



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held Tuesday, January 3, 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 Dan Rye
Councillor Gordon Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Deb McIntosh

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:
1-12**

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under Public Safety, Report #12-03, the 911 Emergency Telephone Service Agreement and Item 30.6, a verbal report regarding the BC Ambulance Service. Carried.

DELEGATION:

MS. PAM MCLEOD,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND MS. ANNA
KAYTOR, TOURISM
SUPERVISOR FOR THE
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Ms. Pam McLeod, Executive Director and Ms. Anna Kaytor, Tourism Supervisor for the Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to present the Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce – Visitor Centre Annual report for 2011. Information was presented regarding:

- comparative statistics on requests for information for the period from January – September 2010 and 2011 which showed a substantial increase in 2011 which can be mainly attributed to the hosting of the BC Seniors Games in August, 2011;
- visitors to the Visitor Information Centre came from across BC, Alberta, Washington state and other areas of the US, Mexico, California, Asia, Australia and Europe;
- popular inquiries of visitors pertained to transportation, hiking/biking and fishing opportunities, food and beverage service, adventure activities and local attractions and shopping;
- information received from Tourism BC indicates that in July and August 2011 visits to VIC's in all areas of the province declined from 2010, while the Kootenay Rockies VIC's showed an overall increase of 1.5% over 2010;
- between August 14th – 20th, 2011 there are 1,901 visitors to the VIC;
- Ms. Anna Kaytor successfully completed the "Tourism/Visitor Information Counsellor Training Program for Trainers" and is now certified to train tourism counsellors;

- the Visitor's Choice 2011 publication for Castlegar was distributed to Visitor Centres throughout BC and elsewhere;
- the "Celebrating 100 Years of BC Parks" program undertaken in 2011 was very successful and resulted in increased visitor traffic;
- the well-used outdoor sign at the Chamber of Commerce office was updated this year with new boards, new colors and LED lighting to make the sign readable at night;
- the "Welcoming and Inclusive Communities" initiative expanded this year to include the communities of Rossland and Greenwood.

In closing, Ms. McLeod thanked the Civic Works crew, Mayor and Council and senior staff for their on-going assistance and support.

Council commended Ms. McLeod, Ms. Kaytor and the staff at the Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding job in assisting the extraordinary number of visitors to the information centre during the BC Seniors Games. Council also expressed appreciation for the efforts made to ensure accommodations for BC Games participants were available.

Mayor Chernoff thanked Ms. McLeod and Ms. Kaytor for their presentation.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & SOCIAL
SERVICES:**

Nil

CULTURAL & CIVIC

PRIDE:

- 2-12
- CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting held December 15, 2011, be received for information.

Carried.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

- 3-12
- 2012 UTILITY RATES
AND REGULATIONS
(#11-213)

Moved and seconded,
that Council consider giving three readings to Bylaw 1151, 2012 Water Regulations and Rates amending bylaw, Bylaw 1152, 2012 Sewer Regulations and Rates amending bylaw and Bylaw 1153, 2012 Garbage Regulations and Rates amending bylaw. Carried.

- 4-12
- 2012 COMPENSATION
LEVELS

Moved and seconded,
that the exempt staff salary grid attached to Financial Policy Directive 4-8, be adjusted by 2.3%, being the amount of the BC Consumer Price Index for the twelve month period ending October 31, 2011; and that the rates and stipends paid to the Castlegar Volunteer Firefighters be adjusted by 2.3%, being the amount of the BC Consumer Price Index for the twelve month period ending October 31, 2011.

GREEN:

Nil

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

Nil

PUBLIC SAFETY:

5-12
- EMERGENCY
SERVICES MONTHLY
REPORT, NOVEMBER,
2011 (#11-233)

Moved and seconded,
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for the month of
November, 2011, be received for information. Carried.

6-12
- 911 EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE SERVICE
AGREEMENT

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve:
a) renewal of the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service Agreement
with the City of Cranbrook until 31 December 2016 and, further;

b) that, the additional \$10,000 be approved for our share of the cost
for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Gateway (BC
Ambulance Service Dispatch) software, and;

c) that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to
execute the appropriate documents. Carried.

- BC AMBULANCE
SERVICE

Councillor Rye reported that Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and
night the City of Castlegar and surrounding areas had no
ambulance service. City Emergency forces were not notified at any
time that there would be no ambulance service. The Castlegar Fire
Department responded to five (5) emergency first responder calls
on Christmas day / night.

7-12
- BC AMBULANCE
SERVICE

Moved and seconded,
that a letter be sent to the BC Ambulance Service and Ministry of
Health requesting an explanation of what happened that resulted in
no ambulance service in Castlegar from the evening of December
24, 2011 to the morning of December 26, 2011.

Carried.

8-12
- BC AMBULANCE
SERVICE

Moved and seconded,
that an invoice be sent to the BC Ambulance for expenses incurred
by the City of Castlegar as a result of the lack of ambulance service
in the City of Castlegar from the evening of December 24, 2011 to
the morning of December 26, 2011. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

Nil

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

9-12
- CASTLEGAR &
DISTRICT
RECREATION
COMMISSION
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission
meeting held December 14, 2011, be received for information.

Carried.

Council congratulated Councillor Hearne on being elected Chair of
the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE:

10-12

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from Mr. Larry Greenlaw, Minister of
Transportation regarding the Galena Bay Ferry; Rural & Co-
operatives Secretariat regarding the Blackberry App for Rural
Canadians; Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding Safe Homes
& Safe Communities and Union of B.C. Municipalities regarding
Small Water Systems Group, be received for information. Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT: Nil
NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

BYLAWS:

11-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1151 that Bylaw 1151, 2012 Water Regulations and Rates Amendment
- 1ST READING Bylaw, be read a first time by title. Carried.

12-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1151 that Bylaw 1151, 2012 Water Regulations and Rates Amendment
- 2ND READING Bylaw, be read a second time by content. Carried.

13-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1151 that Bylaw 1151, 2012 Water Regulations and Rates Amendment
- 3RD READING Bylaw, be read a third time. Carried.

14-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1152 that Bylaw 1152, 2012 Sewer Regulations and Rates Amendment
- 1ST READING Bylaw, be read a first time by title. Carried.

15-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1152 that Bylaw 1152, 2012 Sewer Regulations and Rates Amendment
- 2ND READING Bylaw, be read a second time by content. Carried.

16-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1152 that Bylaw 1152, 2012 Sewer Regulations and Rates Amendment
- 3RD READING Bylaw, be read a third time. Carried.

17-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1153 that Bylaw 1153, 2012 Garbage Regulation and Rates Amendment
- 1ST READING Bylaw, be read a first time by title. Carried.

18-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1153 that Bylaw 1153, 2012 Garbage Regulation and Rates Amendment
- 2ND READING Bylaw, be read a second time by content. Carried.

19-12 Moved and seconded,
- BYLAW 1153 that Bylaw 1153, 2012 Garbage Regulation and Rates Amendment
- 3RD READING Bylaw, be read a third time. Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS: Regular Meeting, Monday, January 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. Cord LaFond asked if the residential water meters being installed are electrical or mechanical devices. Mr. Barlow advised that the water meters have a magnetic device that records the flow and an electrical component that is the reading device.

Mr. LaFond raised the question of who owns the meter once it is installed and who is responsible for repairs or maintenance of the meter? Mr. Barlow advised that the meters remain the property of the City and the City is responsible for the maintenance costs.

- MR. PETER
WULOWKA

Mr. Wulowka asked if consideration had been given to the health concerns that citizens may have regarding the water meters. Mr. Barlow advised that the water meters operate differently than the BC Hydro Smart Meters in that the radio system in the water meters is only activated when the meter is read and only transmits its reading directly to the City reader not through a network.

Mr. Wulowka inquired about the status of his water meter installation and was advised that Mr. Barlow would follow up with him to discuss the installation.

Mr. Wulowka asked if there was any information regarding the status of the drug charges laid recently against several members of the community and was advised that it is believed these cases have not yet gone to trial.

ADJOURNMENT:
20-12

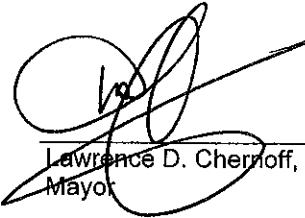
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Carolyn Rempel,
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor

