



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held December 2, 2013, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff
Councillor Kevin Chernoff
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Dan Rye
Councillor Gordon Turner
Councillor Florio Vassilakakis

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
Diane Kalen-Sukra, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Gerry Rempel, Fire Chief/Airport Manager
David Bristow, Information Technology Manager
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

AGENDA:
452-13

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended by including under
"Community Wellness and Social Services Committee" a verbal
report. Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

MS. JENNY WALLACE,
CASTLEGAR
WILDSAFEBC
COMMUNITY
COORDINATOR

Ms. Jenny Wallace, Community Coordinator attended the meeting to update Council on the activities and successes over the past year and to review with Council upcoming initiatives for the new year. Copies of the WildSafeBC Year End Report 2013 for Castlegar and Area were distributed.

Ms. Wallace reported that the 2013 season was one of the quietest years for bear activity in Castlegar and area in the last decade. There were seventy five percent fewer bear related calls and far fewer bears destroyed as a result of conflict (4 bears compared to approximately 20 in 2012).

Ms. Wallace reported on her activities, beginning the launch of WildSafeBC, an expansion of the successful Bear Aware program to describing ways in which the program helps to reduce human-wildlife conflict through education and presentations throughout the community, innovation and cooperation. The program has further expanded its scope beyond bears to other wildlife species.

Initiatives being advanced included: promotion of a Wildlife Attractant Bylaw to regulate the management of backyard wildlife attractants, currently being refined by the Public Safety Committee; partnering with Columbia Basin Trust to fund a Predator Electric Fencing-Cost/Share program to help interested landowners access subsidized materials; initiation of an intensive garbage tagging campaign; participation in the West Kootenay Bear Conflict Group

Ms. Wallace advised that unsecured garbage and unpicked fruit were once again the largest attractant problems in 2013 and outlined seasonal challenges as well as goals for 2014. These goals included working with community partners to make bear-resistant garbage bins more readily available to West Kootenay residents.

Council thanked Ms. Wallace for the great job she does with WildSafeBC and wished her continued success into the new year.

CPL. DARRYL ORR
AND SGT.
WICENTOWICH, RCMP,
KOOTENAY
BOUNDARY REGIONAL
DETACHMENT

Cpl. Darryl Orr and Sgt. Wicentowich of the RCMP, Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment Crime Reduction Unit updated Council on the activities of the unit, crime trends in Castlegar and area, as well as recent staffing changes. Copies of the October 2013 Crime Reduction Unit Report were distributed.

Cpl. Darryl Orr described some of the policing challenges faced in our area and the reality that a small number of individuals are responsible for the majority of the crimes. Crime issues related to marijuana are higher than those related to “harder” drugs such as cocaine and crystal meth. Recent and upcoming changes in regulations governing medicinal grow ops will continue to impact policing resources and operations.

Sgt. Wicentowich praised highly the work of Cpl. Darryl Orr and Cst. Jeff Roberts, who was recently transferred to the Unit. The Unit has also recently welcomed Sgt. Brendon Vaillant. He also described the positive results of a recent Managerial Review.

The officers fielded questions from Council and were thanked for their hard work and dedication to keeping our community safe.

MR. CHRIS D'ARCY,
CASTLEGAR &
DISTRICT HERITAGE
SOCIETY

Mr. Chris D'Arcy, President of the Castlegar & District Heritage Society attended the meeting to update Council on the Society's activities during the 2013 season.

Mr. D'Arcy advised Council that 2013 had been a good year and thanked them and staff for their support and interest in heritage and tourism. He apologized that their financial results for 2012 and 2013 had not yet been submitted but promised them early in the new year.

There were several revenue generating activities the Society benefited from this year, including the Farmer's Market table rentals, Canada Day breakfast, Fall Fair, Wedding donations at Zuckerberg Island, and the grant to hire a student to staff the Island from mid-August to mid-October.

The Society also worked with community partners such as Communities in Bloom, Ashland Training and benefited from the volunteer efforts of a local faller who removed several dangerous dead trees from the Island.

Mr. D'Arcy reported that the Farmer's Market was more successful than any other year, both in terms of the number of vendors as well as the number of visitors. Other successful activities of the Society included running tours of Zuckerberg Island and the Museum, hosting a graduation reception, running an exhibit at the Brilliant Cultural Centre and preparing three garden statue planters.

The Society plans to replace the structure of the flat platform in the new year, and expects to be able to do this within its existing budget.

On a final note, Mr. D'Arcy reported that the Castlegar Chamber of Commerce's visitor inquiry numbers for both Zuckerberg Island and the Museum are high in the ranking of community attractions. Mr. D'Arcy promised to advise the Culture and Civic Pride Committee members of the date of its upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Council thanked Mr. D'Arcy for his presentation.

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Chernoff introduced Ms. Diane Kalen-Sukra, Deputy Director of Corporate Services and wished her well in her new position with the City.

MINUTES:

453-13
PUBLIC HEARING
- NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the public hearing held November 4, 2013, be approved as presented. Carried.

454-13
REGULAR MEETING
- NOVEMBER 18, 2013

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 18, 2013, be approved as presented. Carried.

455-13
SPECIAL MEETING
- NOVEMBER 27, 2013

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the special meeting held November 27, 2013, be approved as presented. Carried.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & SOCIAL
SERVICES:**

Councillor Turner reported that he, Councillor McIntosh and Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff will be meeting with the Stanley Humphries Secondary School Leadership classes on Thursday, December 5th. A report will be provided to Council early in the new year.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

Nil

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

456-13
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held November 26, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

457-13
ADVERTISING
REQUEST –
KOOTENAY BUSINESS
MAGAZINE (#13-213)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve the purchase of three ½ page ads in the Kootenay Business Magazine to promote Castlegar in the Economic Development Section in the March/April issue, the Castlegar Sculpturewalk in the July/August issue and the Castlegar Sculpturewalk results in the September/October issue. The discounted rate of \$1,363 per ad cost will be allocated from the 2014 Economic Development budget line item. Carried.

458-13
SPONSORSHIP
REQUEST

Moved and seconded,
that consideration of Report to Council No. 13-214 regarding sponsorship of the West Kootenay Junior Dragons' Den Competition be postponed to the December 16, 2013 Regular meeting of Council, in order that the Castlegar Sunfest Committee be provided an opportunity to comment on any proposed conflict between this event and any June 6, 2014 Sunfest activities.

Carried.

GREEN:

Nil

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

459-13
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee
meeting held November 27, 2013, be received for information.

Carried.

460-13
RADON GAS
STANDARDS (REPORT
#6) (#13-210)

Moved and seconded,
that the response from the Minister responsible for Housing and
Deputy Premier on the bylaw that requires mandatory radon
remediation, be received for information.

Carried.

461-13
RADON GAS
STANDARDS

Moved and seconded,
that a letter be forwarded to the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister
Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier, thanking him for the
information provided to the City regarding the radon testing and
mitigation pilot project that is currently being planned by the BC
Lung Association, and further,

that Minister Coleman be advised that the City will contact the BC
Lung Association and request that the City of Castlegar be included
in the pilot project and that the City looks forward to future changes
to the BC Building Code which the City believes will result from this
pilot project.

Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

462-13
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held
November 25, 2013, be received for information.

Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

463-13
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works
Committee meeting held November 26, 2013, be received for
information.

Carried.

464-13
- APPROVAL FOR
TOILET REBATE
PROGRAM 2014
(#13-215)

Moved and seconded,
that Report #13-215 entitled Approval For Toilet Rebate Program
2014, dated November 28, 2013 from the Works Clerk, be received
for information, and further

that Mayor and Council direct staff to continue the Toilet Rebate
Program in 2014.

Carried.

465-13
- BIKE BC GRANT
OPPORTUNITY
(#13-216)

Moved and seconded,
whereas the City has developed a Pedestrian and Cycling Master
Plan that will provide the systematic implementation of a safe,
feasible and convenient bicycle and pedestrian network;

be it resolved that the City make application for the 17th Street and
Connors Road Pedestrian and Cyclist lane through the Bike BC
Grant Program for the maximum allowable limit of the grant.

Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

466-13

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from Selkirk College showing appreciation
for City of Castlegar Bursary and Ms. Karen Felker, Coordinator,
Honours and Awards Secretariat regarding Order of British
Columbia – 2014 Call for Nominations, be received for information.

Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Chernoff reported on his attendance at the following meetings and/or events during the past few weeks:

- 1) West Kootenay Regional Airport Advisory Committee meeting;
- 2) Regional District of Central Kootenay budget and Board meetings;
- 3) Meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Highway 3 Corridor;
- 4) Meeting regarding Physician Recruitment;
- 5) Castlegar & District Curling Club photo op and thank you for City funding through the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Funding Program;
- 6) The Castlegar Hospice Society Holiday Reception.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil

BYLAWS:

467-13
BYLAW 1182
-1ST READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1182, Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw,
be read a first time by title. Carried.

468-13
BYLAW 1182
- 2ND READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1182, Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw,
be read a second time by content. Carried.

469-13
BYLAW 1182
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1182, Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw,
be read a third time. Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, December 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:
- MS. ANTOINETTE
HALBERSTADT

Ms. Halberstadt asked when the report from the Transportation and Civic Works Department regarding the use of cosmetic pesticides in City parks and playing fields would be available.

Ms. Halberstadt was advised that the report on pesticide use will be brought forward at the December 16, 2013 Regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

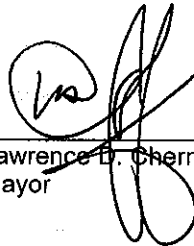
470-13

Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Carolyn Rempel,
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor

