



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

Minutes of Meeting of Rossland Sustainability Commission Held Thursday, March 19, 2009 KAST Boardroom

PRESENT Kelvin Saldern (Chair)
Steve Ash
Terry Miller
Bob Reardon
Patricia Marshall-Thompson
Sara Golling
Hanne Smith

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE Ron Campbell

New Business

REPORT FROM SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE, KELOWNA Councillor Smith reported on the Kelowna Sustainability Conference that she attended with Councillor Moore and City Engineer, Mike Thomas. She will update each of the Task Force Chairs individually with regard to what she learned that is most relevant to their Task Forces.

TASK FORCE UPDATES Housing and Affordability Task Force
Marshall-Thompson reported that the Housing and Affordability Task Force (HATF) had held two meetings to date and will be meeting with George Penfold, Selkirk College's Research Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development. Penfold offers significant insight and data with respect to local housing and employment patterns. The HATF has identified a Housing Needs Assessment as a key priority.

Water Stewardship Task Force
Golling reported that the Water Stewardship Task Force had met on March 9th. They discussed best water practices in other communities, the possible snowmaking plan for Red Mountain, and starting a blog to stimulate local interest and participation in water conservation measures.

Economic Development Task Force
Reardon reported that the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) is meeting on an ongoing basis. Reardon met with the Lower Columbia Community Development Team (LCCDT) in Trail. The LCCDT is developing a plan for the creation of an Economic Development Officer position. The EDTF recommended that the City of Rossland engage in the LCCDT process.

**POSSIBLE
ENERGY TASK
FORCE**

Steve Ash has been undertaking background work on the formation of an Energy Task Force. There were concerns about the capacity of the Commission and City to create additional Task Forces at this time. Steve Ash will continue his background work and the issue will be discussed further at the April Commission meeting.

**TASK FORCE
COMMUNICATIONS**

Task Forces are not required to record and publish meeting minutes. They do take informal meeting notes and circulate them to the Commission. Formal meeting minutes posted to the Visions to Actions website would add to the time burdens of volunteers and could be open to misinterpretation, given the wide-ranging discussions of the Task Forces. Task Force recommendations must be brought to the Commission and approved by the Commission, which allows for transparency and public and stakeholder scrutiny. Task Force updates are published in the Commission meeting minutes allowing for additional transparency.

Moved by Ash / Seconded by Miller

BE IT RESOLVED that Task Force meeting notes are limited in circulation to the Task Force members and to the Commission. Other interested people may receive notes by request to the Commission Chair.

CARRIED

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 March 19, 2009.

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY
