



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held January 16, 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:  
21-12**

Moved and seconded,  
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under Reports: Transportation and Civic Works, Report (#12-13), Airport Servicing Tender – Phase 2 and under Correspondence, Letter #3 from the Castlegar Taxi Transportation Services Ltd. (Castlegar, BC) and Champion Cabs & Communications Ltd. (Trail, BC) regarding Operation of Taxi companies in Trail and Castlegar. Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

- MS. BETTY OFFIN,  
BEAR AWARE  
COMMUNITY  
COORDINATOR

Ms. Betty Offin, Bear Aware Community Coordinator attended the meeting to present to Council the Castlegar Bear Aware Annual Report for 2011.

Ms. Offin reported that Bear Aware Castlegar had a successful year in 2011 and that it was a much better year for bears than 2010 had been. There were a decreased number of reports in 2011 compared to 2010 (159 in 2011 and 280 in 2010) and fewer bears were destroyed due to human-bear conflict (6 in 2011 and 27 in 2010).

Ms. Offin advised that garbage continues to be the major bear attractant in the community and she believes that educating the public is the best way to deal with this problem. Bear Aware's goal in 2011 was to keep bear attractant issues in the public eye by participating in as many community events as possible. Ms. Offin and Bear Aware volunteers also conducted garbage tagging events and visited 80 homes in door to door visits.

Ms. Offin advised that for personal reasons she will not be continuing as the Bear Aware Community Coordinator next year. Ms. Offin thanked Council for their support of the Bear Aware Program over the years.

Council thanked Ms. Offin for the great job she has done for the community in her years as the Bear Aware Community Coordinator.

- MS. PAM MCLEOD,  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR, AND MS.  
TERRI MACDONALD,  
REGIONAL  
INNOVATION CHAIR,  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

Ms. Pam McLeod, Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Ms. Terri MacDonald, Regional Innovation Chair attended the meeting to provide Council with information regarding the Business Retention and Expansion project.

Ms. MacDonald provided information to Council on her role as the Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development as well as the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (CBRDI).

Ms. MacDonald provided information on the region-wide Business Retention and Expansion Pilot project, including:

- the first six months (formation of working group and team development – 3 pilot communities to receive in-kind RDI analysis support);
- the Business Retention and Expansion project rationale and goals;
- the four stage process of the project;
- short and long term objectives of the project;
- critical “readiness” considerations for communities considering undertaking this project; and
- the required next steps.

In response to questions from members of Council, Ms. MacDonald further advised that:

- in communities of similar size to Castlegar approximately 200 businesses were interviewed;
- identifying common issues of concern to business and identifying ways to address concerns would be an example of a positive outcome of the project;
- an approximate budget of between \$10 - \$15,000 would be required for a community wishing to participate in the pilot project;
- a Task Force would be formed which, among other things, would identify business sectors that would be targeted for inclusion in the project,

Ms. McLeod advised that the Chamber of Commerce Board is in favour of this project and would like Castlegar to be one of the three cities to participate in this pilot project.

Council thanked Ms. MacDonald and Ms. McLeod for their presentation.

**REPORTS:  
AIRPORT:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS & SOCIAL  
SERVICES:  
22-12  
- MINUTES**

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

Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff advised that a decision will be made by the end of this week about the scheduling of the Toboggan Party.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

Councillor Turner advised that he and Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff have agreed upon who will attend meetings of the various community cultural groups during the next year.

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

23-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services  
Committee meeting minutes held January 9, 2012, be received for  
information. Carried.

24-12  
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
NOVEMBER &  
DECEMBER, 2011

Moved and seconded,  
that the list of accounts payable for November, 2011 totaling  
\$1,647,558.00, covered by cheque numbers 52423 to 52628  
inclusive and December, 2011 totaling \$1,695,082.51, covered by  
cheque numbers 52629 to 52830, be received for information and  
recorded in the minutes. Carried.

25-12  
- TERMS OF  
REFERENCE FOR  
STANDING  
COMMITTEES OF  
COUNCIL (#12-07)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council approve the "Terms of Reference for Standing  
Committees of Council" document dated January 10, 2012, and that  
the Terms of Reference for the Green Committee approved on  
February 2, 2009, be rescinded. Carried.

26-12  
- KOOTENAY FOOD  
STRATEGY SOCIETY –  
COLUMBIA BASIN  
TRUST COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVES FUNDING  
(#12-08)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council approve the request from the Kootenay Food Strategy  
Society to transfer the Society's 2010 Columbia Basin Trust  
Community Initiatives funding in the amount of \$1,210 awarded for  
the Harvest Rescue Project to the Society's 2011 "Grow-A-Row"  
project. Carried.

27-12  
- COLUMBIA BASIN  
TRUST COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVES &  
AFFECTED AREAS  
FUNDING PROGRAMS  
2012/2013 (#12-10)

Moved and seconded,  
that the City proceed with the 2012/2013 Columbia Basin Trust  
Community Initiatives funding through the Regional District of  
Central Kootenay as follows:

1. that the public meeting for community input and comment be  
held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community  
Forum, and
2. that a Special Council meeting be held on Monday, April 30,  
2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum for the purpose of  
bringing forward a recommendation on disbursement of the CBT  
Community Initiative Program funding for the City of Castlegar  
for 2012/2013; and
3. that a copy of the resolution of Council outlining recommended  
disbursement of City of Castlegar funding, be forwarded to the  
Regional District of Central Kootenay on Tuesday, May 1, 2012  
for consideration at the board meeting to be held May 17, 2012.

Carried.

**GREEN:**

Nil

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

28-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee  
meeting held January 11, 2012, be received for information.

Carried.

29-12  
- BUSINESS LICENCE  
REPORT – DECEMBER,  
2011 (#12-01)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Business Licence Report for December, 2011, be received  
for information. Carried.

30-12  
- BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT – DECEMBER,  
2011 (#12-02)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Building Permit Report for December, 2011, be received for  
information. Carried.

31-12  
- 2011 YEAR END  
BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT (#12-05)

Moved and seconded,  
that the 2011 Year End Building Permit Report, be received for  
information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

32-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works  
Committee meeting held January 10, 2012, be received for  
information. Carried.

33-12  
- APPROVAL FOR  
TOILET REBATE  
PROGRAM 2012  
(#12-09)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council direct staff to continue the Toilet Rebate Program into  
2012. Carried.

The Transportation and Civic Works Committee will review the  
details of the "Toilet Rebate" Program to consider changing the  
guidelines to permit a property owner to claim a rebate for more  
than one toilet.

34-12  
- AIRPORT SERVICING  
TENDER – PHASE 2

Moved and seconded,  
that Mayor and Council direct staff to release for tender the Phase 2  
of the Airport Lands Servicing Project. Carried.

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

35-12  
- REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OF CENTRAL  
KOOTENAY MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board  
special meeting held November 17, 2011, be received for  
information. Carried.

36-12  
- REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OF CENTRAL  
KOOTENAY MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board  
meeting held November 24, 2011, be received for information.  
Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

37-12

Moved and seconded,  
that the correspondence from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
regarding the Media Advisory and the Association of Kootenay &  
Boundary Local Governments regarding Notice of Annual General  
Meeting and Second Call for Resolutions 2012, be received for  
information. Carried.

- LETTER #1516

In response to letter #1516 from the Association of Kootenay  
Boundary Local Governments regarding the Notice of Annual  
General Meeting and Second Call for Resolutions 2012, Mayor  
Chernoff advised that he will be bringing forward to the February 6,  
2012 regular Council meeting for Council's consideration a  
resolution to be submitted to the AKBLG requesting an amendment  
to the Local Government Act to require that candidates for local  
government office be required to submit a criminal records check  
with their nomination papers.

38-12  
- OPERATION OF TAXI COMPANIES IN TRAIL AND CASTLEGAR

Moved and seconded,  
that the City forward a letter to the provincial government and the Passenger Transportation Board advising of Council's position that taxi companies provide a service that is an essential component of the transportation service in our area and that Council supports the fare increase requested by Castlegar Taxi Transportation Services Ltd. and strongly advocates for some type of interim or long term solution for a rate strategy in the province. Carried.

**REPORTS OTHER:** Nil

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Nil

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil

**BYLAWS:**

39-12  
- BYLAW 1151  
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1151, Water Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

40-12  
- BYLAW 1152  
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1152, Sewer Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

41-12  
- BYLAW 1153  
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1153, Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Regular Meeting, Monday, February 6, 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. PETER WULOWKA

Mr. Wulowka asked about the number of homeless people in Castlegar and was advised that there are homeless people in Castlegar but that the number varies.

Mr. Wulowka asked if the City was planning any activities in celebration of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Anniversary Tour and was advised that planning for an event is currently underway and that further information will be coming in the next few months.

Mr. Wulowka questioned what would happen if someone refused to have a water meter installed in their residence. Mr. Wulowka was advised that residents who refuse to have a water meter installed will be invoiced a flat rate for water usage and will likely end up paying more than they would if they were on a metered rate.

- MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked if residents will have any say in the type of water meter installed at their residence as some residents may have health concerns. Councillor Hearne advised that Mr. Chris Barlow, Director of Transportation and Civic Works could be contacted to obtain specific information on the water meters being installed.

- MR. CORD LAFOND

Mr. Lafond asked if Council had given any consideration to holding open houses in order for members of the public to ask questions of Council without having to sit through a Council meeting to have that opportunity. Mr. Lafond was advised that a Budget Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Community Forum and the public is encouraged to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
42-12

Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

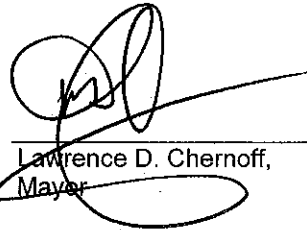
Carried.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



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Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services



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Lawrence D. Chernoff,  
Mayor