



## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held September 17, 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 (by speaker phone)  
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff  
Councillor Deb McIntosh  
Councillor Dan Rye  
Councillor Gordon Turner

**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  
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:**

390-12

Moved and seconded,  
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under "New and Unfinished Business", the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2012 Resolutions. Carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Mayor Chernoff expressed his thanks and appreciation for all of the support he has received from Council, City staff and the community after the recent passing of his mother.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Chernoff congratulated Fire Chief Gerry Rempel on being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his community service.

**DELEGATIONS:**

- MS. VALERIE HUFF &  
MS. EVA JOHANSSON  
REPRESENTING THE  
KOOTENAY CAMAS  
PROJECT

Ms. Valerie Huff and Ms. Eva Johansson, representing the Kootenay Camas Project, attended the meeting to provide information to Council about the project.

Ms. Johansson thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and talk about camas in Castlegar. Ms. Johansson informed Council about the preliminary results of the camas inventory undertaken this spring which shows Castlegar as the hot spot for camas in the interior of BC. Significant populations of camas can be found in the Twin Rivers Park. Ms. Huff and Ms. Johansson would like to further discuss with the City opportunities to manage this heritage resource including salvaging plants, transplanting camas bulbs into display beds and the development of interpretive signs and other materials to educate the public. The Kootenay Camas Project would like to work with the City to develop stewardship plans for camas.

In response to a question from Council regarding the cultivation of camas from an area in Twin Rivers Park earlier this year, Ms. Huff advised that they had received permission from Fortis to remove the camas that was growing within the fenced area owned by Fortis. Ms. Huff noted that this was in preparation for when the fencing was to be removed and the park water feature constructed. Ms. Huff advised that the camas bulbs were salvaged and will be replanted in the spring.

Council thanked Ms. Huff and Ms. Johanssen for their presentation.

**- CASTLEGAR  
EMBETSU EXCHANGE  
STUDENTS**

Mr. Curt Kutschera, Chair of the Castlegar-Embetsu Educational Exchange Committee, along Ms. Yuri Kutschera, Ms. Maria Burton and the five students who participated in the July, 2012 student exchange to Embetsu, Japan attended the meeting to make presentations to Council regarding the trip.

Mr. Kutschera thanked the City of Castlegar for their support and for recognizing the importance of this student exchange program, as well as Mr. Shikano for having the vision and foresight to make this exchange program possible.

Ms. Yuri Kutschera, Ms. Maria Burton, Victoria Apostolic, Dante Enewold, Kyra Gedig, Kyle Kallin and Cody Slood each gave a brief presentation about their exchange trip to Embetsu.

The delegation presented Mayor Chernoff with a gift from the Town of Embetsu, a DVD disc depicting the history of the exchange program and a report on the July 2012 exchange trip prepared by the students.

Ms. Kutschera delivered a message from Mayor Kawashima who advises he is looking forward to welcoming the Castlegar delegation to Embetsu at the end of the month.

Council thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**MINUTES:  
391-12  
- REGULAR MEETING  
- SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 4, 2012,  
be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:  
AIRPORT:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS  
& SOCIAL SERVICES:  
392-12  
- MINUTES**

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

**CULTURAL & CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

Nil

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE SERVICES:  
393-12  
- ITEM TO BE RELEASED  
FROM PREVIOUS IN  
CAMERA MEETING  
(#12-164)**

Moved and seconded,  
that Council release to the public the resolution from the August  
13, 2012 Special In Camera meeting as noted in Report to Council  
No. 12-164. Carried.

**GREEN:**

394-12  
- MINUTES

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

395-12  
- THE KOOTENAY  
CLIMATE ACTION  
EXCHANGE  
- NOVEMBER 8, 2012

Moved and seconded,  
that notice regarding the Kootenay Climate Action Exchange  
Event to be held November 8, 2012, be received for information.  
Carried.

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

396-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development  
Committee meeting held September 12, 2012, be received for  
information.

Carried.

397-12  
- BUSINESS LICENCE  
REPORT – AUGUST,  
2012 (#12-162)

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

398-12  
- BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT – AUGUST,  
2012 (#12-163)

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

399-12  
- MINUTES

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

400-12  
- EMERGENCY  
SERVICES MONTHLY  
REPORT – AUGUST,  
2012 (#12-166)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for August, 2012, be  
received for information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION &  
CIVIC WORKS:**

401-12  
- MINUTES

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

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

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

402-12

Moved and seconded,  
that the correspondence from the Office of the Mayor, Village of  
Granisle regarding Proposed Changes to the Fisheries Act  
Section 35(1); Office of the Mayor, Village of Granisle regarding  
Persons with Disabilities Benefit and the appreciation letters from  
the Castlegar and District Recreation Department/Robson  
Community School regarding the Columbia Basin Trust,  
Community Initiatives Funding – Summer Cool Camps, be  
received for information. Carried.

**REPORTS OTHER:**

Nil

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Nil

**NEW & UNFINISHED**

**BUSINESS:**

- UBCM RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Rye requested that members of Council review the Union of B.C. Municipalities 2012 Resolutions Book and provide him or Councillor Turner with any comments they have pertaining to any specific resolutions to be brought forward at next weeks UBCM Convention.

**BYLAWS:**

Nil

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting, October 1, 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. RUDIGER  
CLAUSS

Mr. Clauss expressed concern about residents burning inappropriate material such as plastic, in their fireplaces. Mr. Clauss was advised to report any specific incidents to the Fire Department.

- MR. CORD LAFOND

Mr. Lafond thanked the Civic Works Department for their response in repairing the potholes on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

403-12

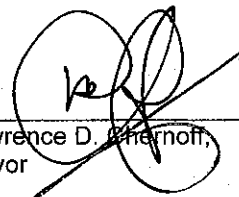
Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Carried.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,  
Mayor