



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

Minutes of Meeting of Rossland Sustainability Commission Held Thursday, April 23, 2009 KAST Boardroom

PRESENT Kelvin Saldern (Chair)
Terry Miller
Aaron Cosbey
Patricia Marshall-Thompson
Sara Golling
Kathy Moore
Hanne Smith

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE Jennifer Ellis (Recording Secretary)
Mike Maturo

AGENDA Moved by Moore / Seconded by Miller

THAT the agenda for the Sustainability Commission meeting of April 23, 2009 be adopted with the following amendment;

THAT the appointment of Mike Maturo, Manager, Planning and Development Services as the CAO alternate to the Sustainability Commission be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

New Business

APPOINTMENT OF MIKE MATURO Ron Campbell, outgoing CAO, appointed Mike Maturo as the CAO alternate on the Sustainability Commission until such time that the Mayor or Council make a new appointment. Deb Timm will be the acting interim CAO.

WELCOME OF NEW SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER Kelvin Saldern welcomed Jennifer Ellis as the new Sustainability Manager. Jennifer will be reporting to Deb Timm.

TASK FORCE UPDATES Housing and Affordability Task Force
The Housing and Affordability Task Force met last Thursday and tried to assess priorities. They agreed that Strategic Actions relating to regulations and bylaws that increase affordability and diversity of housing are the key ones that the group wishes to see enacted. The Task Force has started doing research with the Food

Bank to try to connect with people in need of housing. There is a need to start looking at funding options for a housing needs assessment. The LCCDT is hosting an affordable housing forum on Wednesday, May 27th from 9:00 to 4:30 in Trail. Two Task Force members will be attending and Mike Maturo will be participating as a presenter.

Water Stewardship Task Force

The Water Stewardship Task Force is looking into water related grants that the City or Task Force could apply for. It is also preparing a small piece for publication on water metering and conservation. Other topics under discussion include rain barrels, grey water reuse, snow-making at the ski hill and issues relating to water that the Task Force would like the City to advocate for at the UBCM, including recommendations to allow for greater grey water reuse.

Economic Development Task Force

The Economic Development Task Force is going very well with lots of enthusiasm but are facing some time capacity issues associated with their membership. They are looking at a project on business readiness/business friendliness in Rossland focusing on the impacts of mobile entrepreneurs, who bring in income from outside the region. It is believed that any dollar that comes in from outside equates to about \$14 of economic value locally.

TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Jennifer Ellis requested copies of the Task Force Terms of Reference.

APRIL 3RD WORKING MEETING REVIEW

Action Items from the April 3rd Working Meeting were reviewed and revised including a) developing a template for prioritization of SSP Strategic Actions; b) creating databases of local sustainability groups and practical ideas for implementing SSP Strategic Actions; and c) ensuring that a motion to go before Council regarding the release of energy consumption from Fortis and Terasen is on the Commission's May agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The draft Commission Communications Plan was reviewed and suggestions were provided. The goal will be to finalize the Communications Plan at the next Commission meeting on May 14th, 2009.

THREE NEW TASK FORCES

Discussion took place regarding the Council recommendation that the Commission establish three new Task Forces. Some concerns were expressed regarding the lack of a motion at the last Commission meeting with respect to establishing new Task Forces, public expectations, the need to build capacity within the existing Task Forces, the lack of budget for new Task Forces and the need to establish a protocol for creating new Task Forces. It will be necessary to create an open and transparent process for determining if new Task Forces are needed and how they should be established. Discussion and support for an Energy Task Force has been expressed at several Commission meetings, prior to Council's recommendation. The Commission will deliberate further on the recommendation for future activities.

NEXT MEETING DATE Moved by Marshall-Thompson / Seconded by Cosby

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting date for the Commission be moved up to Thursday, May 14th, 2009 from 7:00 am to 8:30 am.

CARRIED

CLOSE Chair Saldern closed the meeting at 9:30 am

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Meeting held on April 23, 2009.

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY