



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held January 19, 2015, 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 Florio Vassilakakis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Bruno Tassone

ALSO PRESENT:

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer
Andre Buss, Director of Finance
Chris Barlow, Director of Transportation and Civic Works
Diane Kalen-Sukra, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Phil Markin, Director of Development Services
Carolyn Rempel, Director of Corporate Services
Gerry Rempel, Fire Chief
David Bristow, Information Technology Manager
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

AGENDA:

8-15

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding a verbal report on the Kraftville Hockeyville competition under "Reports Other".

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Nil

MINUTES:

9-15

DECEMBER 15, 2014
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 15, 2014 be approved as amended.

Carried.

10-15

JANUARY 5, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 5, 2015 be approved as amended.

Carried.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS
& SOCIAL SERVICES:**

11-15

MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness and Social Services meeting held January 12, 2015 be received for information.

Carried.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC

PRIDE:

12-16
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Cultural and Civic Pride
Committee meeting held January 12, 2015 be received
for information.

Carried.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE SERVICES:**

13-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate
Service committee meeting held on January 13, 2015 be
received for information.

Carried.

14-15
ITEMS APPROVED FOR
RELEASE FROM
PREVIOUS IN CAMERA
MEETINGS (#14-178)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council receive for information items
approved for release to the public from the October 20th,
November 17th, and December 15th, 2014 Special In
Camera Council meetings as noted in Report to Council
No. 14-178.

Carried.

15-15
ADVERTISING REQUEST
KOOTENAY BUSINESS
MAGAZINE (#15-03)

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
\$1,515.00 per ad cost will be allocated from the 2015
Economic Development budget line item.

Carried.

Council requested that the ads in the Kootenay Business
Magazine include other heritage/cultural attractions.
Council also requested that the Castlegar Sculpturewalk
be featured in the March/April issue and that the Castlegar
promotional ads run in the September/October issue.

16-15
SPONSORSHIP REQUEST
BC SENIOR GAMES ZONE
6 (#15-07)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a grant in the amount of \$500 out of
the City's 2015 grants budget line item, to assist with the
costs associated with Castlegar seniors attending the 2015
BC Senior Games in North Vancouver, August 25-29,
2015.

Carried.

17-15
PUBLIC MEETING ON THE
ACTIVITY OF COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEES
(#15-10)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council direct staff to organize and
publicize a public meeting on the activity of Council
Standing Committees to be held in June 2015.

Carried.

18-15
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
NOVEMBER, 2014
DECEMBER, 2014

Moved and seconded,
that the list of accounts payable for November, 2014
totaling \$1,820,340.96, covered by cheques numbered
60493 to 60697 inclusive and December 2014 and totaling
\$1,213,457.90, covered by cheques numbers 60698 to
60902 inclusive, be received for information and recorded
in the minutes.

Carried.

GREEN:
19-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Green meeting held January
8, 2015 be received for information.

Carried.

20-15
WOOD STOVE
EXCHANGE PROGRAM –
REQUEST FOR
RESOLUTION (#15-05)

Moved and seconded,
that Council provides a resolution authorizing the City's
participation in the Wood Stove Exchange Program for
2015, and that the City's contribution be limited to 10
rebates (\$1000).

Carried.

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**
21-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development
Committee meeting held January 14, 2015 be received for
information.

Carried.

22-15
BUSINESS LICENSE
REPORT - DECEMBER,
2014 (#15-02)

Moved and seconded,
that the Business License Report for December, 2014 be
received for information.

Carried.

23-15
BUILDING PERMIT
REPORT - DECEMBER,
2014 (#15-04)

Moved and seconded,
that the Building Permit Report for December, 2014 be
received for information.

Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:
24-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee
meeting held January 13, 2015 be received for
information.

Carried.

25-15
EMERGENCY SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT
DECEMBER, 2014 (#15-11)

Moved and seconded,
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for
December, 2014 be received for information.

Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION AND
CIVIC WORKS:**
26-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic
Works Committee meeting held January 13, 2015 be
received for information.

Carried.

27-15
MILLENNIUM PARK
MEMORIAL DEDICATION
PROGRAM 2015 (#15-06)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council receive report #15-06 "Millennium
Park Memorial Dedication Program 2015" for information
and further;

that Mayor and Council direct staff to continue to advertise
the Millennium Park Memorial Dedication Program into
2015.

Carried.

28-15
APPROVAL FOR TOILET
REBATE PROGRAM 2015
(#15 -08)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council receive Report #15-08 "Approval
for Toilet Rebate Program 2015" for information and
further;

that Mayor and Council direct staff to continue the Toilet
Rebate Program into 2015

Carried.

29-15
SOLID WASTE AND
RECYCLING PROGRAM
UPDATE AND FUTURE
CHANGES (#15-09)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council accept Report # 15-09, titled Solid
Waste and Recycling Program Update and Future
Changes for information and;

further that Council direct staff to publish a survey to
provide the public with an update on the current status of
the Solid Waste and Recycling Program and to allow the
public to provide input on the future of the program.

Carried.

Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff noted that the Solid Waste
Management Survey will appear in the next 3 editions of
the Castlegar News and will be posted online. The
process will be completed before the City's existing
contract with Waste Management comes due in May
2015.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

30-15
RDCK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2014
NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular Regional District of Central
Kootenay Board meetings held October 16, 2014 and
November 20, 2014 be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

31-15

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from the AKBLG re: Notice of
Annual General Meeting and Second Call for Resolutions
2015; City of Trail re: Kootenay Boundary Regional
Hospital Second Access Project; Angela Jakobs re:
Support for Blueberry Creek Community School;
Columbia Basin Trust re: Season's Greetings; and
Castlegar Festival Society re: Thank you for a Successful
2014 Sunfest, be received for information.

Carried.

Councillors Heaton-Sherstobitoff and McIntosh spoke to correspondence item 151 and stated that the request by the City of Trail to provide a letter of endorsement for their funding application to the New Building Canada Fund for the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Second Access Project was premature. Councillor McIntosh also noted that the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board has not yet reviewed the study submitted in the fall of 2014 on the Acute Care Services in the Region. The Hospital Board will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff noted that the City of Castlegar will also be submitting an application for funding under this program and would not want to jeopardize the City's chances of being successful because we supported another City application.

**REPORTS OTHER:
KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE**

Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff gave a verbal report calling on residents to support Castlegar in the Kraft Hockeyville 2015 competition and identified the following events as ways that residents can participate:

1. "What Hockey Means to Me" Colouring/Poster contest: The top 3 posters by children drawing what hockey means to them will be announced at the Rebels game on Saturday, January 31st. Entries can be dropped off at the Complex before 4 p.m. on January 28th.

2. 2nd Annual Road Hockey Tournament on Saturday, January 24th beginning at 1 p.m. at the Complex. There is a tournament that involves teams representing the Fire Department, the RCMP, the Media and Council.

3. Nomination station will be set up at the Selkirk Saints vs. Eastern Washington game on Saturday, January 24th. The winning team from the Road Hockey Tournament will receive their cup during the 1st intermission.

4. Red and White Night on Saturday, January 31st at the Castlegar Rebels vs. Fernie Ghostriders game. Kids and students get in free wearing a jersey and adults pay \$5 if wearing red and white. Nomination stations will be set up. Food bank donations are appreciated.

5. Log onto www.khv2015.ca to nominate Castlegar. Like "Castlegar is Kraft Hockeyville" on Facebook or nominate Castlegar at one of the games for a chance to win a prize.

**KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE
32-15**

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve up to \$750 for the first phase of Kraft Hockeyville 2015 to be used for prizes, refreshments for road hockey and for the announcement gathering.

Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Chernoff reported on his attendance at the following events:

- Thursday, January 8, 2015: St. David's Shop Grand re-opening
- Saturday, January 10, 2015: 25th Anniversary of the Castlegar Aquatic Centre

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil

BYLAWS:

33-15
BYLAW 1208
1ST READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1208, City of Castlegar Building Amendment Bylaw, be read a first time by title.

Carried.

34-15
BYLAW 1208
2RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1208, City of Castlegar Building Amendment Bylaw, be read a second time by content.

Carried.

35-14
BYLAW 1208
3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1208, City of Castlegar Building Amendment Bylaw, be read a third time.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

MR. RUDIGER CLAUSS

Mr. Clauss raised a concern about where residents can deposit plastic for recycling. Mayor Chernoff advised that this is an on-going discussion between the City and Multi Material BC. Mr. Clauss asked about the possibility of enticing people who want to open a business to locate in existing vacant spaces in town before they build something new. Council advised that this is an issue for the business community, and there is a meeting scheduled for February 3rd with the downtown businesses and landowners.

MR. SEAN SMITH

Mr. Smith asked if the City plans to upgrade and improve the quality of the sound and video for the taped Council meetings as it is difficult to hear a lot of the time – particularly the question period. Mr. Malcolm advised that the City has installed some new speakers for sound and recognizes that we could do better. Mr. Malcolm advised that this will be considered during the 2015 budget discussions.

MS. RENEE DOLLING

Ms. Dolling asked if there are any future plans to update the City's website and create a searchable bylaw database – and if not, why not? Mr. Malcolm advised that there are no immediate plans at this time. However, the City is looking at moving into an electronic filing system that would facilitate this. As this would be a significant expenditure, it would have to come forward at budget time as well. Council recognized that the website could be more user friendly and welcomed any comments or suggestions.

MS. HENNY HENNIGER

Ms. Henniger followed up on Mr. Smith's comments and noted that the problem seems to be with the audience microphone as you can't hear the questions being asked when you are watching the webcast. Ms. Henniger was advised that the wireless microphone was recently replaced and is now wired in to the recording system so the quality should improve.

Ms. Henniger noted that a number of residents have received letters threatening litigation on behalf of a Council member. Ms. Henniger asked if the City is paying the legal fees of Lawson & Lundell on behalf of the Councillor. Mr. Malcolm advised that the City is always prepared to defend City Councillors when they are being attacked in the pursuit of their duties. Ms. Henniger commented that it comes down to who's attacking who in this case - when law firms are sending letters to residents who have a different opinion than a Councillor and are threatened with litigation she questions who is under attack. Ms. Henniger stated that nobody was attacking any Councillor or threatening litigation, however residents are being threatened with litigation. Ms. Henniger noted that what they were told to take down had been taken down and feels it wasn't very nice to serve those papers on Christmas Eve. Ms. Henniger asked if the City is paying the legal fees of Lawson & Lundell in this threat of litigation. Mr. Malcolm confirmed that the City does defend Councillors when they are being attacked and confirmed that in this case, yes the City is paying the legal fees for the services mentioned.

MS. CHERRYL MACLEOD

Ms. MacLeod thanked Mrs. Rempel for providing copies of requested bylaws. Ms. MacLeod stated that she does believe it's important that the City has a searchable data bank for bylaws and will keep asking for that as the City works through budget discussions. Ms. MacLeod questioned the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting and asked why her question regarding the essential services order and the work done on the skating rinks at Kinnaird Park was not included in the minutes. Councillor McIntosh noted that the minutes can be amended and brought back to the next Regular Council meeting for adoption by Council. Mayor Chernoff noted that generally the minutes are a summary of the discussion and are not verbatim. Ms. MacLeod noted that people in the community have advised her that his calling her question out of order was not appropriate and that she had a right to ask the question. In the future she knows how to handle this should it happen again. People in the community have asked why she did not get an answer to the question and why the minutes of the meeting did not include her question.

MS. MARGEUX
BAUMANN

Ms. Baumann questioned what is happening with the airport as we hear a lot in the media about the neighbours to the south and she is concerned that we will be forgotten about. Mayor Chernoff advised that we have been having on-going discussions with Air Canada, Transport Canada and Nav Canada on an almost daily basis. The process is taking more time than we anticipated but the City will continue to meet with the appropriate authorities to get the results we want. Councillor Chernoff reviewed the history of the City's attempts to secure an RNP landing system. It was suggested that residents who want to help move the process along could write letters to our local MP and MLA urging them to support the City's efforts in securing an RNP system at the West Kootenay Regional Airport.

Ms. Baumann also raised a concern with regard to businesses here in Castlegar and that shopping local means the entire region. Ms. Baumann questioned what we can do to encourage people here to shop local. Council suggested that this primarily comes through the Chamber of Commerce and grass-roots programs such as those undertaken in Nelson and Trail. Ms. Baumann noted that this should be everyone's concerns from the schools, businesses and community members. Council agreed that this is a struggle for businesses in this community. Council noted that the Chamber has promoted a "Buy Local" campaign over recent years and in addition the City introduced a cross-border shopping resolution at the UBCM Convention in 2012 which unfortunately failed. Councillor McIntosh advised that she will bring this concern forward to the Chamber of Commerce and the tri-city board that meets to promote shopping local. Councillor McIntosh noted that often prices can be negotiated with local business owners rather than shopping out of town to get a lower price.

MS. CHERRYL MACLEOD

Ms. MacLeod advised that she lives on 5th Avenue and her bedroom backs onto the Millennium Park so she is frequently awoken at night by trucks back up beepers and slamming tailgates when they are dumping snow. Ms. MacLeod is aware that this has been brought to the attention of Council in the past and is curious as to what can be done to alleviate this as it is very frustrating to have to deal with this during the evening/night time hours. Ms. MacLeod noted that the City's Noise Bylaw prohibits lawn mowing after 8:00 at night but the City can be banging tailgates and running vehicles with backup beepers all hours of the night, which keeps a lot of residents awake. Mayor Chernoff advised that this is an operational requirement and during the winter the City runs shifts around the clock as night time is the best time to do snow removal. Ms. MacLeod questioned why the snow is not being dumped behind the Complex? Council advised that there are three locations that are utilized for snow dumping. Ms. MacLeod advised that the Millennium Park was not utilized historically.

MS. CHERRYL MACLEOD

She has heard that you now can't dump snow in the river, however, understands that the City of Trail crews dump snow into the Columbia River. Ms. MacLeod questioned why the City of Castlegar is piling the snow in a park in a residential area rather than trucking the snow and dumping into the river. Mr. Barlow advised that there are new backup alarms available for the trucks that they can try and he has asked crews to keep tailgate smacking to a minimum. Mr. Barlow advised that the Complex does not provide sufficient space for dumping all of the snow and the City is trying to get away from excess trucking. Ms. MacLeod noted that contractors also use the snow dump area and Mr. Barlow advised that he would speak with the contractors about keeping noise to a minimum.

MS. CRYSTAL ASHTON

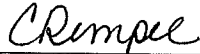
Ms. Ashton wished to bring to the City's attention that the contact information on our website under "How to Communicate With Us" lists previous members of Council and late Dr. John Hall. Ms. Ashton advised that she would send the information to the City for follow up.

ADJOURNMENT:
36-15

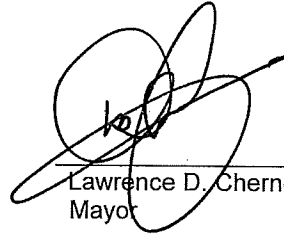
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Carolyn Rempel
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor