



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held December 17, 2012, 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 Deb McIntosh
Councillor Dan Rye
Councillor Gordon Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Russ Hearne

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 7:06 p.m.

**AGENDA:
526-12**

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

- MS. PATRICIA
DEHNEL, MR. DALE
LITTLEJOHN,
COMMUNITY ENERGY
ASSOCIATION

Ms. Patricia Dehnel, Community Energy Planner for the Community Energy Association attended the meeting to provide information to Council regarding a proposed carbon offsets purchase offer. Mr. Dale Littlejohn, Executive Director of the Association joined the meeting by speakerphone.

Ms. Dehnel advised that the City of Castlegar had signed on to the voluntary Climate Action Charter several years ago which committed the City to being carbon neutral in its operations by 2012. Since that time the City has undertaken a number of initiatives to save energy and emissions in its operations including participating in the Carbon Neutral Kootenays project. The City must take responsibility for its remaining emissions by purchasing offsets.

Ms. Dehnel and Mr. Littlejohn provided information to Council about the opportunity to participate in a bulk purchase of offsets generated by the Darkwoods project through the Carbon Neutral Kootenays project.

Ms. Dehnel and Mr. Littlejohn reviewed for Council:

- the scope of Carbon Neutral Kootenays program;
- a summary of the City of Castlegar emissions report for 2010;
- why offsets are required and how they are calculated;
- information on the benefits on offsetting jointly;
- offset options available to the City;
- the Darkwoods project which is the preferred offset source of Carbon Neutral Kootenays;
- possible local projects for 2013 and beyond.

In response to questions by Council Mr. Littlejohn explained how the cost of offsets is determined and how offsets are measured. Mr. Littlejohn also advised that the Darkwoods project would be for a one year period. Council discussed with Ms. Dehnel and Mr. Littlejohn the possibility of future projects that could be undertaken in Castlegar that could possibly qualify for this program.

Council thanked Ms. Dehnel and Mr. Littlejohn for their presentation.

MINUTES:

527-12
- REGULAR MEETING
- DECEMBER 3, 2012

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 3, 2012, be approved as presented. Carried.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & SOCIAL
SERVICES:**

528-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness & Social Services Committee meeting held December 12, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

529-12
- 2013 CELEBRATE
CANADA – FUNDING
APPLICATION (#12-215)

Moved and seconded,
that Council authorize Carolyn Rempel, Director of Corporate Services, to submit a funding application to the Celebrate Canada Program for assistance with the costs to host a Canada Day Community BBQ and "Fresh Air Cinema" on July 1, 2013. Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

530-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Cultural and Civic Pride Committee meeting held December 6, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

531-12
- KOOTENAY
DOUKHOBOR
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES – AUGUST 8,
2012, SEPTEMBER 26,
2012 & KOOTENAY
GALLERY OF ART,
HISTORY AND
SCIENCE MINUTES –
JUNE 19, 2012

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society meetings held August 8, 2012 and September 26, 2012 and Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science meeting, held June 19, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

532-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held December 12, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

533-12
- ITEMS TO BE
RELEASED FROM
PREVIOUS IN CAMERA
MEETING (#12-221)

Moved and seconded,
that Council release to the public the resolutions from the November 19, 2012 Special In Camera meeting as noted in Report to Council No. 12-221. Carried.

GREEN:

534-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Green Committee meeting held December 6, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

535-12
- HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Moved and seconded,
that staff contact representatives from Product Care and request
that they meet with Council to discuss a Household Hazardous
Waste depot in Castlegar. Carried.

536-12
- CLIMATE ACTION
RESERVE FUND
(#12-216)

Moved and seconded,
that the Climate Action Reserve Fund Policy, be adopted by
Council. Carried.

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

537-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the joint Planning and Development and
Public Safety Committee meeting held December 11, 2012, be
received for information. Carried.

538-12
- BUSINESS LICENCE
REPORT – NOVEMBER,
2012 (#12-213)

Moved and seconded,
that the Business Licence Report for November, 2012, be received
for information. Carried.

539-12
- BUILDING PERMIT
REPORT – NOVEMBER,
2012 (#12-214)

Moved and seconded,
that the Building Permit Report for November, 2012, be received for
information. Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

540-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the joint Public Safety and Community
Wellness & Social Services Committee meeting held December 4,
2012, be received for information. Carried.

541-12
- MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION
AND HIGHWAYS

Moved and seconded,
that the issue of a lower speed limit on Columbia Avenue between
22nd and 37th Street, be referred back to the Transportation and
Civic Works Committee for further discussion with the Ministry of
Transportation and Infrastructure. Carried.

542-12
- OPEN BURNING
AMENDMENT BYLAW
1170 (#12-219)

Moved and seconded,
that Council adopt the Open Burning Amendment Bylaw No. 1170 in
order to prohibit the open burning of residential yard or garden
waste and debris. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

543-12
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works
Committee meeting held December 11, 2012, be received for
information. Carried.

544-12
- APPROVAL OF
TOILET REBATE
PROGRAM 2013
(#12-218)

Moved and seconded,
that Council direct staff to continue the Toilet Rebate Program into
2013. Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

545-12
- CASTLEGAR &
DISTRICT
RECREATION
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES –
DECEMBER 4, 2012

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission
meeting held December 4, 2012, be received for information.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

546-12

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from Mayor Dean McKerracher, District of Elkford regarding the Federal *Fisheries Act – Bill C38*; Mayor Dean McKerracher, District of Elkford regarding Persons with Disabilities Benefit; Mayor Koshi Sasakawa, Town of Embetsu regarding the Castlegar-Embetsu Educational Exchange; Ms. Emmy Ohga Appreciation Letter and Senator Nancy Greene Raine regarding the National Health & Fitness Day, be received for information. Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT:

547-12

- RDCK RESOLUTION

Moved and seconded,
that Council receive for information the Regional District of Central Kootenay resolution endorsing a broad public engagement process by Columbia Basin Trust and Columbia Power Corporation in order to provide an opportunity for Basin residents to comment on the future of power investments as a Basin asset. Carried.

- MAYOR'S
APPOINTMENTS
- STANDING
COMMITTEES

Mayor Chernoff made the following Council Standing Committee appointments.

Public Safety

Chair Councillor Hearne
Deputy Chair Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff

- Budget Committee
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Liaison to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Liaison to Block Watch
- Liaison to the Fire Department
- Liaison to Emergency Preparedness Committee
 - 1) Community – Fire, Police, Ambulance
 - 2) Interior Health Authority Disaster Committee

Cultural and Civic Pride

Chair Councillor Rye
Deputy Chair Councillor Hearne

- Budget Committee
- Liaison to Kootenay Gallery of Art, History & Science
- Liaison to Doukhobor Historical Society
- Liaison to the Castlegar & District Heritage Society
- Liaison to Castlegar-Embetsu Educational Exchange Committee
- Liaison to Communities in Bloom Committee
- Liaison to Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society
- Chamber of Commerce Representative

Community Wellness and Social Services

Chair Councillor Turner
Deputy Chair Councillor McIntosh

- Budget Committee
- Library Board Representative
- Liaison to School District No. 20
- Seniors Advisory Representative and Liaison to Senior Citizens Association
- Liaison to Social Planning Council

- Liaison to the Kootenay Columbia Seniors Housing Co-operative Society
- Liaison to the Abilities Awareness Advisory Committee
- Liaison to the Festival Society
- Special Events

Finance and Corporate Services

Chair Councillor McIntosh
Deputy Chair Councillor Chernoff

- Budget Committee
- Grants
- Banking
- Fiscal Policy
- Policy and Procedures
- Risk Management/Insurance
- Information Technology Systems

Green

Chair Mayor Chernoff
Deputy Chairs Councillor Chernoff
Councillor McIntosh

- Budget Committee
- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan
- Environmental Initiatives
- Policy and Procedures
- Equipment Acquisition
- Liaison to Kootenay Food Strategy Society

Transportation and Civic Works

Chair Councillor Chernoff
Deputy Chair Councillor Rye

- Budget Committee
- Airport Development
- Equipment Acquisition
- Parks
- Capital Works
- Water Treatment and Waste Water Disposal

Planning and Development

Chair Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Deputy Chair Councillor Turner

- Budget Committee
- Development Cost Charges, Zoning, Development Permits
- Land Acquisition and Disposal
- Planning/GIS
- Economic Development
- Liaison to Advisory Planning Commission
- Broadband
- Economic Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Representative

Recreation Commission – 2013

Mayor Chernoff
Councillor Chernoff
Councillor Rye

Stage IV Labour/Management Committee

Chair Mayor Chernoff
Member Councillor Rye
Member Councillor Turner

Emergency Committee

Chair Mayor Chernoff
Member Councillor Hearne
Member Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff

548-12
- STANDING
COMMITTEES

Moved and seconded,
that the above report from Mayor Lawrence Chernoff, be received
for information and recorded in the minutes of this meeting. Carried.

**NEW & UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

Nil

BYLAWS:

549-12
- BYLAW 1170
- 1ST READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1170, Open Air Burning Amendment Bylaw, be read a
first time by title. Carried.

550-12
- BYLAW 1170
- 2ND READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1170, Open Air Burning Amendment Bylaw, be read a
second time by content. Carried.

551-12
- BYLAW 1170
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1170, Open Air Burning Amendment Bylaw, be read a
third time. Carried.

552-12
- BYLAW 1166
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1166, 2013 Water Regulations and Rates Amendment
Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

553-12
- BYLAW 1167
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1167, 2013 Sewer Regulations and Rates Amendment
Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

554-12
- BYLAW 1168
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1168, 2013 Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment
Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

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

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

- RUDIGER CLAUSS

Mr. Rudiger Clauss expressed his skepticism with regard to the
methods and concepts of the Carbon Neutral Kootenays program
and asked if Council would be willing to listen to someone who
could offer an opposing point of view on this issue. Mr. Clauss also
commented on the snowy condition of Hwy 22 in the south end of
Castlegar and was advised that the City will pass his concern on to
Emcon Services. Mr. Clauss also asked if there is anything the City
can do to entice the community to keep the sidewalks in front of
their properties clear of snow.

Mr. Clauss thanked Council for all of their hard work throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and good health!

ADJOURNMENT:
555-12

Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Carolyn Rempel,
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor

