



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held February 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff
Councillor Kevin Chernoff
Councillor Deb McIntosh
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Dan Rye
Councillor Bruno Tassone
Councillor Florio Vassilakakis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nil

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
David Bristow, Information Technology Manager
Nicole Brown, Executive Assistant
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**AGENDA:
58-15**

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:
CASTLEGAR AND
DISTRICT CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND
VISITORS INFORMATION
CENTRE 2014 ANNUAL
REPORT.**

Ms. Tammy Verigin-Burk, Executive Director, and Ms. Anna Kaytor, Executive Assistant for the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Information Centre attended the meeting to present to Council the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Centre 2014 Annual Report.

Ms. Kaytor informed Council that 2014 was a very busy year for the Castlegar Visitor Information Centre (VIC). The number of visitors to Castlegar increased by 266 visitors in 2014, the total number of visitors to the VIC in 2014 was 13,403. Visitors to the area were from British Columbia, across Canada, Washington State, California, Europe, Asia and Australia.

The top inquiries and attractions at VIC were: the Millennium Park Ponds, the Doukhobor Discovery Centre, Station Museum, Zuckerberg Island, hiking, biking and fishing destinations, Sculpturewalk, food/beverage, shopping and transportation. In 2014, the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Information Centre offered a two day tourism training course for other Visitors Information Centres in the region. They also had the opportunity to host two international students from Selkirk College, allowing the students to work with the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centre to learn about local tourism and culture. Ms. Kaytor noted that the Chamber employed two full time summer students again in 2014 and commented that the student's knowledge of the area was an asset to the VIC and to Castlegar.

DELEGATIONS:

Ms. Verigin-Burk noted that 2014 memberships had increased and the total number memberships for the year were 281. In addition, they currently have 519 people subscribed to the Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter. Ms. Verigin-Burk reviewed with Council the numerous events and highlights for the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Information Centre throughout 2014 including the Expo, the annual business awards, business after business events, the implementation of the MRDHT – Hotel Tax, the Chamber China Trip, the Expedia promotion, training partnerships and the relocation of Community Futures to the Chamber Office.

Ms. Verigin-Burk discussed the upcoming events and goals for 2015, including the West Kootenay Trade Show to be held in Castlegar April 17-19, 2015. Ms. Verigin-Burk thanked Council and City of Castlegar Staff for the ongoing support of the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Information Centre.

Mayor Chernoff thanked Ms. Verigin-Burk and Ms. Kaytor for attending the meeting and for a job well done in 2014.

MINUTES:

59-15

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 2,
2015**

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 2,
2015 be approved as presented.

Carried.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS &
SOCIAL SERVICES:**

60-15

MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness and
Social Services meeting held February 5, 2015 be
received for information.

Carried.

Councillor Vassilakakis reminded Council of the free community workshop "Knowing which way the wind blows: using community indicators to guide social planning and action" hosted by the Castlegar Social Planning Society to be held at the Castlegar Sandman Inn on March 6, 2015.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

Nil

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE SERVICES:**

61-15

MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate
Service committee meeting held on February 10, 2015 be
received for information.

Carried.

62-15
GRANT APPLICATION –
TURNING POINTE
PERFORMANCE COMPANY
(#15-25)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a \$200 grant to the Turning Pointe
Performance Company, out of the City's grants line item,
to assist with the costs for Company members to attend
dance competitions in Vernon, BC and Calgary, AB in
April 2015.

Carried.

63-15
GRANT APPLICATION –
CASTLEGAR HIGHLAND
GAMES (#15-26)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a \$500 grant to the Castlegar
Highland Games, out of the City's grants line item, to
assist with the costs associated with hosting the Annual
Castlegar Highland Games on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

Carried.

64-15
GRANT APPLICATION –
WEST KOOTENAY CAMERA
CLUB (#15-27)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a \$300 grant to the West Kootenay
Camera Club to assist with the cost associated with
hosting their annual photo show and contest to be held at
the Kootenay Gallery June 5-13, 2015.

Carried.

65-15
KOOTENAY SWIM CLUB –
CBT COMMUNITY
INITIATIVES FUNDING
EXTENSION (#15-35)

Moved and seconded,
that Council recommend the approval of request from the
Kootenay Swim Club for a 90 extension of the Club's
2013 Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Funding
to allow time to complete their records board project.

Carried.

GREEN:

Nil

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

66-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development
Committee meeting held February 11, 2015 be received
for information.

Carried.

67-15
BUSINESS LICENSE
REPORT
JANUARY 2015 (#15-24)

Moved and seconded,
that the Business License Report for January 2015 be
received for information.

Carried.

68-15
BUILDING PERMIT REPORT
JANUARY 2015 (#15-28)

Moved and seconded,
that the Building Permit Report for January 2015 be
received for information.

Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MINTUES
69-15

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee
meeting held February 11, 2015 be received for
information.

Carried.

Councillor Rye noted that the Public Safety Committee
has referred new business item #3 from the February 11,
2015 Public Safety Committee minutes to the Planning
and Development Committee for discussion.

70-15
EMERGENCY SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT -
JANUARY, 2015 (#15-34)

Moved and seconded,
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for January
2015 be received for information.

Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION AND
CIVIC WORKS:**

71-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic
Works Committee meeting held February 10, 2015 be
received for information.

Carried.

72-15
COLUMBIA AVENUE
INFRASTRUCTURE
UPGRADE PROJECT
(#15-32)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council direct staff to apply for \$3,591,000
in grant funding under the New Building Canada Fund –
Small Communities Fund program for the design and
construction of the Columbia Avenue Improvements
Project;

and that Council commits to fund its share of eligible and
ineligible project costs.

Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

Nil

73-15
CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT
RECREATION
COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2015

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Castlegar & District Recreation
Commission meeting held January 22, 2015 be received
for information.

Carried.

Councillor Chernoff encouraged the community to
complete and return the Castlegar and District Recreation
Master Plan survey that will be sent to residences. Their
feedback is an important part of the planning process.

Councillor McIntosh took the opportunity to recognize and
congratulate Councillor Tassone on his recent induction to
the BC Hockey Hall of Fame.

CORRESPONDENCE:

74-15

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from Kootenay Festival 2015
Re: Let's Celebrate (#144) be received for information.

Carried.

Councillor Rye asked if the Kootenay Festival Society had
addressed any potential parking concerns at the new
Millennium Park Festival location. Councillor Rye was
advised that the Kootenay Festival Society has reviewed
parking in the area and will implement required parking
and traffic control for the event.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Chernoff reported on his recent attendance at the following events/meetings:

- R.D.C.K Board Meeting
- R.D.C.K RAC Meeting
- R.D.C.K Budget Meeting
- Selkirk Saints Hockey Alumni event

**NEW & UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

Moved, not seconded,
That Council and staff take action on the January 19, 2015 letter submitted by Ms. Nesta Hale with regards to the Connors Road Multi-Use Pathway.

**BYLAWS:
75-15
BYLAW 1211
ADOPTION**

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1211, Municipal Ticket Amendment Bylaw, be adopted.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

**QUESTION PERIOD:
MRS. CHERYL MCLEOD**

Mrs. McLeod commented on the number of dogs she sees off leash at Millennium Park and asked Council for an update regarding the planned off leash dog park at Millennium Park. Mrs. McLeod was advised that the off leash dog park project is potentially scheduled for 2016 in the City of Castlegar five year financial plan.

Mrs. McLeod notified Council that the porta potty at Millennium Park had be vandalized and asked if there was potential for having the washrooms open year round. Mrs. McLeod was advised that the washrooms would require an upgrade to be insulated and that this is an item included in the City of Castlegar five year financial plan.

MR. CORD LAFOND


Mr. Lafond advised Council that there is currently a three week wait time to see a physician in Castlegar and that he has been told that there are currently no physicians in Castlegar accepting new patients. Mr. Lafond asked what the City of Castlegar could do to assist with this situation. Mr. Lafond was advised that a Castlegar physician recruiter has been hired and currently working to bring more physicians to Castlegar.

**ADJOURNMENT:
76-15**

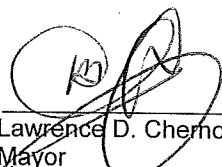
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



John Malcolm,
Chief Administrative Officer



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor