



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held June 4, 2012, 7:03 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff

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 Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

AGENDA:

262-12

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under Community Wellness and Social Services, a verbal report by Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff. Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

- INTRODUCTION OF
MS. JENNY WALLACE,
BEAR AWARE
COMMUNITY
COORDINATOR

Fire Chief Rempel introduced Ms. Jenny Wallace who has been hired by the BC Conservation Foundation as the Castlegar Bear Aware Community Coordinator for 2012.

Ms. Wallace thanked Council for the City's long standing and continuing support of the Bear Aware Program. Ms. Wallace is a recent graduate of the Recreation, Fish & Wildlife Program at Selkirk College and much of her work experience is in the area of environmental education. Ms. Wallace looks forward to working with the City and the residents of Castlegar over the next few months to further educate the public on how to reduce the incidents of bear human conflict in our community. Ms. Wallace can be reached by calling (250) 365-8971 or by e-mail to: castlegar@bearaware.ca

Council thanked Ms. Wallace for attending the meeting and wished her well in her role of Bear Aware Community Coordinator.

- MS. CRYSTAL
KLYM, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR – CENTRAL
KOOTENAY INVASIVE
PLANT COMMITTEE

Ms. Crystal Klym, Executive Director of the Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee attended the meeting to provide information to Council about invasive plants in the region and the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.

Ms. Klym briefly discussed:

- the history of the Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee;
- the negative impact of invasive plant species;
- the "Local Government Toolkit for Invasive Plant Management";

- some of the projects undertaken by area municipalities to deal with invasive plant species.

Ms. Klym advised that the Committee may be contacted at any time to answer questions that may arise, or to provide additional information regarding invasive plant prevention and management. Ms. Klym thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Council thanked Ms. Klym for the presentation.

MINUTES:

- 263-12
- REGULAR MEETING
- MAY 22, 2012

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 22, 2012, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:
AIRPORT**

Nil

**COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & SOCIAL
SERVICES:**

- 264-12
- VERBAL REPORT

Moved and seconded,
that Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff's verbal report regarding:
- the crowning of Ms. Leeza Perekhodoff as Miss Castlegar 2012;
- Sunfest 2012 held this past weekend;
- planning for the upcoming Canada Day BBQ and Outdoor Movie featuring the movie "The Lorax", and
- Miss Mariah Morris's participation in the BC Ambassador Program and the online voting for the People's Choice Award at www.bcambassador.com/peoples, be received for information. Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

- 265-12
- KOOTENAY
DOUKHOBOR
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES
- MARCH & APRIL, 2012

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society meetings held in March and April, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

- 266-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held May 29, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

GREEN:

Nil

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

- 267-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held May 30, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

- 268-12
- DEVELOPMENT COST
CHARGES REVIEW
- RECOMMENDATION
FOR AWARD (#12-96)

Moved and seconded,
that Council award the contract for a comprehensive review and update of Development Cost Charges for the City of Castlegar to Urban Systems, for a total price of \$44,700.00 plus HST, and that Council authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. Carried.

269-12
- RADON GAS
STANDARDS –
REPORT 3 (#12-97)

Moved and seconded,
that Report No. 12-97 with respect to radon mitigation standards, be
received for information. Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Nil

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

270-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works
Committee meeting held May 29, 2012, be received for information.
Carried.

- COBRA CLIMB
STAIRS
IMPROVEMENTS
(#12-98)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council direct staff to complete the installation of
lights on the Cobra Climb, and complete the additional upgrades as
noted within Report #12-98 titled "Cobra Climb Stairs
Improvements."

271-12
- MOTION TO AMEND

Moved and seconded,
that the motion be amended to direct staff to undertake
only the maintenance portion of the work on the Cobra
Climb and that the City not proceed with the installation
of lighting until after additional consultation with the
community takes place.

Motion Defeated
Opposed: Councillor Chernoff
Councillor Hearne
Councillor McIntosh

The original motion remains as follows:

272-12
- COBRA CLIMB
STAIRS

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council direct staff to complete the installation of
lights on the Cobra Climb, and complete the additional upgrades as
noted within Report #12-98 titled "Cobra Climb Stairs
Improvements."

Motion Defeated
Opposed: Deputy Mayor Turner
Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Rye

This matter will be referred back to the Transportation and Civic
Works Committee for follow up.

273-12
- NORTH SANITARY
TRUNK MAIN, PHASE 3
- RECOMMENDATION
FOR AWARD (#12-101)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council award the contract for Phase 3 of the North
Sanitary Trunk Main to Maglio Installations Ltd. for the sum of
\$105,912.05 plus HST, and that Council authorize staff to execute
the necessary documents. Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

274-12

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
regarding a Media Release; Mr. Andrew Dyck regarding World
Plumbing Day and Mr. Bruce Dewar regarding BC Ideas, Solution
for Stronger Communities, be received for information. Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

-ADVANCED
METERING
INFRASTRUCTURE
(SMART METER)
PROGRAM (#12-100)

Moved and seconded,
that Council request that FortisBC ensure that their customers who
are concerned about the installation of an Advanced Metering
Infrastructure device (also known as a “Smart Meter”) have the
ability to “opt out” of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure program
and retain their current meters.

275-12
- MOTION TO
POSTPONE
CONSIDERATION

Moved and seconded,
that consideration of this motion be postponed until such
time as FortisBC actually applies to the BC Utilities
Commission for the installation of Advanced Metering
Infrastructure devices (“Smart Meters”). Carried.

Opposed: Councillor Hearne
Councillor McIntosh

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Deputy Mayor Turner reported that Mayor Chernoff is not in
attendance at this meeting as he is representing the City at the
Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference.

**NEW & UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

Nil

BYLAWS:

Nil

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, Monday, June 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the
Community Forum, 445-13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

- MR. RUDIGER
CLAUSS

Mr. Clauss requested that the Mayors in the Kootenay area join
together to declare the Kootenays a “genetically engineered free
zone.”

- MR. MAC GREGORY

Mr. Gregory noted the overgrown condition of the flower beds in the
Millennium Park. Mr. Chris Barlow advised that the City crews have
been very busy over the past few months due to the late spring and
will be looking to do some work in Millennium Park in the coming
weeks.

- MS. VERNA
CHERNOFF

Mrs. Chernoff expressed her disappointment with the members of
Council who voted to proceed with the installation of the lights on
the Cobra Climb stairs without doing the proper research and
against the wishes of the community.

- MS. HELGA AULD

Mrs. Auld noted the UBCM resolution passed in September, 2011
on the issue of Smart Meters and raised a question regarding what
additional information was considered by Mayor Chernoff prior to
the April 12, 2012 Regional District of Central Kootenay meeting
where he opposed the motion to impose a moratorium on Smart
Meter installations.

Mrs. Auld was advised that her question should be asked of Mayor
Chernoff directly.

- MS. WENDY
BURGESS

Ms. Burgess asked if the 10th Avenue residents living in the area of the Cobra Climb Stairs will be notified in advance of any and all meetings at which the City will be discussing the Cobra Climb Stairs.

Ms. Burgess was advised that this matter has been referred back to the Transportation and Civic Works Committee and that those Committee meetings are open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:
276-12

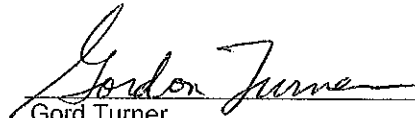
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Carolyn Rempel,
Director of Corporate Services



Gord Turner
Deputy Mayor

