



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

Minutes of Meeting of Rossland Sustainability Commission Held Thursday, February 26, 2009 KAST Boardroom

PRESENT Kelvin Saldern (Chair)
Steve Ash
Aaron Cosbey
Bob Reardon
Patricia Marshall-Thompson
Sara Golling
Public

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE Ron Campbell

New Business

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MANAGER The Sustainability Commission Manager position has been posted and advertised. No applications have been received yet. The deadline for application is March 6th. There is a need to move quickly to establish a system for monitoring progress and the new applicant will not be on the job in time to do so in a timely manner. There is some budget available for this task.

Moved by Ash / Seconded by Cosbey

BE IT RESOLVED that Erin McGuigan be offered a consultancy to establish a system for monitoring progress on the SSP.

CARRIED

TASK FORCE UPDATES

Water Stewardship Task Force

Golling reported that the Water Stewardship Task Force had met once. Golling confirmed that the Task Force was to be only focused on supply rather than waste water treatment. Golling indicated that the Task Force was making a recommendation to Council to get data on water supply as a prerequisite for informed decision-making by the Task Force.

Moved by Ash / Seconded by Reardon

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission supports the recommendation from the Water Stewardship Task Force to Council to undertake flow studies on existing and potential creeks contributing to Rossland's water supply, as well as install an outflow meter on the treatment plant.

CARRIED

Economic Development Task Force

Reardon reported that the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) has met twice and is developing a workplan as per the Terms of Reference. Priorities include: a survey of consulting businesses in town, a focus on getting very high speed data capability in Rossland and a desire to champion Rossland as a “green” City in all its aspects. The Task Force has agreed to look for potential synergies with the Chamber of Commerce and plans to meet with the Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT).

Housing and Affordability Task Force

Marshall-Thompson reported that the Housing and Affordability Task Force (HATF) had held two meetings and are reviewing the experiences of other communities in addressing challenges of housing affordability. The Task Force has also been finalizing its Terms of Reference and applying for Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) grant funding. They are also meeting with the LCCDT members working on similar issues. A Housing Needs Assessment has been identified as a key data requirement for the Task Force’s work as well as assessments of the costs of building and renovating housing. The Task Force will work to help support regulatory changes (i.e. zoning, planning and building regulations) that help lower housing costs in Rossland.

**GRANT
APPLICATION
PROTOCOLS**

Task Forces are free to explore grant possibilities, but final applications should come from the Commission, or, if this is not appropriate, the Commission should be informed of the Task Force application. This is to avoid situations where a single funder receives more than one application from Commission bodies.

CLOSE

Chair Saldern closed the meeting at 8:30 am

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Sustainability Commission Meeting held on February 26, 2009.

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY
