



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held April 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff
Councillor Kevin Chernoff
Councillor Russ Hearne
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Deb McIntosh
Councillor Dan Rye
Councillor Gordon Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer
Andre Buss, Director of Finance
Chris Barlow, Director of Transportation and Civic Works
Phil Markin, Director of Development Services
Carolyn Rempel, Director of Corporate Services
Gerry Rempel, Fire Chief/Airport Manager
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**AGENDA:
139-12**

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under "Community Wellness and Social Services", verbal report by Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff, under "Cultural and Civic Pride", verbal report by Councillor Turner and under "Public Safety", verbal report on Katimavik by Councillor Rye. Carried.

**PRESENTATION:
- SNOW BUSTERS
AWARD**

Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 2011-2012 "Snow Buster" nominees: Mr. Walter Buday, Mr. Frank Shklakoff, Mr. Mike Therrien, Mr. Rudiger Clauss, Mr. Kent Smith and Mr. Peter Bartsoff.

Mayor Chernoff thanked the nominees for being good neighbours and assisting others with snow clearing over the winter season. Our community is proud of them and their efforts to assist others and make Castlegar the great community it is.

**DELEGATIONS:
- MS. PAM MCLEOD,
MS. LISA KENNEDY &
MR. SHAUN GOODEVE,
PROJECT
COORDINATORS,
INVEST KOOTENAY**

Ms. Pam McLeod, Executive Director of the Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce introduced Ms. Lisa Kennedy, Regional Coordinator and Mr. Shaun Goodeve, Project Coordinator for Invest Kootenay.

Mr. Goodeve provided an overview of the Invest Kootenay Program which is a regional partnership focused on attracting, retaining and expanding investment in the Kootenay Region. Mr. Goodeve reviewed:

- funding and governance;
- key stakeholders and current partners;
- investor information and annual investment statistics for the years from 2008 – 2011;
- the origins of interested investors;
- communities of interest to investors and
- the "secret investor" program.

Mr. Goodeve also discussed the Invest Kootenay Ambassador Program which they are hoping to augment with the allocated Columbia Basin Trust funding.

In response to questions by Council Mr. Goodeve advised that Castlegar rated on the higher side for investment readiness however lack of awareness of the program was identified. Ms. McLeod advised that a fact sheet is now being produced and distributed on a monthly basis.

Mr. Goodeve advised that a “secret investor” visited Castlegar in December, 2011. Council requested a copy of the comments provided to the Chamber of Commerce by the secret investor.

Council thanked Ms. McLeod, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Goodeve for attending the meeting and providing this update on the Invest Kootenay Program.

- MR. PETER
WULOWKA

Mr. Peter Wulowka attended the meeting to provide information to Council regarding urban chicken farming. Mr. Wulowka displayed a “chicken tractor” and presented a slide show demonstrating various types of chicken tractors and their potential uses.

Mr. Wulowka distributed to Council information regarding Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and referred to the City’s Official Community Plan Bylaw – Section 23 “Local Food Production and Security”. Mr. Wulowka discussed the benefits of urban chicken farming.

Mr. Wulowka advised that the City of Nelson will be implementing a pilot project to permit backyard chickens and requested that Council seriously consider permitting backyard chickens in the City of Castlegar.

Council thanked Mr. Wulowka for his presentation.

MINUTES:
140-12
- REGULAR MEETING -
- MARCH 19, 2012

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 19, 2012, be approved as presented. Carried.

REPORTS:
AIRPORT

Nil

**COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & SOCIAL
SERVICES:**
141-12
- VERBAL REPORT

Moved and seconded,
that Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff’s verbal report regarding the April 22, 2012 “End of Day Celebration” for the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay to be held at the Recreation Complex from 2:30 pm to 5:00 p.m., and the April 23rd white sturgeon release event to be held at the Hugh Keenleyside Dam from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., be received for information. Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**
142-12
- CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting held March 15, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

143-12
- VERBAL REPORT

Moved and seconded,
that Councillor Turner's verbal report regarding his attendance at the Castlegar and District Public Library Annual General Meeting and the March 22, 2012 Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society Board meeting, be received for information. Carried.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

144-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held March 27, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

145-12
- ADVERTISING
REQUEST – FRIENDS
OF PARKS AND TRAILS
SOCIETY, CASTLEGAR
TRAILS BOOKLET
(#12-63)

Moved and seconded,
that Council authorize the purchase of a back cover advertisement in the Castlegar Friends of Parks and Trails "Castlegar Trails" Booklet in the amount of \$700, to be allocated from the City of Castlegar's advertising budget. Carried.

146-12
- ITEM TO BE
RELEASED FROM
PREVIOUS IN CAMERA
MEETING (#12-62)

Moved and seconded,
that Council release to the public the resolution from the March 5, 2012 Special In Camera meeting as noted in Report to Council No. 12-62. Carried.

GREEN:

Nil

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

147-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held March 28, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

148-12
- CASTLEGAR
CURLING CLUB LEASE
RENEWAL (#12-24)

Moved and seconded,
that the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services be authorized to sign the Castlegar Curling Club lease renewal for a twenty year term ending December 4, 2032. Carried.

149-12
- PURCHASE OF
WOOD STREET ROAD
ALLOWANCE
ADJACENT TO 330
COLUMBIA AVENUE
(#12-53)

Moved and seconded,
1. that Council consider three readings to Road Closure Bylaw 1155;
2. that Council instruct staff to give notice of the proposed Wood Street Road Closure to the public at large by way of newspaper notification in accordance with Section 94 of the Community Charter;
3. that Council instruct staff to provide an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by the bylaw to make representations to Council in accordance with Procedures Bylaw 781;
4. that Council instruct staff to deliver notice of its intended road closure to Fortis Electricity, Telus, Shaw Cable, Fortis Gas and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; and
5. that Council transfer the closed road to 0925449 B.C. Ltd. for \$10,827. plus advertising and legal fees. Carried.

150-12
- TEMPORARY USE
PERMIT TP-1/12
(401 – 13TH AVENUE)
(#12-60)

Moved and seconded,
that Council consider, at the regular Council meeting of April 16,
2012, issuing a Temporary Use Permit to allow the operation of a
pet daycare from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at 401 –
13th Avenue (Lot 11, District Lot 4598, Kootenay District Plan 1520).

Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

151-12
KATIMAVIK

Moved and seconded,
that Council send a letter to the Federal Government expressing
concern and disappointment at the recent decision to eliminate the
Katimavik Program and request that this decision be reconsidered,
and further, that a copy of this letter be forwarded to Mr. Alex
Atamanenko, MP.

Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

152-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works
Committee meeting held March 27, 2012, be received for
information.

Carried.

153-12
- CURBSIDE WASTE &
RECYCLE ROUTE
CHANGES

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve the request from Waste Management to
reroute a portion of the current Curbside Waste and Recycle routes
as outlined in their March 21, 2012 letter.

154-12
- ADOPT-A-ROAD
PROGRAM (#12-61)

Moved and seconded,
that Council gives support and encourages public participation in
the Adopt-A-Road Program and directs staff to continue in the
Adopt-A-Road Program.

Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

155-12
- RDCK MINUTES
- FEBRUARY 16, 2012

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board
meeting held February 16, 2012, be received for information.

Carried.

156-12
- WEST KOOTENAY-
BOUNDARY REGIONAL
HOSPITAL DISTRICT
"SPOTLIGHT"
PUBLICATION

Moved and seconded,
that the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District
"Spotlight" Publication, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

157-12

Moved and seconded,
that the News Release from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be
received for information.

Carried.

158-12
- AFFORDABLE
HOUSING INITIATIVE

Moved and seconded,
That the News Release dated March 21, 2012 from the Ministry of
Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Housing Canada
Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Columbia Basin Trust
regarding the new affordable housing initiative for the Columbia
Basin, be received for information.

Carried.

Councillor McIntosh requested that City of Castlegar
representatives attend any meeting scheduled to discuss this
initiative to determine where the City of Castlegar may be involved
in this process.

REPORTS OTHER: Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT:

159-12
- VERBAL REPORT

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor Chernoff's verbal report regarding the West Kootenay Climate Leadership Summit held in Castlegar, be received for information. Carried.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

160-12
- MINISTER OF HEALTH

Moved and seconded,
that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health to follow up on items discussed during the recent trip to Victoria to reiterate the City's position. Carried.

161-12
- CROSS BORDER SHOPPING

Moved and seconded,
that Council send a letter to the federal government expressing concerns with the federal budget and the impact this will have on border communities with regard to cross border shopping. Carried.

BYLAWS: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting, April 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445-13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

- MR. CORD LAFOND

Mr. Lafond asked if there is currently a provision in any bylaw to prevent anyone from having backyard chickens. Staff will review the Animal Control Bylaw to confirm.

- MR. KEVIN BLACKMAN

Mr. Blackman expressed concern with regard to the awarding of the Phase 2 Airport Servicing contract to an outside company. Mr. Blackman would like to see a "Local Hire Bylaw" and requested that Council speak to Ms. Katrine Conroy, MLA to change the current laws. Mr. Blackman advised that he will be looking for the final costs of this project.

- MR. RUDIGER CLAUSS

Mr. Clauss requested information on electronics recycling in Castlegar and was advised that an e-waste recycling event has been scheduled for April 28, 2012 at the Pioneer Arena. Mayor Chernoff advised that the City has been looking at a permanent solution for e-waste recycling.

- MR. ROGER BOURGOIS

Mr. Bourgois asked how much public opinion Council will take into consideration when considering the urban chicken issue. A Councillor suggested that public consultation would need to take place before considering any decision on this issue.

- MR. PETER WULOWKA

Mr. Wulowka noted a recent article in The Province newspaper pertaining to BC Hydro Smart Meters and inaccurate billings.

- MR. WAYNE
POPOFF

Mr. Popoff expressed concern regarding various unsightly building and premises in the downtown area and actions being taken by the City to resolve these concerns. Mr. Popoff was advised that there are processes and legal requirements that must be followed when acting on these matters.

Mr. Popoff asked if a new position had been created at Civic Works and if a City vehicle was provided to the employee. Mr. Malcolm advised that the City recently filled the long vacant Utilities Manager position and that this manager has access to a City vehicle to ensure availability to respond to emergencies.

- MS. CAROL
SHYPITKA

Ms. Shypitka advised that she is a member of Prayer Castlegar and that she will be praying for a resolution to the issue with Mr. McLaren.

- MR. STACEY
SENGER

Mr. Stacey Senger asked if the company recently awarded the roofing contract for the Doukhobor Discovery Centre was confirmed as a legitimate business. Mr. Markin confirmed that all the required checks were done and the status of the successful bidder was confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT:
162-12

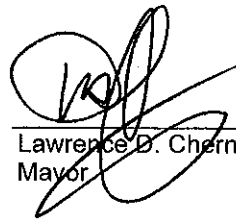
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting at adjourn at 8:38 P.M.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Carolyn Rempel,
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor