the Interim CAO regarding rental opportunities for 1953 Third Avenue and the Rotary Health Center.

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the November 4, 2009 information memorandum from the Interim CAO regarding rental opportunities for 1953 Third Avenue and the Rotary Health Center be received by Council.

CARRIED

**Property Purchase
Request – 1145
Davis St.**

November 2, 2009 report from the Manager of Planning and Development Services regarding a City right-of-way property purchase request – 1145 Davis Street/Tomich and Thornton;

Moved by Councillor Moore / Seconded by Councillor Wallace

THAT Council support the request by the owners of the property legally described as Lot 54, Plan 14835, Section 27, Township 9A, PID 009-737-243, by directing Staff and the property owners to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a section of the Black Diamond right-of-way.

CARRIED

**Hamm/Glass
Boundary
Extension**

November 5, 2009 information memorandum from the Manager of Planning and Development Services regarding the conclusion of the Hamm/Glass Boundary Extension.

Received for information.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

**Councillor
Stradling**

Councillor Stradling discussed his November 9, 2009 reports(2);

1. Analysis of City of Rossland Operating and Maintenance Expenditures 2003-2008.

Notice of Motion from Councillor Stradling for the next Regular Meeting of Council:

“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”.

2. Preliminary analysis of Rossland’s tax position relative to comparable BC communities.

Notice of Motion from Councillor Stradling for the next Regular Meeting of Council:

“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”.

Councillor Spearn

Councillor Spearn expressed her concerns regarding the cars being displayed for sale on the vacant lot on the corner of Columbia Avenue and Spokane Street.

Councillor Moore

Councillor Moore requested that the idling bylaw be strictly enforced.

Notice of Motion by Councillor Moore for the next Regular Meeting of Council:

“THAT Council work with Staff and Rossland Secondary School to establish 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.

Councillor Wallace

Councillor Wallace reported on the recent Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board Meeting. Councillor Wallace informed Council that the RDKB was unsuccessful in obtaining a grant for renovations to the RDKB building and that the project is now on hold.

Councillor Wallace reported on the Sewerage Committee proposed budget and explained budget increases are due to new regulations and the installation of flow monitors. Councillor Wallace informed Council that the Sewerage Treatment Plant is experiencing difficulty with the digester.

Councillor Wallace reported on the Heritage Restoration Workshop success

and the plans to develop a heritage tour in the Kootenay's.

Councillor Wallace reported on the Burn it Smart Workshop. Although the workshop was not well attended alternate plans to distribute the information are now in the works.

Councillor Wallace announced that grants have been awarded to the following:

- \$400,000 towards the Regional Hospital Heliport Project.
- \$3.45 million to renovate the residences at Castlegar Selkirk College
- Kootenay Wildfire protection program received funding for the mitigation program.

Councillor Smith

November 16, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting will include discussion on Regional Recreation.

Councillor Smith informed Council that she had notified the Rossland Foodies Group about the potential to meet with staff from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands regarding an agricultural plan for the area.

**Councillor
Charlton**

Councillor Charlton pointed out in the October 20, 2009 letter from Minister Bill Bennett that it was obvious that mixed messages were received at the UBCM concerning the restructure study. Councillor Charlton requested Rossland take the lead in the matter quickly.

Councillor Charlton requested that Policy 337 – Snow Removal be included in the next newsletter.

Mayor Granstrom

Mayor Granstrom reported on his attendance at the Legion Dinner and reminded Council of the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 starting at 10:00 am.

Mayor Granstrom requested the attendance of Council at the Seniors' Housing Focus Groups in Trail. Councillor Moore will attend and find out if it is possible to have a forum in Rossland.

Close

Mayor Granstrom closed the meeting at 9:02 pm.

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

Mayor

Corporate Officer