



## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held March 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:  
124-12**

Moved and seconded,  
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under "Cultural and Civic Pride" verbal report by Councillor Turner. Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

- MS. WENDY VAN  
PUYMBROECK & MS.  
EMILIE CAYER-HUARD,  
KOOTENAY ROCKIES  
TOURISM

Ms. Wendy Van Puymbroeck and Ms. Emilie Cayer-Huard of Kootenay Rockies Tourism attended the meeting to present Council with information regarding their organization, their mandate and tourism revenues for the region.

Ms. Van Puymbroeck advised Council that the mandate of Kootenay Rockies Tourism is to enhance the regional visitor economy for the benefit of businesses and communities through the delivery of destination marketing initiatives and the facilitation of connected travel. Ms. Puymbroeck reviewed:

- the marketing structure;
- tourism revenues;
- BC accommodation revenue by region;
- statistics regarding Kootenay Rockies visits by Canadians as well as by overseas and USA visitors;
- the Tourism Partners Program;
- Community Programs including the Community Tourism Foundation Program and the Community Tourism Opportunities Program;
- recent trade activities, media relations, Kootenay Rockies Tourism publications and the "Kootenay Travel App" which currently has 1200 pages available.

In response to questions by members of Council, Ms. Puymbroeck confirmed that the number of American tourists has declined in recent years and that arts & culture tourism is playing a growing role in our area.

Council thanked Ms. Puymbroeck and Ms. Cayer-Huard for their presentation.

- MS. SUZANNE  
LEHBAUER,  
CASTLEGAR &  
DISTRICT HOSPICE  
SOCIETY

Ms. Suzanne Lehbauer, Executive Director for the Castlegar & District Hospice Society attended the meeting to provide information regarding "National Advance Care Planning Day – April 16, 2012."

Ms. Lehbauer explained that the focus of National Advance Care Planning Day is to raise awareness of the need for everyone to plan their end of life care. Ms. Lehbauer advised that the Castlegar & District Hospice Society has joined the nation-wide "Speak Up" campaign to start the conversation about end of life care and planning.

Ms. Lehbauer advised that in September, 2011 BC's updated "Incapacity Planning" legislation came into effect, whereby providing for more legal options for capable adults to express their wishes and decisions for financial and personal care without having to visit a lawyer. Ms. Lehbauer will be offering workshops and providing copies of the new "Advanced Care Planning Guide" to assist in educating the public on this difficult but important subject.

Ms. Lehbauer encouraged all members of Council to have a plan in place and expressed her thanks for permitting her to attend the meeting to make this presentation.

In response to questions from members of Council Ms. Lehbauer advised that the workshops will be held free of charge and will be held at other times of the year, not just on National Advance Care Planning Day.

Council thanked Ms. Lehbauer for her presentation.

**MINUTES:**

125-12  
- REGULAR MEETING  
- MARCH 5, 2012

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 5, 2012, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**AIRPORT:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES:**

126-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness and Social Services Committee meeting held March 14, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

127-12  
- VERBAL REPORT

Moved and seconded,  
that Councillor Turner's verbal report regarding his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting and the opening of the "Language of Drawing" pencil artist show at the Kootenay Gallery, be received for information. Carried.

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

128-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held March 13, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

129-12  
- GRANT APPLICATION  
- MARIAH MORRIS, BC  
AMBASSADOR  
PROGRAM 2012  
(#12-54)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council approve a \$700.00 grant to Miss Mariah Morris out of  
the Grants budget line item to cover the cost of the entrance fee to  
represent Castlegar in the BC Ambassador Program to be held  
August 13-18, 2012 in Merritt, BC. Carried.

130-12  
- SPONSORSHIP  
REQUEST –  
KOOTENAY  
ROBUSTERS DRAGON  
BOAT TEAM  
CALENDAR 2013  
(#12-58)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council agree to sponsor a ¼ page ad in the Kootenay  
Robusters 2013 calendar, at a cost of \$250, to be allocated from the  
City of Castlegar's advertising budget. Carried.

131-12  
- BEAR AWARE  
PROGRAM – REQUEST  
FOR FUNDING 2012  
(#12-55)

Moved and seconded,  
that the City submit an application for participation in the 2012 Bear  
Aware Program and appointment of a Bear Aware Community  
Coordinator in Castlegar; and

that the City's contribution to the program be provided through  
\$2,500 in financial support, to be allocated from the City's 2012  
grants budget, and \$2,500 in kind support; and further,

that the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services be authorized to  
sign the Community Program Application / Contractual Agreement,  
should our application be successful. Carried.

**GREEN:**

Nil

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

132-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee  
meeting held March 14, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

- DEVELOPMENT  
VARIANCE PERMIT DV-  
1/12

Mayor Chernoff asked that any members of the public who wished  
to comment on the issuance of Development Variance Permit DV-  
1/12 (1127 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street) to permit an auxiliary dwelling to be located  
in the basement of a commercial use at 1127 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street, come  
forward to present their views to Council.

No one in attendance rose to speak regarding Development  
Variance Permit DV-1/12.

133-12  
- DEVELOPMENT  
VARIANCE PERMIT DV-  
1/12 (1127 – 4<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET)

Moved and seconded,  
that City Council issue Development Variance Permit DV-1/12 to  
vary the provisions of Clause 4.6.2(3)(b) of Zoning Bylaw 800 in  
order to permit an auxiliary dwelling to be located in the basement  
of a commercial use at 1127 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

134-12  
- EMERGENCY  
SERVICES MONTHLY  
REPORT – FEBRUARY,  
2012 (#12-56)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for February, 2012, be  
received for information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

135-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works  
Committee meeting held March 13, 2012, be received for  
information. Carried.

Councillor McIntosh announced that the winner of the 2012 Snow Busters Program is Mr. Walter Buday. The other nominated community members were Mr. Frank Shklakoff, Mr. Mike Therrien, Mr. Rudiger Clauss, Mr. Kent Smith and Mr. Peter Bartsoff. Councillor McIntosh thanked the nominees and advised that they will be invited to the April 2, 2012 Council meeting for presentation of the awards.

**R.D.C.K. REPORT:**

136-12  
- RDCK MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board meetings held December 8, 2011 and January 19, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

137-12

Moved and seconded,  
that the correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities regarding the 2012 Application Intake – Gas Tax General Strategic Priorities Fund and Innovations Fund; Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments regarding Congratulation to the City of Greenwood for the Best Drinking Water in the World and the City of Prince George and The Corporation of the Village of Lumby regarding Business Taxation and Revenue Sources Review, be received for information. Carried.

**REPORTS OTHER:**

Councillor Chernoff reminded everyone to register online with Fortis BC and to turn off all non-essential lights on March 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in support of Earth Hour 2012.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Nil

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nil

**NEXT MEETING:**

Regular Meeting, April 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Nil

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

- MR. RUDIGER  
CLAUSS

Mr. Clauss inquired about the issue of unsightly premises and was advised that citizens with concerns about specific properties should contact the City's Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Clauss asked if there were any City bylaws regarding tree removal on private property and was advised that there are no such bylaws in place.

- MS. SHEMAHO  
JEPHI SIOUX

Ms. Sioux asked about any scheduled community clean-up days and was advised that the City will participate in "Clean Sweep Week" from April 22 – 26<sup>th</sup>. Garbage bags will be available at City Hall and bins will be made available throughout the City for depositing collected garbage.

- MR. CLIFF PALUCK

Mr. Paluck, representing the Kootenay Chapter of Citizens for Safe Technology requested information on the status of his request made at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting for Council to consider a motion supporting a moratorium on the mandatory installation of Fortis BC Advance Metering Infrastructure (Smart Meters).

Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff requested that Mr. Paluck provide information on how many local governments in the Fortis BC service area have passed resolutions regarding AMI (Smart Meters). Mr. Paluck advised that he will find out and provide a reply to Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff.

Mayor Chernoff advised Mr. Paluck that Council will be hearing more information on the AMI (Smart Meter) issue during the upcoming Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments conference. Mr. Paluck asked if these sessions are open to be public and Mayor Chernoff advised that he will confirm with conference organizers whether or not the public may attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

138-12

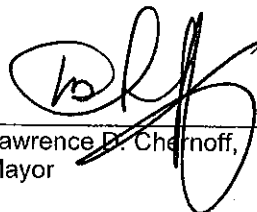
Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services



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Lawrence B. Chernoff,  
Mayor

